

MDOT Environmental Policy Statement

Maryland Department of Transportation and the affiliated Maryland Transportation Agencies (hereinafter MDOT) believe that protection of the environment and stewardship of natural resources are essential elements of its mission. MDOT is committed to environmental compliance and effective interaction with its employees, other government agencies, and the community.

Management Commitment: MDOT is committed to providing the leadership, systems, and resources necessary to ensure that the objectives of this policy are achieved. MDOT is committed to promoting a culture where environmental protection and compliance are an integral part of our management practices.

Employee Commitment: All MDOT employees are responsible and accountable for meeting their assigned roles and achieving objectives regarding environmental performance.

Compliance: MDOT will maintain compliance with applicable environmental laws, regulations, and other requirements subscribed to.

Sustainable Practices: MDOT will responsibly manage environmental resources and minimize impacts of its activities on the environment through effective planning, project development, operations and maintenance procedures.

Planning: MDOT will incorporate environmental performance goals into planning processes to ensure that regulatory requirements, pollution prevention and opportunities to minimize life cycle impacts are addressed in program and project management.

Communication: MDOT will communicate its environmental policy and performance goals to employees and stakeholders, ensure interdepartmental coordination, and will maintain open lines of communication about its environmental activities with the public.

Continuous Improvement: MDOT will strive for continuous improvement of its environmental performance through a program that includes training, periodic assessments, management review and implementation of initiatives.



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Governor

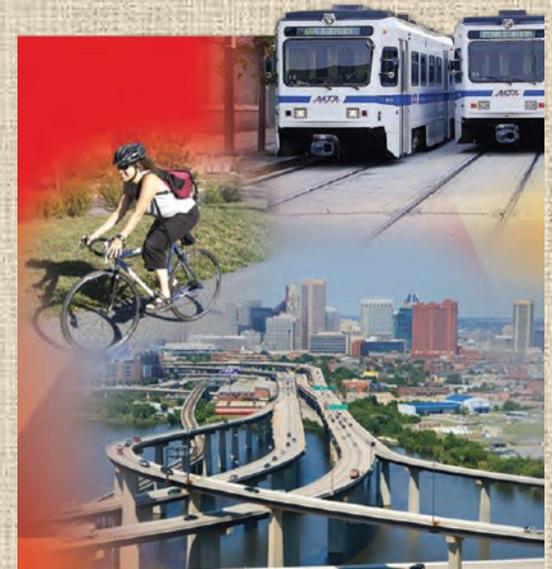
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The Secretary's Office of Environment

The Maryland Department of Transportation (MDOT) Headquarters Office of Environment provides leadership and guidance in the areas of environmental compliance, stewardship and sustainability to the Department's six transportation agencies—Maryland Aviation Administration (MAA), Maryland Transportation Authority (MDTA), Maryland Port Administration (MPA), Maryland Transit Administration (MTA), Motor Vehicle Administration (MVA), and State Highway Administration (SHA).

The Office of Environment, in conjunction with the Office of Planning and Capital Programming (OPCP), is responsible for the Department-wide development, implementation, oversight, coordination and support for environmental programs and initiatives. MDOT is the only state DOT nationally to comprehensively encompass all modes of transportation within a single department.

The Office of Environment is committed to providing, promoting and exchanging outstanding examples of transportation's role in compliance, environmental stewardship and opportunities for sustainability.



<http://www.marylandroads.com>



Maryland Aviation Administration

<http://www.marylandaviation.com/>



Maryland Transportation Authority

<http://www.mdtamaryland.gov/Environment/Home.html>



<http://www.mtagogreen.com/>



<http://www.mpa.maryland.gov/>



<http://www.mva.maryland.gov/about-mva/environmental-programs/>

Environmental Programs:

Voluntary Self Audit Program—Environmental regulations apply to a broad range of transportation facilities and operational management activities. MDOT has developed a Self Audit Program to continually assess, correct and improve operational practices that may impact the environment. The program helps ensure MDOT is in compliance with all applicable federal, state and local regulations.

Environmental Management System—MDOT is in the process of developing Environmental Management Systems (EMS) across all of its transportation agencies. The EMS will provide a comprehensive, systems-based structural framework and organized process that is tailored to each transportation agency. It will be utilized to identify specific compliance needs, and achieve and maintain environmental regulatory compliance.

Environmental Stewardship and Sustainability—The Secretary's Office of Environment serves as liaison for interagency coordination between MDOT transportation agencies and other state agencies to promote environmental stewardship and implement sustainable transportation practices. MDOT is a partner of the Maryland Smart Green and Growing Initiative.

Environmental Planning—MDOT's OSCP coordinates environmental aspects with the Department's overarching policies and programs. Planning considerations include facilities and pedestrians, bicyclists and electric vehicles, promotion of transit-oriented development, transportation interface with natural systems, and response to national and regional priorities such as climate change, air quality and restoration of the Chesapeake Bay.

Sustainable Initiatives

SHA competed against the 16 largest energy using State agencies in the DGS-sponsored Maryland Energy Cup Competition to win first place in electricity reduction by cutting electricity usage by 28% since 2008.

The MPA was recognized twice for its environmental initiatives, receiving recertification of its EMS from the International Organization for Standardization (ISO) 14001, and the Innovative Best Management Practice (IBMP) Award for its Algal Turf Scrubber®.



The MVA continues to enhance its internet-based services to avoid unnecessary vehicle trips, while also developing new technologies and services to facilitate vehicle emissions testing and new regulations to ensure compliance with State emissions testing

MTA is procuring eight new diesel locomotives and repowering six locomotives to support continued safe and reliable MARC operation and comply with EPA air quality emissions standards.



MAA was awarded the Maryland Quality Initiative 2012 Green Sustainability Environmental Award for Excellence for the 505 kW solar project designed to produce over 600,000 KWh of electricity annually, installed on a canopy system on the top level of the BWI Marshall Daily Garage.



MDTA began coordinating for the temporary placement of wind anemometers at its Point Breeze and Francis Scott Key facilities to evaluate the potential for installation of wind turbines.

