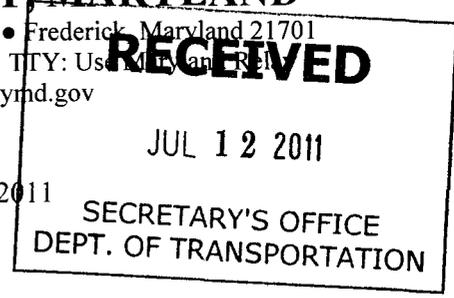


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Beverley K. Swaim-Staley, Secretary
Maryland Department of Transportation
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Hanover, MD 21076

Re: FY 2012 Frederick County Transportation Priorities

Dear Secretary Swaim-Staley:

On behalf of the Board of County Commissioners of Frederick County and the Frederick County Legislative Delegation, we are writing to share Frederick County's transportation priorities for consideration in the development of the FY 2012-FY 2017 Maryland Consolidated Transportation Program (CTP).

Frederick County has numerous transportation priorities to address both congestion and traffic safety. The top priorities are:

#1 Construction Funding – U.S. 15 Monocacy Blvd Interchange

This interchange is a BRAC priority project and is needed to address public safety issues on U.S. 15 on the north side of the City of Frederick. Frederick County and the City of Frederick have funded design and engineering with local dollars. There are a number of public-private partnerships that have helped to improve this corridor area.

#2 Construction Funding - MD 85 Phase 1

Construction funding is needed to address traffic congestion caused by the bottleneck created by the I-270 overpass on MD 85. Frederick County has funded \$2.1 Million towards planning, design and engineering on this project. There are a number of public-private partnerships that have helped to improve this corridor area.

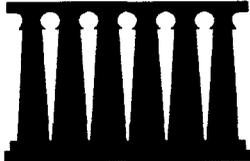
#3a Design/Engineering Funding - I-70 Phase 4

The widening of the I-70 mainline through the City of Frederick is needed to address congestion and is also a BRAC related project. This project is a local and regional priority for freight movement in the state.

#3b Planning Funding - I-70 at Meadow Road Interchange

This project would add missing ramp movements from eastbound I-70 to Old National Pike and from Old National Pike to westbound I-70. Frederick County has contributed \$500,000 towards moving forward the planning phase of this project. Due to the limited scope of this project, Frederick County encourages the SHA to use the available county funding and/or provide additional state funding to fully complete project planning.

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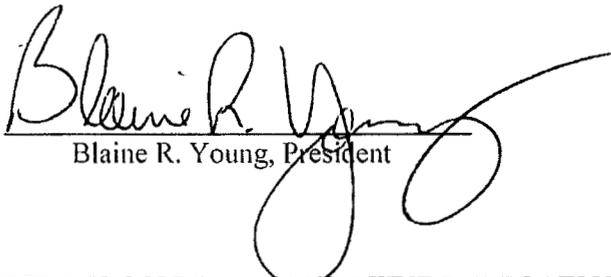
A complete and more detailed listing of Frederick County's transportation priorities is enclosed. This listing includes priorities for highways, transit, bicycle/pedestrian access, freight, and the Frederick Municipal Airport. Frederick County has contributed local funding to advance a number of these projects and will continue to partner with the MDOT and our private sector partners to advance our priority projects.

We appreciate the opportunity to provide our transportation priorities and we look forward to actively participating in the development of the CTP.

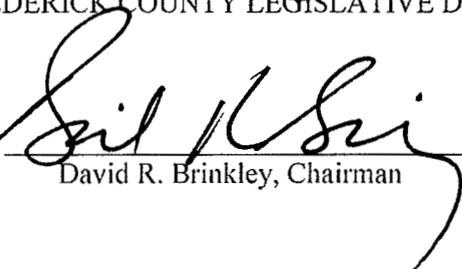
If you have any questions or need additional information, please contact Mr. John Thomas, Principal Planner, Community Development Division at (301) 600-6768.

Sincerely,

BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
OF FREDERICK COUNTY, MARYLAND

By: 
Blaine R. Young, President

FREDERICK COUNTY LEGISLATIVE DELEGATION

By: 
David R. Brinkley, Chairman

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Enclosure

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*: Associated with County, City or MDOT federal appropriation/reauthorization funding request.

State Primary Highways

Construction

- **US 15/Monocacy Blvd Interchange** – Frederick County requests funding for the construction of an interchange and Park & Ride at the intersection of US 15 and Monocacy Boulevard. **This is a BRAC related project.* - Overall County Highway Priority #1**

Design & Engineering

- **I-70 Phase 4** (Mainline I-70 widening from I-270 west to Mt. Phillip Road) - Frederick County requests funding to complete design and engineering. **This is a Priority Regional Freight Project. This is a BRAC related project. - Overall County Highway Priority #3a** *^{MDOT}
- **I-270/US 15 Multi-Modal Corridor Study** With the completion of the planning study in 2010, Frederick County in coordination with the City of Frederick, Montgomery County and the Maryland Department of Transportation, will begin the process of defining and prioritizing breakout projects to move forward with design and engineering. **This is a BRAC related project.**
- **Potential I-270/US 15 Priority Breakout Projects**
 - US 15 – Widening and bridge replacements from I-70 to MD 26
 - Auxiliary Lanes along US 15 between I-70 and MD 26
 - Improvements in support of premium rapid bus service in I-270 / US 15 Corridor
 - US 15 – Widening from MD 26 to Biggs Ford Road
 - I-270/MD 75 – New interchange and MD 75 Relocated – recommend existing interchange at MD 109 remain open
 - I-270 – Addition of Managed Lanes from North of MD 80 to MD 121
 - I-270 – Widening from I-70 to start of Managed Lanes (North of MD 80)

Planning

- **I-70/Meadow Road Interchange** - Frederick County requests restoration of project planning funding deferred due to September, 2008 revenue reduction. Frederick County has contributed \$500,000 towards moving forward the planning phase of this project. Due to the limited scope of this project and the use of in-house SHA staff to complete, the County encourages SHA to use the available County funding and/or provide additional state funding to fully complete project planning. **Overall County Highway Priority #3b**
- **I-70 Phase 2 "E" / South Street / Monocacy Blvd Improvements** – This project includes any uncompleted phases of the I-70 2D project which have project planning complete and the planning for the related upgrades of Monocacy Boulevard from East South Street to Patrick Street and the Patrick Street at I-70 interchange.

State Secondary Highways

Construction

- **MD 85 Phase I** - Frederick County requests construction funding to advance Phase I of the MD 85 project (I-270 interchange reconfiguration). The county has contributed \$2.1 Million to planning, design and engineering for this project. The county encourages SHA to maximize

consistency with MD 85 interchange design compatibility with the ultimate interchange alignment associated with the I-270/US 15 multi-modal study.* - **Overall County Highway Priority #2**

- **MD180 – MD 351 - Interim.** Frederick County requests funding for construction of interim improvements and capacity upgrades to the MD 180 – MD 351 corridor from just north of Solarex Court to just south of Ballenger Center Drive.

Design & Engineering

1. **MD 85 Phase III** - Frederick County requests funding for completion of design and engineering for Phase III of the MD 85 project from Crestwood Blvd to just south of English Muffin Way. This project would be able to take advantage of ongoing developer constructed improvements and developer funding contributions.
2. **MD 85 Phase II** – Funding for the section from Spectrum Drive to Guilford Drive
3. **MD180 – MD 351 – Long-term.** Frederick County requests funding for design and engineering of to the MD 180 – MD 351 corridor from Greenfield Drive to Corporate Drive. The county has contributed \$500,000 towards project planning for this project and continues to coordinate with the local SHA District and private developers for improvements in this corridor. A portion of this corridor will be transferred over to County for maintenance.

Planning

1. **MD 194** – This project includes the widening to a 4-lane divided roadway between MD 26 and Devilbiss Bridge Road. This project would address both capacity and safety issues.
2. **MD 464 (Souder Road)** – Frederick County requests funding to initiate project planning for improvements to MD 464. This project includes reconstruction as a two-lane roadway between MD 79 and the eastern limits of the City of Brunswick.
3. **MD 75**- Support initiation of project planning for MD 75 from I-70 south to connection with proposed MD 75 relocated (as noted in the I-270/US 15 Multi-modal study) in Hyattstown
4. **MD 144** – Frederick County requests funding to initiate project planning for improvements to MD 144. This project would include the widening of the roadway from existing 4-lane section that ends just west of Spring Ridge Parkway westward to the intersection at Monocacy Boulevard

State Highway Safety, Travel Demand Management, System Preservation & Freight Projects

US 15 (south of US 340) – Request funding for a project pre-planning/feasibility study for this corridor. This study would continue to identify short term safety and capacity improvements along the US 15 Corridor from US 340 to the Potomac River. It would also identify ultimate improvements to widen US 15 to a 4-lane divided roadway with new grade-separated interchanges at MD 464 and Mountville Road. Developer funding may be available to support a portion of the improvements along this corridor.

Local Transit

1. Frederick County requests funding to expand **Connector route service** to provide 30-minute service frequencies throughout the day. **This is a BRAC related project.**
2. Frederick County requests funding to expand **facilities and infrastructure** to meet existing and future needs related to **BRAC** activities and projected growth including:
 - Facility Expansion
 - Passenger Shelters and Transfer Centers

3. Frederick County requests funding to provide peak-period **shuttle service** to regional communities such as Urbana, Middletown and New Market that currently do not have any service. **This is a BRAC related project.**
4. Frederick County requests funding to expand **paratransit** service to meet growing demand.
5. Frederick County requests funding for real-time **transit** bus information system for connector and shuttle route buses and stops.

Regional Transit

1. **MTA commuter bus / SHA Park & Ride** - Construct additional parking capacity at the Myersville Park & Ride to support carpool, vanpool and additional commuter bus service. Expansion is fully funded for design by SHA. The County has completed temporary on-street parking improvements as a short-term solution to park and ride capacity issues. The County encourages MDOT to explore funding partnerships between MTA and SHA for the identification of construction funding for the project.
2. **MTA commuter bus / SHA Park & Ride** - Establish additional service from north of the City of Frederick to serve the Monocacy MARC Station and Shady Grove Metro. This service would initially include stops at the proposed US 15 / Monocacy Blvd Park & Ride and consideration for future stops at proposed Park & Rides in the Emmitsburg/Thurmont Region. The County encourages MDOT to explore funding partnerships between MTA and SHA for the identification of construction funding for the park and ride lot component of the US 15 at Monocacy Boulevard interchange project. **This is a BRAC related project.**
3. **MARC Station TOD Zone Designation** – Designate areas around the Downtown Frederick MARC Station, Brunswick MARC Station and Monocacy MARC Station as State Transit Oriented Development Zones.
4. **MTA commuter bus** – Establish additional premium commuter bus service in I-270 / US 15 corridor from Frederick County to various locations in northern Montgomery County as identified in the I-270 / US 15 multi-modal study.
5. **MTA commuter bus** - Establish service from Frederick County to destinations in Montgomery, Howard, Prince Georges, and Anne Arundel County via the Inter-county Connector bus service. **This is a BRAC related project.**
6. **MARC System** - Fund improvements in the Frederick Spur MARC line by adding additional passenger cars, locomotives, and providing signal improvements along the MARC Brunswick line to accommodate an increase in the frequency of service to the Frederick City Spur line MARC Stations.
7. **MTA commuter bus** - Establish service from the Frederick area to the Baltimore area. Explore feasibility of providing stop on this proposed route in Carroll County or Howard County to maximize ridership on this proposed route. **This is a BRAC related project.**
8. **MTA Other** - Provide real-time arrival and departure system for 991 Bus Commuter Service at Monocacy & Downtown Frederick MARC Rail Stations.
9. **MARC System** - Construct platform improvements at Point of Rocks Station for Frederick Spur line trains to board or disembark at Point of Rocks
10. **MARC System** - Fund reverse commute service on Brunswick Line and Frederick Spur. **This is a BRAC related project.**

11. **I-270 Transitway Study** – Frederick County requests funding to match developer and county contributions to conduct an engineering/corridor preservation study of the I-270 Transitway, an extension of the Corridor Cities Transitway into Frederick County. This study would assess the current master plan alignment to determine if the alignment is suitable or whether alternates should be considered.

Freight Rail

- Support the addition of interlocking track switches in Frederick County to accommodate the track switching of freight and commuter rail trains where needed.
- Support funding for tunnel liner replacements to accommodate double-stack height freight rail service for the Point of Rocks and Catoclin Tunnels in Frederick County

Frederick County Streetscape, Sidewalk Retrofit, Access to Transit & Bicycle Retrofit Projects

County Access to Transit Projects (State Highways / Rail Stations Only)

- Monocacy MARC Station Access Trails – Reichs Ford Road to Rail Station and Rail Station to I-270 Technology Park / FSK Mall – Including Crossing of MD 355
- Pedestrian Countdown Signal Upgrade and Crosswalk Improvements MD 355 at Genstar Drive
- Jefferson Streetscape – Local Transit Serves west end of Streetscape project
- MD 85 at Grove Road - East and West Side Sidewalk from Lowes to McDonalds / Grove Road – Transit Stops is on Grove Road just off of MD 85 on east and at Corner of MD 85 and Grove on the west. ^F
- MD 180 south side from end of existing sidewalk just east of Valley Elementary School to bus stop at Jefferson Market (across from Post Office), this connects to western end of streetscape project. ^F
- MD 351 from Ballenger Center Drive to Solarex Court Bus Stop at MD 351 and Ballenger Center Drive (east side)
- MD 26 Sidewalk – Monocacy Boulevard to Waterside Drive (northwest side of MD 26)
- Sidewalk additions & crosswalk improvements crossing Mount Zion Road from east park & ride to west park and ride

Municipal Access to Transit Projects

City of Brunswick

- MD 464 (Souder Road - Brunswick) from Maple Ave to 9th street, existing sidewalk retrofit project ^F

City of Frederick

- MD 26 – Waterside Drive to Long Meadow Drive (southeast side of MD 26, Also requested as sidewalk retrofit)
- Access to and from Baughmans Lane to US 40
- Monocacy Blvd – new section from East Street to Patrick Street

Town of Thurmont

- MD 550 / MD 806 – North Altamont to Woodside – Crossing Improvements and East Side Sidewalks
- MD 806 (Frederick Road/Water St/Old US 15) at Park Lane – ADA and Crosswalk Improvements
- MD 806 at Mountain Gate Plaza / 7 Eleven – Sidewalk Gaps and Crosswalk Improvements – target Mid-block crossing situation at Mountain Gate north entrance.

Town of Walkersville

- MD 194 at E. Frederick Street to Glade Blvd (Walkersville) – Crossing and ADA issues

Streetscape Projects (not in priority order)

- **Town of New Market Streetscape** The Town of New Market and Frederick County request restoration of design and construction funding deferred due to 9/08 revenue reduction for this streetscape project in the town of New Market.
- **Jefferson Streetscape** – Frederick County requests restoration of design funding deferred due to 9/08 revenue reduction and addition of construction funding for this longstanding streetscape project in the unincorporated community of Jefferson.
- **Middletown Streetscape Project** – The Town of Middletown and Frederick County request restoration of engineering and design funding for a Middletown streetscape project. The Town of Middletown supports this request.
- **Libertytown Project** – Frederick County requests funding for initial scoping/project planning study for a streetscape project and/or sidewalk retrofit project in Libertytown along MD 26 and MD 75.

Sidewalk Retrofit Projects

1. **MD 26 Sidewalk Retrofit** – Request Construction funding for sidewalk retrofit project between Longmeadow Dr (Monocacy Shopping Center) & Waterside Drive in the City of Frederick.
2. **City of Brunswick Sidewalk Retrofit (Active Project)**
3. **Town of Myersville Sidewalk Retrofit**

Bicycle Retrofit Projects (State Highways Only)

Frederick Municipal Airport

Federal

- **Restore ACIP Funding:** restore FAA Trust Fund funding to airports so that Frederick Municipal may receive grant reimbursements in the amount of \$13.65M in forward funded property acquisitions.
- **Airport Perimeter Road:** funding for the construction of a perimeter road and fence for improved security at the airport and allow better access for law enforcement to other areas of the City and County.
- **Bailes Lane Demolition and Runway 5/23 Extension:** funding for the demolition of current obstructions to Part 77 and the construction of the runway extension to maximize capacity of the airport.

State

- **Property Acquisition Funding:** fund the MAA standard portion of 2.5% towards the forward funded properties acquired by the City. MAA contribution would be \$341,250.00.
- **Taxiway "Alpha" Design:** forward fund the 97.5% MAA contribution toward the design costs for the relocation and reconstruction of Taxiway A as a phased approach to the overall Runway 5/23 extension project.
- **Snow Equipment Storage Building:** forward fund the 97.5% MAA contribution toward the design costs and construction of a snow removal equipment storage building.

* Associated with 2010 Congressional Appropriations/Reauthorization Request

† Possible Funding in FY12-FY13