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**ACCESS PERMIT STAKEHOLDER
REVIEW GROUP**

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INTRODUCTION

**Highway Access Permit Stakeholder Review
Group**

**...making it easier for businesses to do business in
Maryland**

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BACKGROUND

- **SHA Access Permit Process has evolved over the decades**
- **Process involves many stakeholders and requires significant coordination**
 - **Different perspectives needed to evaluate and improve the process**

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GOALS

- **Improve the efficiency, clarity and consistency of SHA's access permitting process**
- **Maintain safety and operational integrity of the highway network**

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REVIEW

- **Assess the current procedures**
- **Review best practices nationwide**
- **Develop recommendations for new policies, procedures, regulations and potentially legislation**
- **Evaluate the use of technology**

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Examples of issues to consider:

- **Streamlining of review process**
- **Clearer direction and guidance to developers**
- **Improving coordination of approvals from other agencies**
- **Utilizing technology for transparency**
- **Providing more accountability**

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Focus on access permits only:

- Laser-like focus on the permitting process
- Not to discuss policy matters or unrelated processes

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Proposed working group structure:

- Local Coordination
- Submittal and Review Process/Traffic Impact Studies
- Customer Service

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Working group expectations/charge:

- **SWOT analysis**
- **Prioritize the issues**
- **Identify best practices**
- **Recommend innovative Solutions**

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REPORT

Final Report by September 15th

- **Recommendations for SHA and other agencies to improve timeliness, predictability and transparency**
- **Could involve policies, procedures, regulations, legislation**

Schedule to be discussed at the conclusion of the meeting

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