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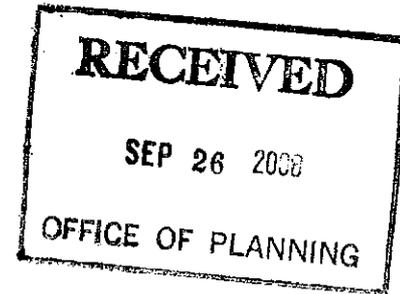
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September 24, 2008

Michael W. Nixon, Manager
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Maryland Department of Transportation
7201 Corporate Center Drive
Hanover, MD 21076



Dear Mr. Nixon:

County staff and the Planning & Zoning Commission have reviewed the draft CTP and have shared their findings with us. We are pleased to see that a number of critical local priorities have been scheduled to be addressed in the coming months. Among these are your plans to replace the US Route 220 bridge over the Potomac at McCooles, replacement of the MD Route 35 bridge near Eilerslie, and the bridge replacement on MD Route 36 near Lonaconing. Thank you for your support on these projects. We were also pleased to see a number of rehabilitation and safety enhancement projects, as well as the continuation, of several important improvement projects already underway.

At their Business Meeting on September 17, the Planning Commission reviewed the draft CTP and unanimously endorsed all of the projects slated for action or continuing action in the coming year. They also forwarded a list of additional priorities which we have reviewed and are forwarding to you for consideration (please see attachment). It is our fervent hope that some, or all, of these projects could receive some form of attention in the coming fiscal year.

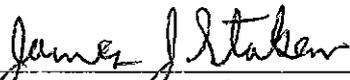
We have appended a list of additional transportation-related priorities. One of these, the US Route 220 Upgrade/Re-location study, continues to be of overriding importance to the county and the region. Until a preferred alignment is selected, many of our planning and land use activities are at a standstill. Please be advised that our highest transportation priority is moving this study to fruition – or at least to a point where a final alignment is determined. Your assistance in getting to that point is greatly appreciated.

Please feel free to contact Mr. Philip R. Hager, Executive Director of the Planning Commission or Mr. Steve Young, PE, Director of Public Works, if further information or

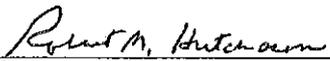
clarification is required. Phil can be reached via telephone at 301/876-9555 or phil.hager@allconet.org via email. Steve can be reached via telephone at 301/876-9570 or syoung@allconet.org via email. We look forward to meeting with you and Secretary Porcari on October 2.

Sincerely,

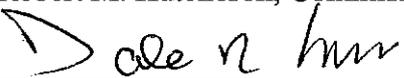
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Attachment
CC: Robert Fisher, District 6 Engineer

Allegheny County Transportation Priorities
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- a. Clear delineation of “preferred alignment” for US Route 220 upgrades.
- b. Park & Ride Needs Assessment in LaVale.
- c. Access control study for Winchester Road (MD Route 53).
- d. Access control study for MD 36 between corporate limits Town of Frostburg and MD Route 55.
- e. Installation of rub strips at the MD Route 36/MD Route 55/Cabin Run Road interchange.
- f. Confirmation of specifics regarding future allocation of State Highway user funds.
- g. The inclusion of construction elements in the already programmed resurfacing and rehabilitation projects (Item 13 I-68: MD 658 to Kelly Boulevard) to correct existing super elevation problem approximately 8,300 ft. east of the Winchester Road/MD Route 53 interchange.