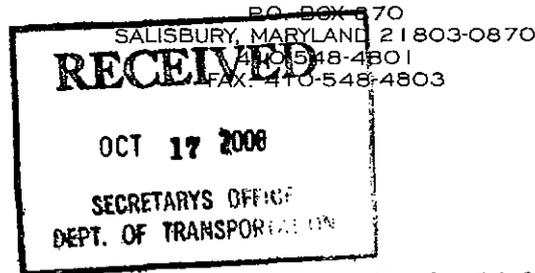


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Maryland Department of Transportation
P. O. Box 548
7201 Corporate Center Drive
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Attn.: Mr. John D. Porcari, Secretary of Transportation

**Re: Wicomico County
Recommended Transportation Improvements**

Dear Mr. Porcari:

As Wicomico County Executive, I want to share with you some of the recommended transportation improvements in Wicomico County. The County's Comprehensive Plan recommends coordination with the State during the planning and design of transportation improvements. As such, I submit the following for your consideration:

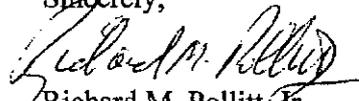
1. Multi-lane reconstruction of State Route 349 from U. S. Route 50 to North Upper Ferry Road. This corridor study is essential.
2. Multi-lane reconstruction of State Route 12 from Johnson Road to the Salisbury By-Pass. Re-alignment of Johnson Road with Robins Avenue is in the design phase
3. Several intersection improvements were recommended in the East Side Corridor Study prepared for the Salisbury/Wicomico County Metropolitan Planning Organization by The Traffic Group. These improvements should be implemented.
4. Replacement of the Zion Road bridge at the Salisbury By-Pass. This would provide a direct link between Beaglin Park Drive and Naylor Mill Road and will reduce congestion on U.S. Route 13 Business.
5. Construction of an additional bridge across the Wicomico River. This would provide an alternate route thereby reduce traffic delays caused by the drawbridge at U.S. Route 50. A feasibility study would be necessary to determine the best location for this bridge as well as the possibility of converting the existing drawbridge to a stationary bridge.



6. Construction of an additional lane from U.S. Route 50 onto the Salisbury By-Pass for westbound traffic to relieve traffic congestion near Hobbs Road as well as the Salisbury By-pass onto U.S. Route 13.
7. Continued funding of the Maryland Aviation Administration's Office of Regional Airport Assistance and their Airport Improvement Grant Program. The Maryland Aviation Administration has historically funded 50% of the local Airport Sponsor's share of all Federal Aviation Administration Airport Improvement Program Grants. Over the last 15-years, the MAA's AIP has assisted in the more than \$40 million in federal, state, and local funded capital improvements at the Salisbury-Ocean City: Wicomico Regional Airport.
8. Re-introduction of a possible intrastate airline subsidy to fund scheduled airline service between the commercial service airports located in Hagerstown, Salisbury, and Baltimore. It has been more than 7-years since scheduled airline service between SBY and BWI ended.
9. Creation of a MDOT state funded "routine" airport maintenance program. Such a program would assist Maryland airport with the escalating cost of routine maintenance responsibilities that are not eligible for funding from the Federal Aviation Administration's Airport Improvement Program.
10. Assistance with the acquisition of a dredge material placement site for the middle portion of the Wicomico River.
11. Supplement the budget of Delmarva Water Transport Committee (DWTC) to help sustain water transportation and commerce on the Wicomico and Nanticoke Rivers.
12. Construction of a Shore Transit Office and Maintenance Facility. Funding for purchasing the site and constructing the facility is requested.
13. Continued support and funding of the Salisbury/Wicomico Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO). This organization helps plan for an efficient, multi-jurisdictional transportation system.

Any assistance from the Maryland Department of Transportation towards the accomplishment of these improvements will be greatly appreciated. Should you need any additional information regarding these improvements, please contact Ted Shea, our Director of Administration at (410) 548-4801.

Sincerely,


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County Executive

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