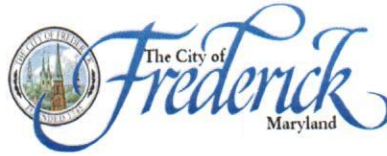


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April 5, 2018

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



Re: 2018 City of Frederick Multimodal Transportation Priorities

Dear Secretary Rahn:

On behalf of The City of Frederick, we are pleased to submit to you our transportation priorities for consideration in the development of the Maryland Department of Transportation (MDOT) FY2019-FY2024 Consolidated Transportation Program (CTP). As you will see in this letter, we have aligned ourselves with Frederick County and our regional partners to provide a unified set of priorities.

Please note our appreciation for the recently funded projects in the current DRAFT FY 2018-FY 2023 CTP including:

1. The Innovative Congestion Management (ICM) project for I-270 included in the interstate construction program. This project covers I-270 from the Capital Beltway (I-495) to MD 80 in Urbana.
2. Additionally, we see great promise in the Governor's commitment to a Public-Private Partnership to add needed capacity on I-270 from the Capital Beltway to I-70, building four new Electronic Toll Lanes, 2 in each direction, from MD121 to I-70.

Our overall top highway priorities for major project advancement include:

1. **Construction Funding – US 15: I-70 to MD 26.** This cost effective improvement would eliminate the only segment within the US 15 / I-270 Multimodal Study that is over capacity in both directions during both peaks, improving access to jobs in the region, including the County's top employer - Fort Detrick.
2. **Design Funding – MD 85 Phase II/III: Ballenger Creek to Guilford Dr.** This project proposes improvements to widen/reconstruct to a 4-6-lane divided roadway with bicycle and pedestrian improvements. These improvements can help in supporting redevelopment opportunities in this area.

We were surprised to recently learn that the US15 breakout project of the I-270 / US15 multimodal project, currently undergoing project planning re-evaluation and funded for final design, has been pushed back from an anticipated early 2020's completion to 2030. This project has consistently been our number one overall priority since the US15 / Monocacy Blvd. Interchange was funded several years ago. With the acceleration of the I-270 P3 Project to a construction complete date of 2025, we have concerns that US15 will not be able to handle the travel demand with four lanes of traffic feeding into it since today with only two lanes, traffic regularly queues on I-270 back to the MD 85 interchange during peak periods. US15 between I-70 and MD26 fails today during both peaks hours bi-directionally. We strongly urge MDOT to perform a systems planning exercise to examine the impacts of the current schedule and recommend remedies to keep this project moving forward for construction. The City and Frederick County are in complete agreement on this matter.

Other non-highway top priorities include:

Transit – Local Bus

1. **Transit Plus** - Expand paratransit service hours to 7 am – 6 pm to meet growing demand. Will require additional operating funding: Year 1 – additional \$62,000/Yr. 2-5 additional \$23,000 per year with a state contribution.
2. **Bus Replacement** - Purchase 3 to 4 large all electric transit buses over each of the next 3 years. \$2,256,000 (minimum of \$2,030,400 federal/state)
3. **Connector Service** – Increase annual operating funding, \$439,000 (\$395,000 federal/state), to provide 30-minute service frequencies from start of service to 6 pm. This project directly facilitates job growth.

MTA - Commuter Bus

1. **#515 Line Commuter Bus Service** - Add peak, reverse (back haul) peak, mid-day and weekend trips
2. **I-70 Corridor Commuter Bus Service** - Propose new service from The City of Frederick to the BWI Employment District.

MTA – MARC Commuter Rail

1. **Point of Rocks Platform** – Construct new platform to allow Frederick Branch trains to stop at Point of Rocks, which will provide additional train options for riders using the Point of Rocks station.
2. **MARC Service Expansion** - Add an additional morning and evening train between Brunswick and Union Station, as well as mid-day, reverse peak and weekend service to Frederick. This will increase the attractiveness for jobs in Maryland as residential growth soars at downstream stations in DC and Silver Spring.

Frederick Municipal Airport

Because of the way in which the airport receives direct federal funding, as opposed to the pass-through funds from the other Transportation Business Units (TBU's) we would like to first acknowledge Maryland Aviation Administration (MAA) and their contributions to our federally funded projects, as well as their ability to administer special grants for the general aviation airports across the state. We would encourage the state to continue to support MAA so that they can continue to operate above the recent funding levels.

Our airport projects are as follows:

1. FY 2017/18 – Runway 5-23 obstruction removal (Phase 3 final design)
2. FY 2018/19 – Runway 5-23 obstruction removal (Phase 3 construction) and extend Runway 5 (Phase 1 design)
3. FY 2019/20 – Runway 5 extension (Phase 1 construction) Runway 5 extension (Phase 2 design for taxiway relocation)

Bicycle and Pedestrian Projects

The City of Frederick has been very fortunate over the years to have received funds for alternative modes of transportation from the Maryland Bikeways Program, Transportation Alternatives, and Rec Trails. These funds have assisted us in the past with the construction of the Carroll Creek Project, the US15 Undercrossing Connection and in the future our Rails with Trails Project. We sincerely hope that the state will continue funding these very valuable programs that help us enhance the quality of life in our community.

We appreciate the opportunity to provide our transportation priorities. We look forward to continuing a productive partnership with MDOT and to actively participate in the development of the CTP. If you have any questions or need additional information, please contact our transportation planner, Tim Davis at 301-600-1884 or tdavis@cityoffrederick.com.

Sincerely,



Michael C. O'Connor, Mayor

THE CITY OF FREDERICK
MAYOR AND BOARD OF ALDERMEN

RESOLUTION NO. 18-08

A RESOLUTION

concerning the approval of the FY19 Transportation Priorities

WHEREAS, pursuant to Chapter 30, Acts of 2017 (Senate Bill 307), the Maryland Department of Transportation (MDOT) developed a new scoring system for major transportation projects that requires a political subdivision requesting that a transportation project be included in the Consolidated Transportation Program (CTP) to submit project applications through a web portal link; and

WHEREAS, The City of Frederick (the "City") has partnered with MDOT, Frederick County Government, the TransIT Services Advisory Council, and of the City's Bicycle and Pedestrian Advisory Committee to develop a highway construction project priority listing; and

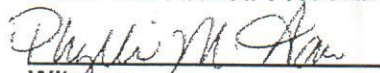
WHEREAS, the top projects were presented to the Board of Aldermen and reviewed for consideration at a workshop meeting on March 28, 2018; and

WHEREAS, the Board of Aldermen has reviewed the transportation project priorities and wishes to recommend that they be considered by MDOT for funding in the FY19-24 CTP.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE BOARD OF ALDERMEN OF THE CITY OF FREDERICK, that the City hereby supports and recommends the priority transportation projects as listed in the letter to the Maryland Secretary of Transportation, attached hereto and incorporated herein as Exhibit A.

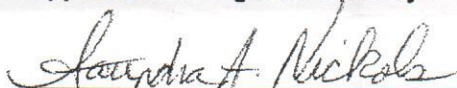
AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Mayor is authorized to submit the aforementioned letter on behalf of the City.

ADOPTED AND APPROVED THIS 5th DAY OF April 2018.


Witness


MICHAEL C. O'CONNOR, Mayor

Approved for Legal Sufficiency:


City Attorney