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The Honorable Gregory Slater, Transportation Secretary
Maryland Department of Transportation
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Dear Secretary Slater:

The Board of County Commissioner of Calvert County would like to thank you and the Maryland Department of Transportation business units for another year of working together to maintain the integrity and safety of our roads. We would also like to take this opportunity to express our gratitude for being awarded the Bikeway Grant. We're taking the steps necessary to develop bike networks in Prince Frederick and Dunkirk Town Centers and intend to apply in future years for design/ construction funds. We are also applying for funding through the Recreational Trails Program for maintenance and minor improvement projects that are currently unfunded in the county park system. We look forward to working with the Bikeways and Recreational Trails Program staff to develop and advance these projects.

We understand that due to budgetary restraints funding for major projects is limited. This year our county transportation priorities focus on funding for our minor projects that fall under the Safety, Congestion Relief, Highway and Bridge Preservation Program such as System Preservation and Highway Safety projects, Transit, and the Community Safety and Enhancement program.

One of our top priorities, the MD 231 Corridor Improvements, includes several intersection projects. These intersections need immediate attention for safety enhancements. These intersections must be studied to identify the improvements needed to improve motorist safety, relieve congestion, and provide more efficient travel for the citizens of Calvert County. The following road segment and intersections have been a source of constant concern for our citizens:

- MD 231 from Prince Frederick Boulevard to Helena Drive
- MD 231 at Stafford Road
- MD 231 at Adelina Road (MD 508)

As funding is delayed on the Prince Frederick MD 2 /4 widening due to budget restraints, Calvert County would also like to take steps to relieve congestion in that area. In the near future, this corridor will have 8 traffic signals (Stoakley Rd, Traskers Blvd, Fox Run Blvd, proposed Armory Square, Dares Beach Rd, Main St, MD 4/231, and Old Field Ln). Even with the road improvements, backups still occur. We strongly encourage the State Highway Administration to explore intelligent transportation systems strategies that would allow for more dynamic control of signals through Prince Frederick, changeable message signs approaching Prince Frederick to notify motorists of incidents causing unusual delay and alternate routes, and expanding CHART capacity to view traffic along MD 2/4. We feel this corridor would be ideal for a pilot program.

Calvert County has identified several important transit projects for your consideration. The funding of the following projects will be beneficial for the citizens of our county and provide more efficient processes for staff and riders:

- Dispatch Software
- Service Expansion
- Transit Transfer Station

Our Community Safety and Enhancement Programs enhance safety in the municipalities of Chesapeake and North Beach and the Lusby Town Center. The Lusby Town Center project will further the goals of our Calvert County Comprehensive Plan and Transportation Plan, as well as the Lusby Town Center Master Plan in creating walkable communities:

- Safe Routes to Schools
- Richfield Station Intersection
- Lusby Town Center Streetscape – MD 760 (Rousby Hall Road) from east of MD 765 (HG Trueman Road) to west of MD 765 and MD 765 from Appeal Lane to south of MD 760.

The following major highway projects are still top priorities for Calvert County and will remain on our list for future funding when available. We are looking forward to discussing the funding of these major highway projects in the near future:

- Governor Thomas Johnson Bridge
- MD 231 Corridor Improvements
- Phase 3A and 3B – MD 2/4 widening between the southern end of MD 765 in Prince Frederick at Industry Lane to north of Stoakley Road.

Thank you for your consideration of Calvert County's transportation priorities. We trust your department will consider our priorities when formulating this year's transportation budget. We look forward to working with you and your department during the upcoming year.

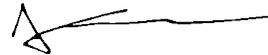
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Sincerely,

Board of County Commissioners,
Calvert County, Maryland



Earl F. Hance, President



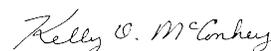
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