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**Re: Wicomico County
Recommended Transportation Improvements**

Dear Secretary Porcari:

As the Wicomico County Executive, I want to share with you some of the recommended transportation improvements in Wicomico County. According to the County's Comprehensive Plan, coordination with the State during the planning and design of transportation improvements within Wicomico County is recommended.

As for the recommended transportation improvements in our county we submit the following for your consideration:

1. **Multi-lane reconstruction of State Route 349 from North Upper Ferry Road to U.S. Route 50:** This would alleviate congestion on the County's westside during peak demand. Completion of the first phase has already occurred.
2. **Multi-lane reconstruction of State Route 12 from Johnson Road to the Salisbury By-Pass:** Development is occurring rapidly within this portion of the "metro core". Re-alignment of Johnson Road with Robins Avenue is currently in the design phase
3. **Construction of a "westside collector" which would extend Naylor Mill Road from U.S. Route 50 to Crooked Oak Lane:** This would be a part of an "inner loop" thru the "metro core" of Wicomico County which would ease traffic on the major arterials, i.e. U.S. Route 50, U.S. Route 13 and State Route 349. This "inner loop" will consist of linking existing major collectors such as College Avenue, Beaglin Park Drive, the "northeast collector", Kelly Road, Naylor Mill Road, the "westside collector" and Crooked Oak Lane.

We appreciate the State's commitment to participate at the intersection improvements including traffic signal and any incidental there to at Route 50 West. It will also be highly appreciated if the State would consider lending us a hand towards the construction of a final phase of this collector road ending at Crooked Oak Lane and Route 349. We all know this road will significantly help in alleviating current and future congestion along Rt. 50 and Rt. 349 as indicated in the Pemberton Drive corridor study prepared by the Traffic Group. This study

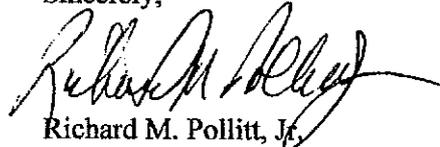


was shared with all the jurisdictions and elected representatives in the Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO).

4. **Replacement of the Zion Road Bridge at the Salisbury By-Pass:** This would provide a direct link between Kelly Road and Naylor Mill Road and will help reduce congestion on U.S. Route 13 Business thru Salisbury.
5. **Construction of an additional bridge across the Wicomico River:** This would provide an alternate route thereby reduce traffic delays caused by the drawbridge at U.S. Route 50. A feasibility study would be necessary to determine the best location for this bridge as well as the possibility of converting the existing drawbridge to a stationary bridge.
6. **Construction of an additional lane from U.S. Route 50 onto the Salisbury By-Pass:** This would be for westbound traffic to relieve traffic congestion near Hobbs Road.
7. **Construction of a Shore Transit Office and Maintenance Facility:** This project is currently in the site selection phase which has been narrowed down to three possible locations, all within the greater Salisbury area.
8. **Commuter airline service between SBY and BWI:** Continual support by the Maryland Aviation Administration will be necessary to provide this essential service.
9. **Continued support and funding of the Metropolitan Planning Organization:** This organization helps plan for an efficient, multi-jurisdictional transportation system.
10. **Lengthening of the deceleration lane on the Bypass at the Route 13 North location.**
11. **Scheduled review of traffic control devices for malfunctions.**

Any assistance from the State Highway Administration towards the accomplishment of these improvements will be greatly appreciated. Should you need any additional information regarding these improvements, please contact Rai Sharma, our Public Works Director at (410) 548-4810.

Sincerely,



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