



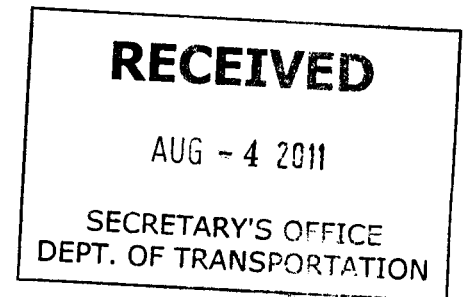
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August 1, 2011

The Honorable Secretary Beverley K. Swaim-Staley
State of Maryland, Department of Transportation
7201 Corporate Center Drive
Hanover, Maryland 21076



**Ref: 2011 Annual MDOT Tour Meeting
Board of County Commissioners Priorities
Washington County, Maryland**

Dear Secretary Swaim-Staley:

I am pleased to submit to you the list of priority items for discussion at our planned annual tour meeting scheduled for October 6, 2011 in Washington County. The Board of County Commissioners discussed their priorities and proposed agenda items at the regular meeting held on Tuesday, July 12, 2010. They are summarized as follows:

1. Interstate 70 at Maryland Route 65, Interchange planning study: This interchange experiences frequent operational problems. The area has also seen economic growth which effects operations. Several hundred acres of land are available and under consideration for additional development. The request is to initiate planning and preliminary engineering studies to upgrade the partial interchange to safely handle the existing an anticipated traffic levels.
2. Professional Court Extended: This request is to solicit Maryland Department of Transportation's assistance and support with the planning, design and construction of a connector road from Eastern Blvd to our future Yale Drive. This project has direct benefits to the MDOT, by reducing traffic volumes along US Route 40 by nearly 20,000 vehicles per day in 2035. A fact sheet has been attached for your reference.
3. Interstate 81 Corridor Coalition: This request is to seek from MDOT continued cooperation and participation in the coalition activities. The annual coalition meeting will be held on October 31st and November 1st, in Blacksburg, Virginia.
4. U.S. Route 40 at Cornell Avenue, median crossover: consider a partial closure of the existing median cross over to channelize traffic along Route 40 and prevent through traffic in neighborhood developments.
5. U.S. Route 340: Continued review and long term solution planning for reducing congestion along the corridor.
6. Transit operational funding: Approximately \$100,000 in additional transit operational funding for the purpose of staffing the new transit center station. The newly constructed




facility does not have any staffing to sell tickets, vouchers or respond to customer needs. This request would provide for two FT and one PT employee.

7. Federal aid bridge program: The Board of County Commissioners asked that you continue to support the federal aid bridge program and share those funds with the local jurisdictions.
8. Highway User Revenues: The HUR funding program continues to be an important component for local highway needs. Virtually all HUR funding received is directly used for system preservation. Please provide a summary of the HUR program status and anticipated future.
9. Overall status of transportation funding in the state and actions planned to address the needs statewide. What are the state's plans when the federal stimulus funding is consumed?
10. Pedestrian activity:
 - a. U.S. Route 11 (Virginia Avenue) from the City of Hagerstown to the Town of Williamsport. Our observations indicate a significant amount of pedestrian activity along this route. Could a long term plan for sidewalk construction be developed to interconnect these municipalities.
 - b. Maryland Route 65 from Oakridge Drive to Col. Henry Douglas Drive, development activity in this corridor is anticipated to cause an increase in pedestrian activity. Please consider a long term plan for construction of sidewalks along this corridor.
11. Summary of planned and active projects in Washington County.
12. Interstate 70 and 81, Planning studies and long-term improvements.
13. Summarize any plans for additions or improvements to ride sharing facilities.
 - a. Consider a park-n-ride commuter study/evaluation to develop a long range plan for ride-sharing facilities.
 - b. Maryland Route 66 at Interstate 70 park-n-ride: Concerned about facility capacity and safety.
14. Availability of aviation funding for capital projects.
 - a. Funding to assist with a terminal expansion to accommodate the commercial passengers.
 - b. Land acquisition.
 - c. Runway 9, medium intensity approach lighting system for runway alignment system (MALSR)

On behalf of the Board of County Commissioners I would like to express our sincere appreciation for your time to be spent visiting and meeting with us in Washington County. If you have any questions or need additional information before the meeting date, please do not hesitate to contact me at 240-313-2252 or by email at jkroboth@washco-md.net.

Sincerely,



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