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Ms. Beverley K. Swain-Staley, Secretary
MD Dept of Transportation
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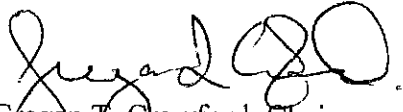
Dear Madam Secretary:

This letter is written to provide an overview of the transportation priorities established by the Board of Garrett County Commissioners relating to State Highway Administration's capital improvements for primary and secondary development programs as well as safety and enhancement programs in the Consolidated Transportation Plan. Please see attached the 2011 list of Projects and Concerns of Garrett County Officials. This list of issues has become known as Garrett County's "Wish List" and has traditionally been presented during the annual CTP tour. The list has been developed in a priority fashion and addresses both capital projects as well as highway safety related issues. Each of these issues will be discussed during the Fall CTP tour in Garrett County.

With regards to our "Priority Letter," the Board has recently confirmed its priority to identify the US 219 North project as the number one transportation project for Garrett County. The US 219 North project is Maryland's northern link in the North/South Appalachian Corridor and the Board believes this corridor will provide an enhanced opportunity for economic growth in our region. The Board also identifies the entire US 219 Corridor as a high priority for both project planning and capital construction projects. The Oakland Bypass continues to be the County's second highest priority project for capital construction projects within our jurisdiction.

Thank you for considering our transportation priorities in Garrett County and we look forward to seeing you in the upcoming CTP tour in Garrett County.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Gregan T. Crawford". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a large initial "G" and "C".

Gregan T. Crawford, Chairman
Board of County Commissioners

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cc: Senator George C. Edwards
Delegate Wendell Beitzel
Donald Halligan, Director ✓
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**Secretary's 2011 Annual Tour
State Highway Administration
MD Department of Transportation**

Projects and Concerns of Garrett County Officials

1. Garrett County ranks the US 219 North project as our highest priority. The County encourages completion of project planning and moving forward with design and construction to complete Garrett County's link of the North/South Appalachian Corridor.
2. Garrett County encourages progress on finalizing design, acquisition and construction of the US 219 Oakland By-Pass.
3. US 219 -Thayerville - In-road signage for crosswalk and/or flashing lights on sign – Traffic must yield to pedestrians. What is the status of this project?
4. Grantsville Crosswalk on US 40-In road signage and/or flashing lights on sign.
5. Sidewalk project between Southern High School & Mt. Lake Park
6. MD 495 and New Germany Road intersection needs to be considered soon for geometric upgrades and be improved for a perpendicular intersection. (SHA/County partnership)
7. US 219 and Mayhew Inn Road Intersection.
8. Improved signage (Yield Sign) for traffic merging onto MD 135 westbound from Oakland Avenue.
9. Turkey Neck Road and MD 135 intersection; an acceleration lane for westbound lane would improve intersection safety.
10. US 219 in the Thayerville area; the retaining walls near cemetery at the lake need renovation.
11. Resurfacing between Lowes and Memorial Drive on US 219.
12. MD 546 Bridge over I-68; bridge decking replacement
13. Upgrades to 495 for improved truck traffic route consistent with the County Comprehensive Plan.
14. US 40; two lane reconstruction beginning at the US 40 Chestnut Ridge Road intersection and extending west to the Town limits of Grantsville. Vertical geometric improvements and subsurface base.