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The Honorable Pete Rahn
Office of the Secretary
Maryland Department of Transportation
7201 Corporate Center Drive
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Dear Secretary Rahn:

Please accept the following “Priority Letter” from Howard County. The letter includes a list of highway and other transportation projects Howard County recommends be included in Maryland Department of Transportation’s (MDOT) FY 2017-2022 Consolidated Transportation Program. The list is in priority order and complies with MDOT’s guidance as being “Major Capital Projects” that are consistent with the Maryland Transportation Plan.

Prior to reviewing our recommendations, please accept our thanks and appreciation for the prior and ongoing State funding for the following projects:

- Widening US 29 from Seneca Drive to MD 175
- Design funding to widen US 29 from the Middle Patuxent River to Seneca Drive
- Dualization of MD 32 from MD 108 to Linden Church Rd
- Capacity and safety improvements along MD 32 between Linden Church Rd. and I-70, including the interchange at Route 144
- Evaluate widening MD 32 north of I-70 to the Carroll County line
- Design and construction improvements at the US 1 and Kit Kat Rd. intersection

We also wish to thank you for the valued technical assistance provided by MDOT staff, especially the extensive assistance from the Maryland Transit Administration and the State Highway Administration. Specific examples include US 40/Rogers Avenue intersection, I-95 Noise Wall in Elkridge, US-1/ Montevideo Road intersection, and MD 175/Blandair Park interchange.

The following recommended list is the result of review and input by County staff from several departments and offices, as well as by elected and appointed officials. Input also included extensive public involvement in the form of a survey that received over 1,400 responses and approximately 300 unique written comments. The results of the survey are at: www.howardcountymd.gov/Departments/County-Administration/Transportation/.

CAPITAL & CONSTRUCTION PROJECTS

1. **US 29.** Seneca Drive to MD 175; widen northbound US 29 to three mainline lanes
2. **MD 32.**
 - MD 108 to I-70 safety improvements including dualization while accounting for impact to the community
 - MD 32/Route 144 interchange and access management improvements
 - Evaluation of MD 32 north of I-70 to Carroll County for widening
3. **US 1 at Kit Kat Road Intersection.** Design and implement intersection improvements
4. **Transit Capital Improvements.** Purchase rolling stock (buses) to replace vehicles that have exhausted their useful life to maintain a fleet with a state of good repair and to expand service on a number of the most traveled fixed routes
5. **MD 100 / MD 103 Interchange.** Replace existing interchange
6. **US 1 Sidewalk.** Construct sidewalk along US 1 southbound in the median between North Laurel Road and the Prince George's County line
7. **I-70 Marriottsville Road Bridge.** Widen bridge to also allow widening of Marriottsville Road north to MD 99 and south to US 40
8. **MARC Growth and Investment Plan, Camden Line, Track Capacity and Increased Service.** Add an additional mainline track and sidings to provide for three mainline tracks from the Savage to Jessup MARC stations and four round-trip weekend trips on the Camden Line
9. **US 1 Corridor.** MD 175 to just north of Montevideo Road; phased arterial highway reconstruction including pedestrian, transit and streetscape improvements
10. **MD 108.** Construct intersection improvements along MD 108 at Centennial Lane, Ten Mills Road
11. **US 1.** Construct intersection improvements along US 1 at MD 103 (Meadowridge Road), Whiskey Bottom Road

DESIGN & ENGINEERING PROJECTS

1. **US 29.** Middle Patuxent River to Seneca Drive; widen US 29 northbound
2. **MD 175.** Evaluate the improvement of existing access points into Columbia Gateway Drive, or create a third access point through the potential extension of MD 108 across MD 175 into Columbia Gateway Drive.
3. **MD 175.** US 1 to Snowden River Parkway; continued comprehensive traffic modeling leading to design alternatives including the US 1/MD 175 and US 1/I-95 interchanges

4. **I-70.**
 - US 29 to US 40; widen one lane in each direction
 - Upgrade/reconstruct the I-70/Marriottsville Road interchange
 - Design and implement I-70/US 29 interchange capacity enhancements
5. **Pedestrian, Bicycle, and ADA Access and Safety Improvements.** Design and construct sidewalks, pedestrian safety improvements, bicycle safety improvements and final design and construction of the short term network projects in Howard County's Bicycle Master Plan (BikeHoward)
6. **US 29.** MD 175 to Broken Land Parkway; plan access and capacity improvements for pedestrians, bicycles, automobiles and public transit, including a potential transit bridge connecting Downtown Columbia with Oakland Mills
7. **US 29 Bus Rapid Transit (BRT).** Plan for enhanced express bus service to Silver Spring along the US 29 BRT corridor
8. **MD 108.** Guilford Road to Trotter Road; design and construct pedestrian, bicycle, automobile, and streetscape improvements
9. **MD 175.** US 1 to Dorsey Run Rd; widening and reconstruction including final design and construction of the US 1/MD 175 interchange
10. **MD 103 at US 29.** Addition of a third lane along MD 103 onto the ramp towards US 29 northbound
11. **Traffic Signal Back-up Generators.** Evaluate and plan a system for developing a back-up generator installment program at key state highway traffic signals within Howard County
12. **Noise Walls.** Evaluate, design, and construct noise walls at the following locations:
 - Dumhart Road (SE corner of I-95 and MD 216 interchange)

MDOT questionnaires with additional project details are attached to this letter.

Thank you for considering Howard County's priority transportation needs.

Sincerely,



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County Executive

Thank you for your positive endorsement of Howard County's state transportation projects and priorities.

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