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Heather Murphy, Director Office of Planning and Capital Programming Maryland Department of Transportation 7201 Corporate Center Drive Hanover, Maryland 21076

RE: State Transportation Priorities in Worcester County for 2018

Dear Ms. Murphy:

This letter and its supporting documents shall serve to reiterate Worcester County's priorities for inclusion in the Construction Program of the State's Consolidated Transportation Program (CTP). Please be advised that Worcester County's priority project continues to be the complete dualization of U. S Route 113 in Worcester County. We thank you for continuing to move forward with this project.

We recently polled the municipalities in Worcester County for their transportation priorities and we are pleased to express our support for the following State Transportation Priority Projects in Worcester County in no particular order:

- Improvements to MD Route 589, Racetrack Road, from U. S. Route 50 North to U. S. Route 113;
- Replacement of the Harry W. Kelly Memorial Bridge on U. S. Route 50 into Downtown Ocean City; and
- Complete Dualization of MD Route 90 from U. S. Route 50 to MD Route 528, Coastal Highway, in Ocean City (endorsed by the Mayor and Council of Ocean City).

Relevant support materials are attached hereto for your reference.

Heather Murphy, Director Page Two March 22, 2018

Thank you for moving forward with the dualization of U. S. Route 113 and for your consideration of these other priority projects in Worcester County as you develop the State's Consolidated Transportation Program this year and in future years. We sincerely appreciate your support of these needed transportation projects in Worcester County. We understand that these projects may require additional information as required by Chapter 30 of the Acts of 2017, including feasibility studies, checklists and detailed project cost estimates. We would sincerely appreciate your direction and assistance in developing these background materials. If you should require any additional information or should you have any questions or concerns with regard to this matter, please feel free to contact either me or Harold L. Higgins, Chief Administrative Officer, at this office.

Sincerely,

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