

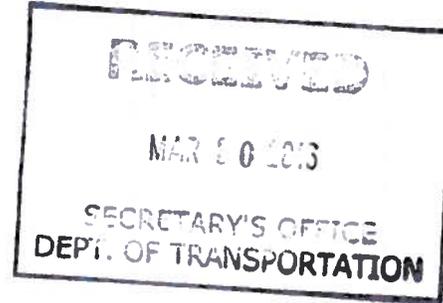


FREDERICK COUNTY GOVERNMENT

Jan H. Gardner
County Executive

OFFICE OF THE COUNTY EXECUTIVE

Douglas D. Browning, Chief Administrative Officer



March 24, 2016

Mr. Pete K. Rahn, Secretary
Maryland Department of Transportation
7201 Corporate Center Drive
Hanover, Maryland 21076

Re: 2016 Frederick County Transportation Priorities

Dear Secretary Rahn:

We are writing to share the County's transportation priorities for consideration in the development of the FY2017-FY2022 Maryland Consolidated Transportation Program (CTP).

Frederick County has numerous transportation priorities to address both congestion and traffic safety which are described in the attached Annual Transportation Priorities Review Report.

We are very grateful for the number of projects in Frederick County that have received funding in the current CTP including the Middletown Streetscape project, the I-270/MD 85 Interchange and the MD 180 project in partnership with the City of Frederick and AstraZeneca.

Our overall top priorities for highways include:

- 1. Construction Funding – US 15: I-70 to MD 26**
This cost effective improvement would eliminate the only segment within the US 15/I-270 Multimodal Study that is over capacity in both directions in both peaks, improving access to jobs in the region, including the County's top employer - Fort Detrick.
- 2. Project Planning Funding – MD 194: MD 26 to Devilbiss Bridge Road**
This project proposes the widening from a 2-lane to a 4-lane divided roadway, addressing both capacity and safety issues. Right-of-way has essentially been acquired for the majority of the project.
- 3. Design Funding – MD 85 Phase II: Spectrum Drive to Guilford Drive**
This project proposes improvements to widen/reconstruct to a 6-lane divided roadway with bicycle and pedestrian improvements. These improvements can help in supporting redevelopment opportunities in this area.

The top highway priorities in the attached Annual Transportation Priorities report are broken out by categories: Primary, Secondary and System Preservation categories, and by feasibility study, project planning, design and construction phases. The report also describes local and regional transit improvements.

Project questionnaires that outline conformance with the Maryland Transportation Plan for all the top projects listed above and in the attached report are enclosed.

We appreciate the opportunity to provide our transportation priorities. We look forward to continuing a productive partnership with MDOT and to actively participate in the development of the CTP.

If you have any questions or need additional information, please contact Jim Gugel in the Planning & Permitting Division at 301-600-1144 or jgugel@frederickcountymd.gov.

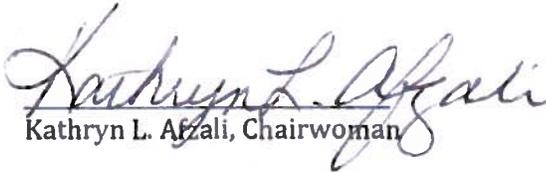
Sincerely,

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FREDERICK COUNTY, MARYLAND



Jan H. Gardner, County Executive

STATE DELEGATION OF
FREDERICK COUNTY, MARYLAND



Kathryn L. Afzali, Chairwoman

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Attachments: Annual Transportation Priorities Report 2016 & Project Questionnaires

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