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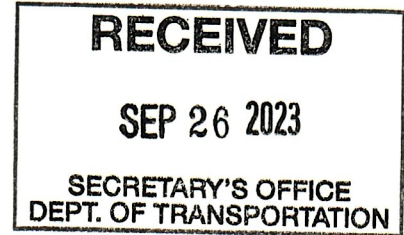
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September 21, 2023

Paul J. Wiedefeld, Secretary
Maryland Department of Transportation
7201 Corporate Center Drive
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Re: Town of Elkton's FY 2024 Transportation Priorities

Dear Mr. Wiedefeld:

The Town of Elkton submitted our transportation priorities letter to Steven Overbay, Director of Administration for Cecil County, on January 20, 2023, to be incorporated into Cecil County's annual Transportation Priority Letter for FY 2024. In preparation for the Pre-Tour Meeting held yesterday, September 20, 2023, we checked the MDOT website (CTP.Maryland.gov) and discovered that our letter was not posted. Please accept this letter listing Elkton's FY24 Transportation Priorities.

The transportation improvements listed below have been identified in Elkton's Sustainable Community Plan Renewal (2022). These projects will serve to support the Town's projected growth and improve the function and safety of our transportation infrastructure. Please include the following projects in Cecil County's FY 2024 transportation priorities letter to Secretary Ports:

1. Extension of MARC Penn Line commuter rail service to Elkton and Newark, Delaware. This has been a long standing priority for Elkton and Cecil County. There are plans to extend MARC service to Delaware, but service must be re-established in Elkton. The 2014 Elkton Rail Feasibility Study revealed that passenger service to Elkton was feasible on the existing right of way. Re-establishing rail service is key to Elkton's long-term sustainability. Passenger rail service will spur economic development and encourage high density, mixed-use development in Elkton's Downtown. Rail service also increases educational opportunities, broadens labor markets, and expands tourism. It can also link municipalities together into integrated regions that can then function as a single stronger economy. This project is consistent with Elkton's Transit Oriented Development Plan, Elkton's Comprehensive Plan and Elkton's Sustainable Communities Plan.

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2. Sidewalk improvements on MD 213, MD 7D and US 40. The Elkton Pedestrian Plan (2018) identifies necessary improvements to the Town's pedestrian network. A majority of the "High Priority" infrastructure recommendations are on MD SHA roads (ex. sidewalks and bike lanes along MD 213; sidewalks or mixed use path along Delaware Avenue (MD 7D); intersection/crosswalk improvements at US 40 and MD 213; and complete sidewalks or mixed use path along US 40). Please incorporate the recommendations of the Elkton Pedestrian Plan when planning improvements to the State roadways in Elkton.
3. Multi-use paths on MD 279 (Elkton-Newark Road) and US 40. Sections of both MD 279 and US 40 are components of the East Coast Greenway. The development of a multi-use path along these roadways will provide safe and accessible transportation and recreation opportunities separated from motor vehicle traffic and contribute to Elkton's economic development and sustainability. The development of a mixed use path along US 40 was also recommended in the Elkton Pedestrian Plan.
4. Design and water quality improvements for North Street (MD 268) and Bridge Street (MD 213) within Elkton's downtown. Requested Improvements include sidewalk repair/replacement that will incorporate stormwater quality as part of the streetscape. Installation of bicycle lanes or "sharrow" markings and signage are also requested.
5. A study of the intersection of MD 279 and Belle Hill Road for capacity improvements/realignment. This analysis is necessary to plan for improvements to road capacity, traffic safety, flow and stacking and to accommodate future development.
6. Maintenance (cleaning or painting) of the MD 213 Bridge and North Street Bridge (MD 268) over the Amtrak railroad.
7. Maintenance and improvements are requested for the Park & Ride lot on Belle Hill Road.

Thank you for the opportunity to convey our transportation priorities to you. Should you have any questions regarding these projects, please feel free to contact me.

Very truly yours,



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Mayor

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