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The Honorable Gregory Slater  
Secretary, Maryland Department of Transportation  
Office of the Secretary  
7201 Corporate Center Drive  
Hanover, Maryland 21076

RE: Caroline County CTP Priorities

Dear Secretary Slater,

The County Commissioners of Caroline County wish to start this letter by thanking you, the Department, and Governor Hogan for the continued partnership demonstrated over the last year to address the County's transportation priorities and related safety concerns. Our priorities for the coming year are outlined below.

**Priority A: Complete Safety Improvements at MD 404 and MD 328/River Road**

State Highway Administration staff has made excellent progress in addressing safety improvements the Commissioners requested during last years discussions during the CTP tour. The Commissioners request that SHA continue to work on the remaining items, many of which are already underway or in the planning stage:

- Create turn lanes on MD 328 and River Road;
- Change the timing of the light so that traffic on MD 328 and River Road do not go at the same time;
- Reduce the speed limit on MD 328 between MD 404 and Business 404/Meeting House Road to 35mph.

**Priority B: Widen MD 404 to Four Lanes from Harmony Road to MD 16 East**

The work done to dualize MD 404 has resulted in a reduction in accidents, congestion and greatly increased user satisfaction. We remain grateful for the previous investment in the project, and while we know it is a significant undertaking, the Commissioners request that the State begin the work on the final phase of the project to dualize MD 404 from Harmony Road to MD 16 East. Specifically, the County requests that SHA start preliminary planning, fund design, engineering, as well as any necessary property or right-of-way acquisition.

**Priority C: Re-designate Auction Road back to Original State Route MD 621**

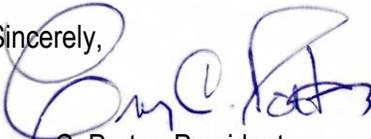
Maryland State Roads Commission built MD 621 in several phases. These phases started in 1938, followed by two other phases in 1954 and 1959. The reason for the continued construction of this highway was to connect Federalsburg Highway (MD 313) to Harmony Road (MD 16). In 1991 Maryland State Highway re-designated MD 612 to Auction Road. This Highway is a direct artery for East and

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West commuting and the commercial trucking industry. The route still today connects the only two North and South State routes in Caroline County. The Commissioners respectfully request SHA to re-designate this route back to its original owner and once again become a State controlled and maintained route.

In closing, the Commissioners sincerely appreciate the investment the Hogan administration has made in the County's priority transportation projects, as well as our excellent working relationship with our SHA District Office. We thank you for your consideration of local priorities and look forward to meeting with you and your team later this year.

Sincerely,  


Larry C. Porter, President  
County Commissioners of Caroline County

C: Caroline County Delegation