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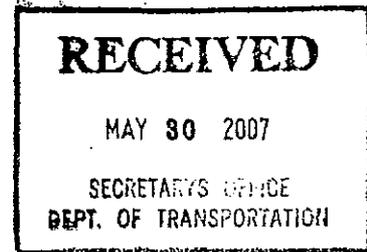
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WASHINGTON COUNTY DELEGATION

May 24, 2007

The Honorable John D. Porcari, Secretary
The Maryland Department of Transportation
7201 Corporate Center
Hanover, MD 21076



Dear Honorable Porcari:

The President of Washington County Commissioners John F. Barr recently sent you a letter regarding Washington County's project requests for your consideration in the forthcoming Consolidated Transportation Plan (CTP).

The members of the Washington County Delegation fully support the list of priorities (as shown below in order from 1 to 6) submitted by the Washington County Commissioners:

- **U.S. 40/Edgewood Dr. Intersection** – This project is currently programmed to go to construction later this year by way of partnership between SHA, the County, and City of Hagerstown. Although this is SHA jurisdiction, the City and the County have offered to partner with the cost but are having difficulty with the extraordinary overhead and administrative costs put forth by SHA.
- **Eastern Blvd.** – Both the City and the County share jurisdiction along parts of this very busy urban highway. The road currently extends from MD Rt. 64 to MD Rt. 60. The County is considering widening the section from MD Rt. 64 to its intersection with Old Forge Road at a projected cost of \$9.3M. The City and County plan to build a new section from the intersection with Old Forge Road to the intersection of Marsh Pike and MD Rt. 60 at a cost of \$5M to improve traffic movement on the north and east side of the City. We are asking for SHA's participation by covering the cost of the geometric improvements to the intersections at MD Rt. 64 (Jefferson Blvd.) and MD Rt. 60 (Leitersburg Pike).

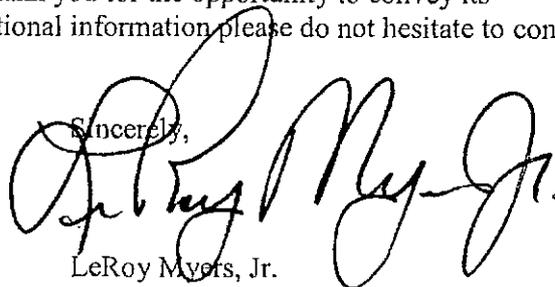


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- **U.S. 340/Keep Tryst Rd.** –Traffic safety issues have escalated in this vicinity due to a tri-state problem that significantly impacts this stretch of U.S. 340. At issue is the inability of Washington County residents living in this area to safely ingress/egress U.S. 340 to Keep Tryst Rd. /Valley Rd. and at MD Rt. 67. SHA District 6 has completed a preliminary traffic study with several alternatives. Washington County would consider partnering on this project by constructing a connector road from Keep Tryst Rd. to the interchange ramp to MD Rt. 67. We are requesting that SHA proceed to design of this project.
- **U.S. 40/Cornell Dr. Intersection** – In view of the improvements along the Dual Hgwy. (U.S. 40 East), much progress is being made. Within the next few weeks, the County will be advertising for reconstruction of the intersection at U.S. 40 and Mt. Aetna Rd. (already improved by SHA). One intersection that cries out for resolution of conflicts with high traffic volumes and turning movement is that of U.S. 40 at Cornell Dr. We are requesting that SHA undertake a study of this intersection to see what geometric improvements could be made to address this area.
- **I-81 Widening** – At the urging of both the County and its Delegation, SHA completed a detailed study for the widening of the 12-mile stretch of I-81 in Maryland. The County asks that MDOT review the project for funding and consider alternative of funding the project besides tolls.
- **I-70 Corridor Study** – In view of the growing traffic volumes and the time required for programming and funding for improvements, the County requests that SHA initiate a corridor study similar to that completed on I-81.

The Delegation would like to thank you for the opportunity to convey its concerns. If you should need additional information please do not hesitate to contact me.

Sincerely,



LeRoy Myers, Jr.
Chairman, Washington County Delegation
Delegate, District 1C

cc: Washington County Delegation