



# TOWN OF NORTH EAST

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June 15, 2020

Gregory Slater, Secretary  
Maryland Department of Transportation  
7201 Corporate Center Drive  
Hanover, MD 21076



2020 Transportation Priorities: Town of North East

Dear Secretary Slater,

The Town of North East has outlined the following priorities for consideration and inclusion in your final 2020 Consolidated Transportation Program.

1. Continued implementation of the I-95 interchange at Belvidere Road..
2. Widen Route 7 (West Cecil Avenue), west of Route 272 (South Main Street/North Main Street) and Route 7 intersection. Elevate and widen the State Highway Bridge over the North East Creek on Route 7. Install pedestrian sidewalk, bicycle lane and pedestrian lighting between North East Isles Drive and Catherine Street.

Interim Plan: Installation of a pedestrian activated signal on both sides of the North East Creek Bridge on Route 7 which pedestrians would press when they desire to walk across the bridge. The signal would stop eastbound and westbound vehicles on Route 7 while pedestrians travel over the bridge.

3. Re-surfacing of North Main Street and South Main Street, North East.
4. Repairs to the entrance of the Route 7 underpass in North East from West Cecil Avenue. The road has severely deteriorated in this area. Address flooding in the roadway under the Route 7 underpass.
5. Installation of a pedestrian sidewalk linkage along Route 40 between Sycamore drive (off of Route 40) and the intersection of Route 272 and Route 40, linking to the sidewalk project which currently underway Contract No. CE3395176). Note: Sycamore Drive is the road which leads into the Timberbrook Development, a 350+ Townhome Community.
6. Route 7, East Cecil Avenue adjacent to the North East Middle School: Installation of two traffic reduction devices with intermitting signaling lights, with timers for school opening and dismissal. To be positioned on Route 7, approximately 50 yards before the North East Middle School from both east and west directions.

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7. For the purpose of providing uninterrupted walkability, install sidewalk on Route 272 between Jethro Street and the south/east corner of the bridge over Amtrak.
8. Installation of sidewalk from the existing sidewalk on Route 7 (East Cecil Avenue) to Mechanics Valley Road.
9. Installation of bicycle/walking/share the road pavement markings along Route 7 from Mechanics Valley Road to Ridgely Forest Drive.
10. Review impacts of rail service to State Highway systems in North East.
11. Marc Train Service in North East.

Again, thank you for your consideration of these transportation priorities for our Town. Should you have any questions regarding the outlined projects, please feel free to contact me.

Sincerely yours,



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Mayor

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