Maryland Department of Transportation

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Deputy Secretary of Policy, Planning, and Enterprise Services

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Proposing, Modifying, and Rescinding MDOT Policies

In accordance with Policy No. MDOT 001, the following procedures shall be used in processing MDOT policies, directives, and supporting documents.

	Responsibility	Action
1.	Responsible Party	 Within the Responsible Party's area of responsibility, prepare a brief written proposal to create a new or revised policy or rescind a policy when appropriate, including the purpose, justification, and legal or regulatory requirements. Forward the proposal to the Deputy Secretary of Policy, Planning, and Enterprise Services or his/her designee.
2.	Deputy Secretary of Policy, Planning, and Enterprise Services	 Consult with the Responsible Party and others as deemed necessary. Accept, reject, or defer the proposal. Advise the Responsible Party of the decision and proceed to promulgate or rescind the policy.
3.	Responsible Party	Advise the involved business unit(s) of the Deputy Secretary of Policy, Planning, and Enterprise Services' decision and advise the appropriate designee to take action required by the decision.
4.	Deputy Secretary of Policy, Planning, and Enterprise Services' Designee	 Promulgate or rescind the policy as directed. If the policy was approved, prepare an initial draft in coordination with involved business unit(s) and others as required. <u>Double underline all new/revised text for easy recognition.</u> Forward the initial draft to the Responsible Party to obtain concurrence with or without the changes. Forward the approved initial draft to the designated review committee, which includes the Deputy Secretary of Policy,

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Control Contro		Planning, and Enterprise Services; Deputy Secretary of Operations; Chief of Staff; Responsibility Party; and Designee. A legal sufficiency review must be completed. A Human Resources review for potential union related concerns must be completed.
5.	Deputy Secretary of Policy, Planning, and Enterprise Services' Designee	 Compile and reconcile all comments and revisions. Prepare a final draft and complete final legal sufficiency and Human Resources reviews. If there are substantial changes, complete step 4 again. If there are no substantial changes, draft recommendations for the Deputy Secretary of Policy, Planning, and Enterprise Services.
6.	Deputy Secretary of Policy, Planning, and Enterprise Services	 Review the final draft and recommendations. Consult with the Secretary and others, as necessary. Inform the Administrators and Executive Directors for their review or comments, as desired. Approve, with or without modifications, disapprove, or defer action on the proposal. Advise the designee of the decision with a copy to the Responsible Party.
7.	Deputy Secretary of Policy, Planning, and Enterprise Services' Designee	 If a new or revised policy was approved, post and archive the policy on the MDOT web-based policy manual and distribute an MDOT-wide email notifying all employees. If the policy rescission was approved, post a link on the appropriate MDOT web-based policy manual and file the document in the online archive. Distribute an MDOT-wide email notifying all employees. If the action on a new or revised policy or the rescission of an existing was either disapproved or deferred, notify the Responsible Party and business unit(s) involved. Update the archive and records to reflect the decision.