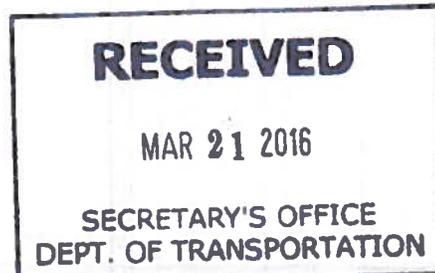




March 11, 2016

The Honorable Pete K. Rahn
Secretary of Transportation
Maryland Department of Transportation
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RE: Aberdeen Transportation Priorities

Dear Secretary Rahn:

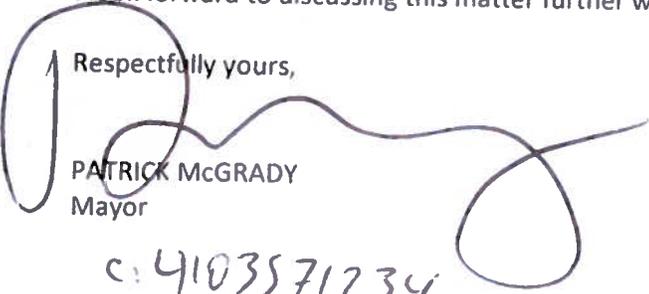
I want to take this time to introduce myself as recently elected Mayor for the City of Aberdeen and invite you to visit our City again in the near future. I understand that you visited the Aberdeen Train Station in your Consolidated Transportation Program Tour in the fall and made suggestions for improvements. As a follow up to Harford County's Transportation Priorities, we want to expand their list to include the Aberdeen Transit Oriented Development (TOD) area.

As you are aware, the Aberdeen Train Station located in the heart of our downtown needs immediate attention by Amtrak and MARC. We have an adopted TOD Master Plan, amended our Development Code and zoning so that it is consistent with mixed use development and transit friendly uses, and have acquired and demolished five properties. We are requesting assistance from your agency to complete the needed parking requirements on East Bel Air Avenue and Aberdeen Proving Ground Road and continue efforts to improve the Aberdeen Train Station.

The Aberdeen Train Station is an important economic development asset for Harford County, Aberdeen Proving Ground, and the City. The appearance of this area does not promote transit uses or safe pedestrian traffic usage. The existing pedestrian overpass, tunnel, and station need to be upgraded to meet today's commuter. We will be seeking funding through the Transportation Alternatives Program and seek any additional assistance that you may be able to provide the City.

I look forward to discussing this matter further with you in the near future.

Respectfully yours,


PATRICK McGRADY
Mayor

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