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In March 1993, the Governor by letter created the U.S. 301 South Corridor Transportation Study Task Force. The Task Force brings together citizens and representatives of State and local government agencies to develop transportation strategies for southern Maryland. The Task Force is to study transit needs for U.S. Route 301 south of Bowie from U.S. Route 50 south to the Potomac River. The road runs through Prince George's and Charles counties but affects the transportation patterns of neighboring Anne Arundel, Calvert and St. Mary's counties as well. Recommendations of the Task Force will integrate land use and open space planning, local community design, and environmental protection into the transportation planning process.

The Mass Transit Administration and the State Highway Administration of the Department of Transportation provide technical support to the Task Force.

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The Governor's Commission on Vehicle Theft and Related Crimes was started by the Governor in October 1992 (Executive Order 01.01.1992.22). To develop proposals for preventing car theft and related crimes, the Commission studied safety measures for parking lots, garages, shopping malls, and other public areas; examined efforts of other states to deter these crimes; and evaluated law enforcement of the juvenile justice system. The Commission conducted research and made recommendations on the effectiveness and safety of commercially produced anti-theft devices, including those on new vehicles; and insurance incentives to encourage the use of anti-theft devices. In addition, the Commission recommended ways to stop the theft of watercraft, and farm and construction equipment.

The Commission submitted a progress report May 1, 1993, and a second report in December 1993.