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November 16, 2021

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 year's 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.

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.

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Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Larry C. Porter". The signature is stylized and cursive.

Larry C. Porter, President
County Commissioners of Caroline County

C: Caroline County Delegation