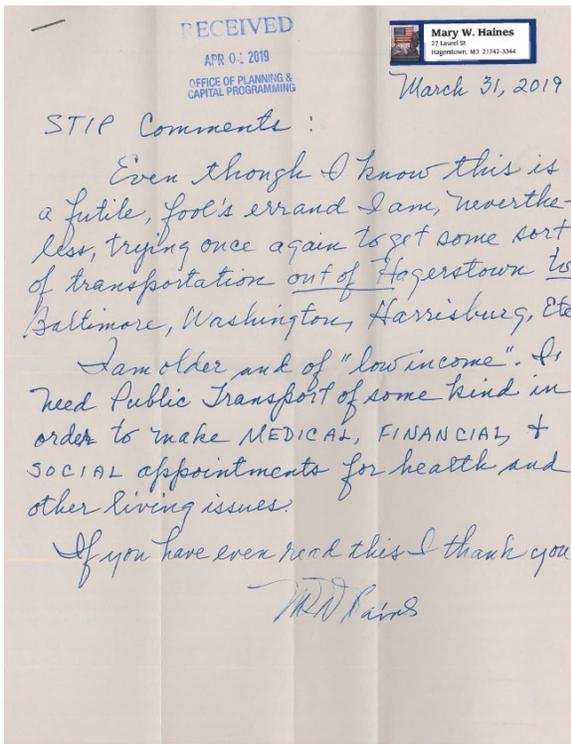


APPENDIX L – Public Outreach and Comments

The Maryland Department of Transportation released the Statewide Transportation Improvement Program (STIP) for a 30 day from March 18, 2019, through April 17, 2019. The Press Release was sent to around 150 different news organizations covering internet, print, radio, and television. There was one comment received over the comment period.

<p>FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE: March 18, 2019</p> <p>Contact: Erin Henson MDOT Public Affairs 410-865-1025</p> <p style="text-align: center;">MDOT Seeks Public Comment on Statewide Transportation Improvement Program</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><i>Program Provides a Look at Federally-Funded State Transportation Projects</i></p> <p>HANOVER, MD – To ensure all Marylanders have a voice in transportation projects, the Maryland Department of Transportation (MDOT) is inviting the public to comment through April 17 on the Statewide Transportation Improvement Program (STIP), a four-year, prioritized set of transportation projects compiled from state, local and regional plans.</p> <p>“Through this effort, all Marylanders will have input in developing and delivering a better transportation network across the state,” said MDOT Secretary Pete K. Rahn.</p> <p>The STIP is used to request federal funding for projects in Maryland’s legislatively approved six-year transportation budget, known as the Consolidated Transportation Program (CTP). These projects were presented to the public for initial comment in the fall when officials toured Maryland’s 23 counties and Baltimore City.</p> <p>The STIP compiles regional metropolitan Transportation Improvement Programs with projects in non-metropolitan areas to provide a comprehensive list of local and regional priority projects, using the CTP and the 2040 Maryland Transportation Plan as guides. Maryland is federally required to update the STIP every four years. However, MDOT develops a new STIP closer to every two years and solicits comments in accordance with federal law. The STIP was last updated in 2016.</p> <p>The draft STIP can be viewed at mdot.maryland.gov/STIP. The public can comment by emailing mdotplanning@mdot.state.md.us, or sending a letter to STIP Comments Office of Planning & Capital Programming, Maryland Department of Transportation, 7201 Corporate Center Drive, Hanover, Maryland 21076. This is the final phase of public comments on the FY 2019 STIP before it’s submitted to the US Department of Transportation for approval.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">###</p>

Comment received over the comment period and response.



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Secretary
Kevin B. Quinn, Jr.
Administrator

Thank you again for your comments. For additional information, please contact Ms. Jaime McKay, MDOT MTA Transportation Planner, at 410-767-3754 or jmckay@mta.maryland.gov. If you need further assistance, please do not hesitate to contact me directly.

April 9, 2019

Ms. Mary W. Haines
27 Laurel Street
Hagerstown, Maryland 21742

Dear Ms. Haines:

Thank you for your letter regarding transportation in Hagerstown and to regional connections. I received your letter and wanted to respond promptly.

The Maryland Department of Transportation Maryland Transit Administration (MDOT MTA) recognizes the importance of providing regional connections to the Washington D.C. and Baltimore areas. Currently, MDOT MTA operates the 505 Commuter Bus with service from Hagerstown and Myersville, continuing to Shady Grove with select trips to Rock Spring Business Park. Connections can be made to WMATA's Red Line and numerous local WMATA and Montgomery County Ride On buses at Shady Grove.

MDOT MTA also provides funding to and coordinates with locally-operated transit providers, including Washington County Transit. Washington County Transit connects to a number of locations outside of Hagerstown, including Hagerstown Regional Airport, Williamsport, and Smithsburg. Washington County Transit also operates a paratransit service that assists passengers with disabilities.

Finally, MDOT MTA provides operating funds to intercity and regional transportation options, such as the Bayrunner Shuttle. The Bayrunner Shuttle picks up and drops off at the Washington County Transit Center on Franklin Street, and provides connections to Frederick, Baltimore, and Washington D.C. We continue to identify ways for our riders to connect to opportunities throughout Maryland and appreciate your interest in the role transit plays in making these connections.

Sincerely,

Kate Sylvester
Acting Director, Office of Planning and Programming, MDOT MTA

cc: Ms. Jaime McKay, Office of Planning and Programming, MDOT MTA

District 1 Media List

Bayside Gazette
 Daily Times
 Dorchester Banner
 Dorchester Star
 ESPN 1240 AM
 Maryland Coast Dispatch
 Newscast One
 Ocean City Today
 Somerset Herald
 WAFL Radio
 WAMS 101.1 FM
 WAVD The Wave 97.1 FM
 WBEY 97.9 FM (Bay Country)
 WBOC TV 16
 WCEM 106.3 FM
 WCEM/WAAI/WTDK/ESPN 1240
 WDEL Radio
 WGMD Talk 92.7
 WJKI 98.5 and 103.5 FM
 WKHI 107.7 FM
 WKTT (97.5 FM)
 WMDT TV 47
 Worcester Co. Board of Ed..
 Worcester Times
 WRDE TV 9
 WSBY 98.9 FM
 WTDK 107.1 FM
 WWFG Froggy 99.9 FM
 WZBH The Beach 93.5 FM
 WZKT FM (105.9 FM)

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Associated Press
 Banner News
 Bay Times
 Caroline Times Record
 Cecil Whig
 Dorchester Star
 Kent County News
 MTS Broadcasting
 Newscast One
 Star Democrat
 Times Record
 Traffax Delmarva
 WBAL Radio
 WBAL TV 11
 WBFF Fox 45

WBOC TV 16
 WCEI FM 96.7
 WCEI Radio
 WCEI
 WCTR AM 1530
 WDEL Radio
 WINX
 WJZ TV 13
 WKDI Radio (Caroline)
 WMDT TV 47
 WMDT TV 47
 WNCL
 WQHQ FM
 WTOP Traffic
 Upper Eastern Shore Media

District 3 Media List

Associated Press Washington Bureau
 Bowie Patch
 Chevy Chase Patch
 Colesville Patch
 CTV - Prince George's TV
 Gazette
 Germantown Patch
 Government Executive
 Kensington Patch
 Laurel Leader
 Laurel Patch
 Metro Networks News Desk
 Montgomery Gazette
 Newscast One
 Patch.com
 Prince George's Gazette
 Reliant Traffic
 The Gazette
 Total Traffic News Desk
 WAMU FM
 Washington Post
 Washington Times
 WJLA ABC 7/News 8
 WMAL Radio
 WNEW All News 99.1
 WRC NBC 4
 WTOP Radio
 WTOP Traffic Center
 WTTG Fox 5
 WUSA TV 9

District 4 Media List

Arbutus/Catonsville Times
 Associated Press
 Baltimore Business Journal
 Baltimore Messenger
 Baltimore Sun
 MD Daily Record
 Metro News
 patch.com
 Patuxent Publishing (Sunpapers)
 The Aegis
 The Avenue News
 Total Traffic
 WBAL Radio
 WBAL TV 11
 WBFF TV Fox 45
 WCBM Radio
 WJZ TV 13
 WLIF Lite 102
 WMAR ABC 2
 WNEW Radio
 WPOC FM 93
 WRBS FM

District 5 Media List

Annapolis Patch
 Arundel Voice
 Baltimore Business Journal
 Baltimore Sun
 Bay Net
 Bay Weekly
 Maryland Gazette
 MD Independent
 MD Independent (St. Mary's Co.)
 Metro Networks
 Newscast One
 Patch
 Reliant Traffic
 Severna Park Patch
 Severna Park Voice
 South River Source
 The Business Monthly
 The Capital
 The County Times
 The Daily Record
 The Enterprise (Charles Co.)
 Total Traffic
 WBAL Radio

WBAL TV 11
 WBFF Fox 45
 WCBM Radio
 WJZ TV 13
 WKIK AM
 WMAR ABC 2
 WMZQ 98.7 FM
 WNAV 1470 AM
 WNEW FM All News 99.1
 WPRS 104.1 FM
 WRNR 103.1 FM
 WSMD 98.3 FM
 WTOP Radio
 WTTG Fox 5
 WUSA TV 9

District 6 Media List

Allegany Radio Corp. (6 stations)
 Associated Press
 Cumberland Times News
 Hancock News
 Herald Mail
 Mineral Daily News Tribune
 Newscast One
 Pickett News
 Republican News
 WAFY (Key 103) FM
 WAYZ 104.7 FM
 WCBC AM Radio
 WCRH FM
 WFMD Radio
 WFRB AM/FM
 WTBO AM
 WHAG NBC 25
 WJEJ AM
 WKHJ
 WQCM Radio
 WRNR AM
 WWEG 106.9 FM (The Eagle)

District 7 Media List

Associated Press - Western Bureau
Baltimore Sun
Carroll Advocate
Carroll County Times
Carroll Eagle
Columbia flier
Frederick News Post
Gazette
Howard County Times/Columbia Flier
Howard Magazine/Maryland Family
Newscast One
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WTOP Radio
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