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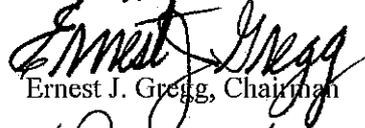
Dear Mr. Minnitte:

Thank you for meeting with staff from the Garrett County Roads Departments and the Planning and Land Development Department to discuss potential SHA improvement projects in Garrett County. In response to your request for local priorities, please see attached the County's list of Potential Projects and Concerns of Garrett County Officials. This list of issues has become known as Garrett County's "Wish List" and has traditionally been presented during the annual CTP tour. The list has been developed in a priority fashion and addresses both capital projects as well as highway safety related issues. Each of these issues will be discussed during the annual Fall CTP tour in Garrett County.

With regards to our "Priority Projects" Garrett County continues to identify the entire US 219 Corridor as a high priority for both project planning and capital construction projects. In particular, the Oakland Bypass and the northern link of the north/south Appalachian Corridor between I-68 and the Pennsylvania border continue to be the County's highest priority projects. Other projects foreseen as future planning issues include safety and enhancement upgrades to the MD 495 corridor and overall assessment of the need to upgrade MD 495 to alleviate a portion of the truck traffic within the Deep Creek Lake area as well as the Accident by-pass and improvements for US 219 between the Deep Creek Bridge and Glendale Road in Thayerville.

Thank you for distributing this information to the Secretary and appropriate staff members in preparation of the upcoming Fall CTP tour in Garrett County.

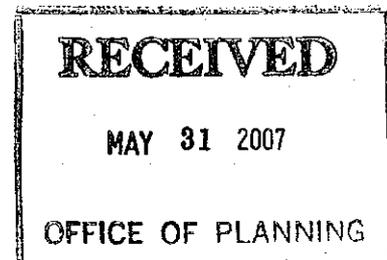
Sincerely,


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**Secretary's 2006 Annual Tour
State Highway Administration
MD Department of Transportation**

Potential Projects and Concerns of Garrett County Officials

1. Garrett County is pleased with the progress and allocation of funding for the US Rt. 219 Oakland By-Pass. We appreciate SHA's cooperation in refining the design of this project and look forward to working with SHA on the final design and construction on this project.
2. Garrett County is also pleased with the progress on project planning for the US 219 North project. The County looks forward to determination of selected alignment on this project this fall.
3. Continue to evaluate the existing US Rt. 219 Corridor and continue to emphasize planning for improvements to the existing corridor throughout the entire county including the Accident by-pass and additional traffic safety improvements as they are identified.
4. We understand that the sidewalk project between Southern High School & Mt. Lake Park has been placed under a street-scape project and engineering is proceeding (what is the status on this project?)
5. MD 495 and New Germany Road intersection needs to be considered soon for geometric upgrades and be improved for a perpendicular intersection. (SHA/County partnership)
6. MD 495 and Spring Lick Road intersection; County supports Option A. This project is scheduled for summer construction and the County encourages completion of this project as a SHA/County partnership as soon as possible.
7. US 219 and Kings Run Road – Southbound left turning lane suggested even though some geometric constraints exist.
8. US 219 and Mayhew Inn Road Intersection – Northbound left turning lane.
9. US 219 – In-road signage for crosswalk or flashing lights on sign – Traffic must yield to pedestrians.
10. MD 42 – Town of Friendsville requests improvements including truck-climbing lane, signage for steep grade, mandatory truck pull-off and water run-off improvements.
11. Assess the need and obstacles to upgrading MD 495 in order to alleviate a portion of the traffic especially truck traffic within the Deep Creek Lake area.

12. US 40 – Town of Grantsville requests improvements to drainage near Casselman Restaurant and east of Town. The project may entail re-routing stormwater to the south side of US 40 at the east end of Town.