

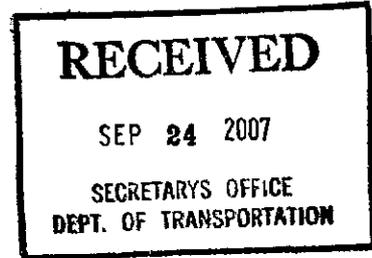
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September 19, 2007



The Honorable John D. Porcari, Secretary  
Maryland Department of Transportation (MDOT)  
7201 Corporate Center Drive  
P. O. Box 548  
Hanover, Maryland 21076

RE: 2007-2008 MDOT Transportation Priorities  
Carroll County, Maryland

Dear Secretary Porcari:

The attached priority listing of state transportation projects is intended to serve as a prioritized transportation improvement guide in accord with the parameters contained in the Transportation Article, Section 8-610 through 8-631, of the Annotated Code of Maryland. The Board of Carroll County Commissioners (the Board) and the local Delegation unanimously present the priority listing for your consideration.

The listed projects represent local priorities for the highway system in terms of construction, final engineering and right-of-way acquisition, project planning starts, and neighborhood conservation. Funding for the itemized projects affords the best opportunities for Carroll County in terms of safety enhancements, community preservation and revitalization, economic development, and congestion relief.

The attached priority listing includes the following locally significant projects in their respective categories:

- Construction Priority: MD 140 Reconstruction – Sullivan Road to Market Street
- Final Engineering and Right-of-Way Acquisition: MD 26 Corridor Improvement Plan east of MD 32
- Project Planning Starts: MD 32 between I-70 (Howard County) and MD 26; MD 30 Relocated – Manchester Bypass
- Neighborhood Conservation: MD 140 Corridor Enhancements (including an interchange at MD 91); Carroll/Baltimore County line to Kays Mill Road

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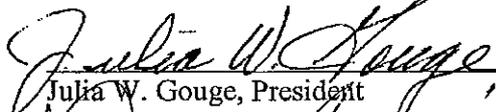


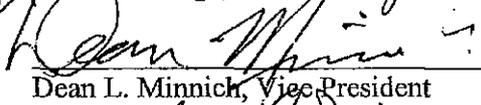
With regard to our number one (1) priority under the "Project Planning Starts" category, the Board reiterates its support for the commencement of a full-scale corridor improvement study along MD 32 between I-70 in Howard County and MD 26 in Freedom. This effort is needed immediately to demonstrate a commitment to improve traffic safety, relieve congestion along the most heavily traveled two-lane highway in the State of Maryland, and to accommodate an expected growth in households and employment opportunities resulting from Base Relocation and Closure (BRAC) activities at Fort Meade.

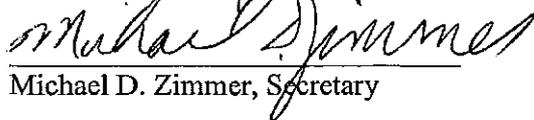
Thank you for your positive consideration of the attached listing representing the consensus position on State transportation project priorities in Carroll County. We look forward to working cooperatively with the Department of Transportation on the planning and implementation of these most important local transportation improvements.

Sincerely,

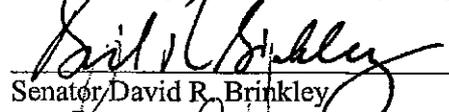
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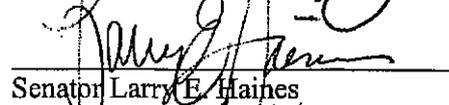
  
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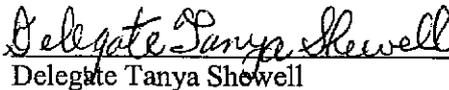
  
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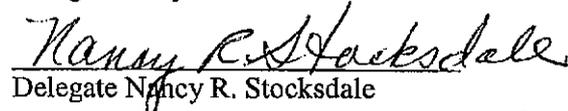
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## Carroll County, Maryland

### *2007-2008 State Transportation Project Priority Listing Maryland Department of Transportation (MDOT) State Highway Administration (SHA)*

#### Introduction

The priority list is intended to provide MDOT and SHA with Carroll County's consensus recommendations regarding the order of project construction and new project planning starts. These priorities are presented in a strategic effort to facilitate the most benefit for the citizens of Carroll County while also providing for improved travel conditions and economic development opportunities within Carroll's borders.

#### Construction Priorities

1. MD 140 Reconstruction – Sullivan Road to Market Street

#### Need

Long-term capacity improvements; system preservation; traffic and pedestrian safety enhancements; economic development benefits

#### Final Engineering and Right-of-Way Acquisition

1. MD 26 Corridor Improvement Plan – MD 32 to Carroll Highlands Road (\$1.0 million local contribution)

Project Planning phase complete; location/design approval obtained; system preservation; safety enhancements

#### Project Planning Starts

1. MD 32 Multi-lane Reconstruction – I-70 (Howard County) to MD 26
2. MD 30 Relocated – Manchester Bypass
3. MD 140 Relocated – Taneytown Bypass

Phase I of an improved north-south commuter route; alternatives analysis; traffic and pedestrian safety enhancements; system preservation; extension of State primary road classification; economic development benefits (BRAC)

Relief facility for historic town; community revitalization; traffic and pedestrian safety enhancements; facilitate interstate travel; economic development benefits

Long-term heavy truck relief for Baltimore Street; historic community revitalization; economic