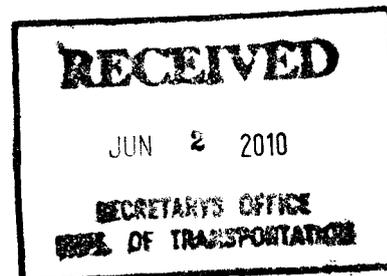


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Re: FY2011 Frederick County Transportation Priorities

Dear Secretary Swaim-Staley:

On behalf of the Board of County Commissioners of Frederick County and the Frederick County Delegation, we are writing to share the County's transportation priorities for consideration in the development of the FY2011-FY2016 Maryland Consolidated Transportation Program (CTP).

Frederick County has numerous transportation priorities to address both congestion and traffic safety. Our top priorities are:

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#1 Construction Funding - US 15 Monocacy Blvd Interchange

This interchange is a BRAC priority project and is needed to address serious public safety issues at US-15 and Hayward Road. The County and the City of Frederick have fully funded design and engineering with local dollars.

#2 Construction Funding - MD 85 Phase 1

Construction funding is needed to address traffic congestion caused by the bottleneck created by the I-270 overpass on MD-85. This traffic improvement serves the primary business development corridor in Frederick County.

#3 Design/Engineering Funding - I-70 Phase 4

The widening of the I-70 mainline through the City of Frederick is needed to address congestion and is also a BRAC related project.

A complete and more detailed listing of Frederick County's Transportation Priorities is enclosed. This listing includes priorities for highways, transit, and the Frederick Municipal Airport. Frederick County has contributed local funding to advance a number of these projects and will continue to partner with MDOT to advance our priority projects.

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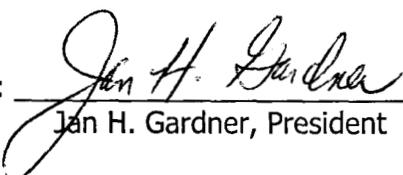


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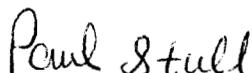
We appreciate the opportunity to provide our transportation priorities. We look forward to continuing a productive partnership with the Maryland Department of Transportation and to actively participate in the development of the CTP. If you have questions or need additional information, please contact John Thomas, Principal Planner in the Division of Planning at 301-600-6768, Commissioner Gardner at 301-600-3190, or Delegate Stull at 301-898-9345.

Sincerely,

BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
OF FREDERICK COUNTY, MARYLAND

By: 
Jan H. Gardner, President

STATE DELEGATION OF
FREDERICK COUNTY, MARYLAND

By: 
Paul S. Stull, Chair

Enclosure

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Reading File

May 2010 - Summary of FY2011 Transportation Priorities for Frederick County

*: Associated with County, City or MDOT federal appropriation/reauthorization funding request.

State Primary Highways

Construction

- **US 15/Monocacy Blvd Interchange** – Frederick County requests funding for the construction of an interchange and Park & Ride at the intersection of US 15 and Monocacy Boulevard. **This is a BRAC related project.* - Overall County Highway Priority #1**

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. **This is a BRAC related project.*^{MDOT} - Overall County Highway Priority #3**
- **I-270/US 15 Multi-Modal Corridor Study** With the completion of the planning study in 2010, 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. **This is a BRAC related project.**
- **Potential I-270/US 15 Priority Breakout Projects** (not in priority order)
 - I-270 – Addition of Managed Lanes from North of MD 80 to MD 121
 - US 15 – Widening and bridge replacements from I-70 to MD 26
 - I-270 – Widening from I-70 to start of Managed Lanes (North of MD 80)
 - US 15 – Widening from MD 26 to Biggs Ford Road
 - I-270/MD 75 – New interchange and MD 75 Relocated – recommend existing interchange at MD 109 remain open
 - Auxiliary Lanes along US 15 north of I-70

Planning

- **I-70/Meadow Road Interchange** - Frederick County requests restoration of project planning funding deferred due to September, 2008 revenue reduction. Frederick County has contributed \$500,000 towards moving forward the planning phase of this project. Due to the limited scope of this project and the use of in-house SHA staff to complete, the County encourages SHA to use the available County funding and/or provide additional state funding to fully complete project planning.
- **I-70 Phase 2 "E" / South Street / Monocacy Blvd Improvements** – This project includes any uncompleted phases of the I-70 2D project which have project planning complete and the planning for the related extension of Monocacy Boulevard from East South Street to Patrick Street.

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 planning, design and engineering for this project. The county encourages SHA to maximize consistency with MD 85 interchange design compatibility with the ultimate

interchange alignment associated with the I-270/US 15 multi-modal study.* - **Overall County Highway Priority #2**

Design & Engineering

1. **MD 85 Phase III** - Frederick County requests funding for completion of design and engineering for Phase III of the MD 85 project from Crestwood Blvd to just south of English Muffin Way. This project would be able to take advantage of ongoing developer constructed improvements and developer funding contributions.
2. **MD 85 Phase II** – Funding for the section from Spectrum Drive to Guilford Drive
3. **MD180 – MD 351**. Frederick County requests funding for design and engineering of interim improvements and 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 for improvements in this corridor.

Planning

1. **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 intersection at the ramp from westbound I-70 (just east of Bowmans Farm Road).
2. **MD 194** – This project includes the widening to a 4-lane divided roadway between MD 26 and Devilbiss Bridge Road. This project would address both capacity and safety issues.
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, Travel Demand Management & System Preservation Projects

1. **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.
2. **Consideration for Truck Studies** focused on growth areas in Frederick County that would address the following issues: Application of virtual weigh station and related ITS technologies; truck freight carrier safety; truck freight carrier traffic impacts review/mitigation.

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:
 - 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.

5. Frederick County requests funding for real-time **transit** bus information system for connector and shuttle route buses and stops.

Regional Transit

1. **MTA commuter bus / SHA Park & Ride** - Construct additional parking capacity at the Myersville Park & Ride to support carpool, vanpool and additional commuter bus service.
2. **MTA commuter bus / SHA Park & Ride** - Establish additional service from north of the City of Frederick to serve the Monocacy MARC Station and Shady Grove Metro. This service would initially include stops at the proposed US 15 / Monocacy Blvd Park & Ride and consideration for future stops at proposed Park & Rides in the Emmitsburg/Thurmont Region. **This is a BRAC related project.**
3. **MTA commuter bus** - Establish service from Frederick County to destinations in Montgomery, Howard, Prince Georges, and Anne Arundel County via the planned Inter-county Connector bus service. **This is a BRAC related project.**
4. **MARC System** – Restore any funding deferred due to the 9/08 revenue reduction including restoration of mid-day Brunswick Line service that was removed.
5. **MARC System** - Construct platform improvements at Point of Rocks Station for Frederick Spur line trains to board or disembark at Point of Rocks.
6. **MARC System** - Fund improvements in the Frederick Spur MARC line by adding additional passenger cars, locomotives, and providing signal improvements along the MARC Brunswick line to accommodate an increase in the frequency of service to the Frederick City Spur line MARC Stations.
7. **MTA commuter bus** - Establish service from the Frederick area to the Baltimore area. Explore feasibility of providing stop on this proposed route in Carroll County or Howard County to maximize ridership on this proposed route. **This is a BRAC related project.**
8. **MTA Other** - Provide real-time arrival and departure system for MARC Rail & 991 Bus Commuter Service at Monocacy MARC Rail Station.
9. **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.
10. **MARC System** - Fund reverse commute service on Brunswick Line and Frederick Spur. **This is a BRAC related project.**

Streetscape & Sidewalk Retrofit Projects

Streetscape Projects

1. **Town of New Market Streetscape** The Town of New Market and Frederick County request restoration of design and 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 funding deferred due to 9/08 revenue reduction and addition of construction funding 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.

Sidewalk Retrofit Projects

1. **MD 26 Sidewalk Retrofit** – Request Construction funding for sidewalk retrofit project between Longmeadow Dr (Monocacy Shopping Center) & Waterside Drive in the City of Frederick.
2. **City of Brunswick Sidewalk Retrofit**
3. **Town of Myersville Sidewalk Retrofit**

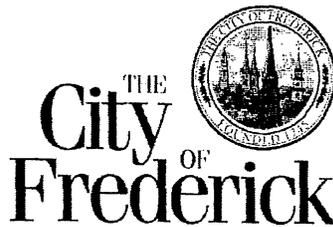
Frederick Municipal Airport

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

1. **Air traffic control tower and access road This is a BRAC related project***
2. **Perimeter fence and road** along the boundary of the property
3. **Bailes Lane Demolition and Redevelopment** Project
4. **Airport Runway Extension**

*Associated with Congressional Appropriations/Reauthorization Request

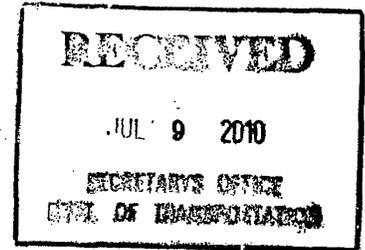
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RE: FY 2011-2016 MARYLAND CONSOLIDATED TRANSPORTATION PROGRAM (CTP)

Dear Secretary Swaim-Staley:

The priorities outlined in this letter are broken down in a multimodal approach to transportation planning and programming. These priorities were developed in a collaborative effort with the Frederick County, Transit Services Advisory Committee (TSAC), Frederick Area Committee on Transportation (FACT) and the various divisions of the department of transportation. In working through the priority listing, the City took a very close look at regional improvements and in fact, selected several projects that were outside of the City limits, understanding the positive regional implications. In addition to the many projects underway in the City and County, below you will find an outline of our requested 2011-2016 transportation priorities.

Highways

1. **US 15 / Monocacy Boulevard Interchange:** right-of-way acquisition and construction funding.
2. **I-270/MD 85 Phase I:** right-of-way acquisition and construction funding.
3. **I-70 Improvements Phase 4:** design and engineering from I-270 to Mount Phillip Road.

Pedestrian / Transit

1. **Monocacy Park and Ride/MTA Commuter Bus:** forward fund the construction of the park and ride facility at the US15 Monocacy interchange and add a 991-type commuter bus to that location.
2. **MARC System:** maximize investment in the Frederick's MARC system service to increase ridership by increasing the frequency of rail service into the City of Frederick.
3. **Shared Use Path System:** in accordance with HB 282, appropriately fund the link from Waterford to Baker Park thereby giving a balance in fund distribution to highways and bike/ped facilities.

Airport

1. **Air Traffic Control Tower:** funding for the construction of an air traffic control tower, access road and infrastructure improvements to increase safety and security at the airport.



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2. **Airport Perimeter Road** – funding for the construction of a perimeter road to partially serve the air traffic control tower, and allow better access for local law enforcement to other areas of the City / County.
3. **Bailes Lane Demolition and Runway 5/23 Extension:** funding for the demoltion of current obstructions to Part 77 and the construction of the runway extension to maximize capacity of the airport.

In summary, the City of Frederick would like to go on record with the State of Maryland expressing our continued commitment to transportation planning and programming. The City engineering and planning staff continues to work with developers to insure that they pay their fair share to make necessary road improvements to maintain acceptable levels of service on our roads and connections to County and State roads as well. The continued service from the District 7 Office is recognized by the City and is most appreciated. We look forward to even greater advances toward achieving continued success in the future.

The City of Frederick would like to thank the Maryland Department of Transportation for the opportunity to comment on the Draft Consolidated Transportation Plan.

Sincerely,



Randy McClement,
Mayor

CC: City of Frederick Aldermen
Frederick County Commissioner's
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