

OFFICE OF MEDIA & PUBLIC RELATIONS

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The Office of Media and Public Relations originated as the Communications Department established in April 1988. The Office received its present name in 1993. The Office is responsible for media-press relations, marketing and promotion, advertising sales (bus and Metro), customer relations, graphics design, printing, and telephone information for bus and rail schedules.

**MARYLAND AVIATION
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The Maryland Aviation Administration originated in 1929 when the State Aviation Commission was established (Chapter 318, Acts of 1929). The State Aviation Administration replaced the Commission and became a unit of the Department of Transportation in 1970 (Chapter 526, Acts of 1970). The Administration was renamed in 1989 as the Maryland Aviation Administration (Chapter 108, Acts of 1990). The Administration develops and operates airports and fosters and regulates aeronautical activity within the State.

Baltimore Washington International (BWI) Airport, the State's major air carrier facility, is operated by the Administration. BWI Airport formerly was Friendship International Airport, which began operation in 1950. In 1972, the State was authorized to purchase Friendship International Airport from Baltimore City (Chapter 180, Acts of 1972). The Airport was renamed BWI in 1973. The Administration also supervises the operation of the Martin State Airport in Baltimore County. Martin was purchased by the State in 1975.

The Administration inspects and licenses commercial airports, air schools, and air school instructors for safe operation. It fosters safety in aviation through educational seminars for pilots and mechanics, and through its publications including a combined Maryland airports directory and aeronautical chart.

The Administration provides technical and financial assistance to airport sponsors and owners in the preparation of master plans and in improve-

ments to facilities. Standardized runway markings are applied and maintained at airports throughout the State. A Maryland Aviation System Plan has been prepared in cooperation with the Planning and Development staff in the Secretary's Office and other State and local agencies (Code Transportation Article, secs. 5-101 through 5-1105).

The Administration works through four offices: Business Administration; Marketing and Development; Planning and Engineering; and Airport Operations.

The Maryland Aviation Administrator is appointed by the Secretary of Transportation with the Governor's approval.

**MARYLAND TRANSPORTATION
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The Maryland Transportation Authority governs and sets policy for the State's toll roads, bridges, and tunnels (Code Transportation Article, secs. 4-201 through 4-404). The Authority was created in 1970 (Chapter 526, Acts of 1970).

The Transportation Authority operates and maintains four toll bridges, the Baltimore Harbor Tunnel, the Fort McHenry Tunnel, and the John F. Kennedy Memorial Highway. These facilities were constructed with proceeds from the sale of revenue bonds and from toll revenues. They are operated and maintained solely through the tolls charged to users.

The Authority consists of the Secretary of Transportation as chairperson and six public members appointed for three-year terms by the Governor with Senate advice and consent (Code Transportation Article, secs. 4-101 through 4-404).

Administrative, engineering and finance operations of the Authority are centralized at the Francis Scott Key Bridge over Baltimore's outer harbor.

BRIDGES

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The office of Bridges Administrator originated in 1975 as the Administrator of Toll Facilities. The title was changed to Administrator, Bridges, in May 1985, and to Maryland Transportation Authority Administrator, Bridges, in November 1987. The Administrator directs and manages the collection,