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Re: Frederick County's 2009 Transportation Priorities

Dear Secretary Porcari:

On behalf of the Board of County Commissioners of Frederick County, I am writing to share the County's transportation priorities for consideration in the development of the Maryland Consolidated Transportation Program (CTP.)

A complete listing of Frederick County's Transportation Priorities is included with this letter. The County continues to have numerous transportation priorities to address both congestion and traffic safety. Our 2009 priorities include the restoration of deferred funding for I-70 Phase 2D construction, project planning for I-70 at Meadow Road and MARC Rail improvements. In addition, we have prioritized completion of I-270 breakout projects such as US 15 at Monocacy Blvd Interchange and MD 85 Phase I and noted priorities for local and regional transit projects and the Frederick Municipal airport. Frederick County has contributed local funding to advance numerous projects and will continue to partner on important projects.

We appreciate the opportunity to provide our transportation priorities and comments. We look forward to continuing a productive partnership with the Maryland Department of Transportation and to actively participate in the development of the CTP. If you have questions or need additional information, please contact John Thomas, Principal Planner in the Division of Planning at 301-600-6768, or me at 301-600-3190.

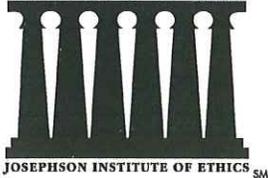
Sincerely,

BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
OF FREDERICK COUNTY, MARYLAND

By: 
Jan H. Gardner, President

cc: Frederick County Delegation Members
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Summary of Transportation Priorities for Frederick County

Submitted: May, 2009

State Primary Highways

Construction

1. **I-70, Phase 2D** –Restoration of full project construction funding deferred due to revenue reduction. **This is a BRAC related project.**
2. **US 15/Monocacy Blvd Interchange** – Frederick County requests funding for the construction of an interchange at the intersection of US 15 and Monocacy Boulevard. Project planning is complete. Location approval and preliminary investigation report is expected summer of 2009. Funding for design and engineering of this project includes contributions from the City of Frederick (\$2 Million) and Frederick County (\$2 Million) in coordination with SHA. The County will also coordinate with the City of Frederick, the State Highway Administration, and adjacent property owners to identify private contributions from developers. **This is a BRAC related project.**

Design & Engineering

- **I-70 Phase 4** (Mainline I-70 widening from I-270 west to Mt. Phillip Road) - Frederick County requests funding to complete design and engineering. Two of the required bridge replacements are also included in the MD 180-351 project scope. **This is a BRAC related project.**
- **I-270/US 15 Multi-Modal Corridor Study** - In anticipation of the completion of the planning study in 2009, Frederick County in coordination with the City of Frederick, Montgomery County and the Maryland Department of Transportation, will begin the process of defining and prioritizing breakout projects to move forward with design and engineering. These improvements could include interchanges, safety improvements, or widening of critical highway road segments in Frederick County. The Board of County Commissioners acknowledges that an electronic toll lane system on State, Federal, or Interstate Highways will likely be part of any long-term solution to our traffic congestion and safety concerns. **This is a BRAC related project.**

Planning

- **I-70/Meadow Road Interchange** - Frederick County requests restoration of project planning funding deferred due to September, 2008 revenue reduction. If the State agrees to fund this project, the County continues to be willing to contribute \$500,000 towards the project planning phase.

State Secondary Highways

Construction

- **MD 85 Phase I** - Frederick County requests construction funding to advance Phase I of the MD 85 project (I-270 interchange reconfiguration). The county has contributed \$2.1 Million to design and engineering for this project.

Design & Engineering

- **MD 85 Phase III** - Frederick County requests funding for moving forward with design and engineering for Phase III of the MD 85 project from Crestwood Blvd to English Muffin Way rather

than Phase II to take advantage of ongoing developer constructed improvements and developer funding contributions.

- **MD180 – MD 351.** Frederick County requests funding for design and engineering of capacity upgrades to the MD 180 – MD 351 corridor from Greenfield Drive to Corporate Drive. The County has contributed \$500,000 towards project planning for this project and continues to coordinate with the local SHA District and private developers to fund and complete interim improvements in this corridor.

Planning

1. **MD 194** – Frederick County requests funding to complete project planning for improvements to MD 194 including the widening to a 4-lane divided roadway between MD 26 and Devilbiss Bridge Road. This project would address both capacity and safety issues. Planning and right-of-way identification for a portion of this project from the intersection of MD 26 and MD 194 to the southern end of the Walkersville Bypass at Walkersville High School was completed as part of the MD 26 upgrades, allowing that portion to be able to move into the Design & Engineering Phase, while the segments of MD 194 north of Walkersville High School would need additional planning funded.
2. **MD 144** – Frederick County requests funding to initiate project planning for improvements to MD 144. This project would include the widening of the roadway from existing 4-lane section that ends just west of Spring Ridge Parkway westward to the proposed roundabout at the ramp from westbound I-70 (just east of Bowmans Farm Road).
3. **MD 464 (Souder Road)** – Frederick County requests funding to initiate project planning for improvements to MD 464. This project includes reconstruction as a two-lane roadway between MD 79 and the eastern limits of the City of Brunswick.

State Highway Safety Projects

- **US 15 (south of US 340)** – Request funding for a project pre-planning/feasibility study for this corridor. This study would continue to identify short term safety and capacity improvements along the US 15 Corridor from US 340 to the Potomac River. It would also identify ultimate improvements to widen US 15 to a 4-lane divided roadway with new grade-separated interchanges at MD 464 and Mountville Road. Developer funding may be available to support a portion of the improvements along this corridor.

Local Transit

1. Frederick County requests funding to expand Connector route service to provide 30-minute service frequencies throughout the day. **This is a BRAC related project.**
2. Frederick County requests funding to expand facilities and infrastructure to meet existing and future needs related to **BRAC** activities and projected growth including:
 - Parking Expansion
 - Facility Expansion
 - Passenger Shelters and Transfer Centers
3. Frederick County requests funding to provide peak-period shuttle service to regional communities such as Urbana, Middletown and New Market that currently do not have any service. **This is a BRAC related project.**
4. Frederick County requests funding to expand paratransit service to meet growing demand.

Regional Transit

1. **MARC System** – Restore any funding deferred due to the September 2008 revenue reduction. Fund improvements in the Frederick Spur MARC Commuter Rail service by adding additional passenger cars, locomotives, and providing signal improvements along the MARC Brunswick line to accommodate expansion in the frequency of service to the Frederick City Spur line MARC Stations. **This is a BRAC related project.**
2. **MARC System** - Provide improvements at Point of Rocks Station for Frederick Spur line trains to board or disembark at Point of Rocks. **This is a BRAC related project.**
3. Provide regional transit connection options between the Urbana Park & Ride and the Monocacy MARC station. This could include reverse commute or reduced fare options on the existing MTA 991 bus service. **This is a BRAC related project.**
4. **MTA commuter bus** - Establish additional service from north of the City of Frederick to serve the Monocacy MARC Station and Shady Grove Metro. **This is a BRAC related project.**
5. **MTA commuter bus** - Establish service from the Frederick area to the Baltimore area. **This is a BRAC related project.**
6. **I-270 Transitway Study** – Frederick County requests funding to match developer and county contributions to conduct an engineering/corridor preservation study of the I-270 Transitway, an extension of the Corridor Cities Transitway into Frederick County. This study would assess the current master plan alignment to determine if the alignment is suitable or whether alternates should be considered. **This is a BRAC related project.**
7. **MARC System** - Fund reverse commute service on Brunswick Line and Frederick Spur. **This is a BRAC related project.**

Streetscape & Sidewalk Retrofit Projects

1. **Town of New Market Streetscape** (\$4.919 million – Construction) The Town of New Market and Frederick County request restoration of construction funding deferred due to 9/08 revenue reduction for this streetscape project in the town of New Market.
2. **Jefferson Streetscape** – Frederick County requests restoration of design and engineering funding deferred due to 9/08 revenue reduction for this longstanding streetscape project in the unincorporated community of Jefferson.
3. **Middletown Streetscape Project** – The Town of Middletown and Frederick County request restoration of engineering and design funding for a Middletown streetscape project. The Town of Middletown supports this request.
4. **Libertytown Project** – Frederick County requests funding for initial scoping/project planning study for a streetscape project and/or sidewalk retrofit project in Libertytown along MD 26 and MD 75.

Frederick Municipal Airport

Request funding from the Maryland Aviation Administration to support the following two projects, which are also supported by the City of Frederick:

1. Air traffic control tower and access/perimeter road (\$9.5 million project for which traditional FAA funding sources are not available.) **This is a BRAC related project.**
2. Bailes Lane Demolition and Redevelopment Project (\$8.8 million).