



FREDERICK COUNTY GOVERNMENT
OFFICE OF THE COUNTY EXECUTIVE

Jan H. Gardner
County Executive

April 7, 2015

Mr. Pete K. Rahn, Secretary
Maryland Department of Transportation
7201 Corporate Center Drive
Hanover, MD 21076

Re: 2015 Frederick County Transportation Priorities

Dear Secretary Rahn:

We are writing to share Frederick County's ("County") transportation priorities for consideration in the development of the FY 2016 – FY 2021 Maryland Consolidated Transportation Program (CTP).

The County has numerous transportation priorities to address both congestion and traffic safety. These priorities are presented in the attached document titled "Annual Transportation Priorities Review (ATPR) 2015." You would note upfront in the report (pages 3-4), several County funded and developer funded private-public partnership projects on the Maryland State system that demonstrate our willingness to partner with the Maryland Department of Transportation (MDOT) with the goal to focus on safe and cost-effective improvements that eliminate existing and near term projected bottlenecks.

Because of projects moving forward in the CTP, our overall top priorities for highways have changed since last year and include:

#1 Final Design Funding – MD 180: Solarex Court to Butterfly Lane Relocated

This cost effective improvement will widen MD 180 over US 340/15, eliminating one of the most congested choke points in the City and County. This improvement will facilitate economic development, specifically the \$200 million expansion of the Astra Zeneca-MedImmune facility.

#2 Construction Funding – US 15: I-70 to MD 26

This cost effective improvement will eliminate the only segment within the US 15/I-270 Multimodal Study that is over capacity in both directions in both peaks, improving access to jobs in the region, including the County's top employer - Fort Detrick.

#3 Project Planning Funding – MD 194: MD 26 to Devilbiss Bridge Road

This project proposes the widening from a 2-lane up to a 4-lane divided roadway, addressing both capacity and safety issues. Right-of-way has essentially been acquired for the majority of the project.



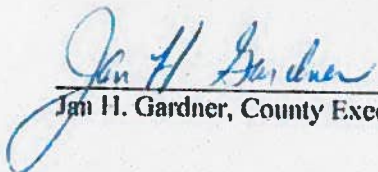
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The top highway priorities are broken out by Primary, Secondary, and System Preservation categories, and further by feasibility study, project planning, design and construction phases. All projects are contained in the Highway Needs Inventory (except the MD 26/Monocacy Boulevard Interchange and MD 80 Extended) and are consistent with all six goals of the Maryland Transportation Plan (MTP). The project questionnaires that outline conformance with the MTP for the projects listed above and the top priorities in the ATPR are attached.


We appreciate the opportunity to provide our transportation priorities. We look forward to continuing a productive partnership with the MDOT and to actively participate in the development of the CTP. If you have any questions or need additional information, please contact Mr. Ron Burns, Community Development Division, at 301-600-6742 or rburns@FrederickCountyMD.gov.

Sincerely,

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FREDERICK COUNTY, MARYLAND


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FREDERICK COUNTY, MARYLAND


Kathryn L. Afzali, Chairwoman

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Attachments: ATPR 2015 and Project Questionnaires

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