



CITY OF HAGERSTOWN, MARYLAND

The Honorable Robert E. Bruchey, II

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April 3, 2019



The Honorable Pete Rahn
Maryland Secretary of Transportation
P O. Box 548
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**RE: HAGERSTOWN MAYOR & COUNCIL TRANSPORTATION PRIORITIES
2019 MDOT CONSOLIDATED TRANSPORTATION PLAN**

Dear Secretary Rahn:

Thank you for being such a strong supporter of our community. As you prepare the Consolidated Transportation Plan, I am pleased to submit to you the Mayor & Council's list of priority transportation items based on the discussion at our April 2, 2019 Work Session:

- Eastern Boulevard Corridor Improvements:** We support this Washington County led, multi-phase project to improve the Eastern Boulevard transportation corridor connecting US Route 40, Maryland Route 64, and Maryland Route 60. Specifically, we support the capacity-enhancing improvements to Maryland Route 64/Eastern Boulevard intersection that the State and County will commence in the near future. We also support the construction of Professional Boulevard and we anticipate financially supporting the construction of Phase II (shown in red on the attached map).
- I-81 Widening:** This corridor is crucial to the economy of our area and the frequent accidents on I-81 have both a physical and perceived negative impact on Hagerstown. We are grateful that SHA is widening I-81 from the Potomac River to approximately Route 11. We advocate for the widening of all 12 miles to the Pennsylvania line over the next 10 years.
- US Route 40 (Dual Highway) Pedestrian Issues:** Our Engineering, Planning, and Police staff have all endorsed the "*Pedestrian Safety Study and Audit*" for US 40 between Cannon Avenue and Redwood Circle as prepared by the HEPMPO in 2015. We are aware of Phase I construction starting in calendar year 2019 and are very appreciative of this initiative. The HEPMO study provides specific ways to make the Dual Highway more compliant with the Americans with Disabilities Act and provide safer, alternative modes of travel for our population, especially those without motor vehicles.
- Tourist Signs:** In April of 2016, the Mayor and Council approved a State Highway plan to install new "Tourism" signs. These signs would replace the faded and outdated brown signs around the community and would direct motorists to downtown, City Park, Fairgrounds Park, Municipal Stadium, etc. We are grateful for the advanced schedule of installation in the spring of 2020 and request that this schedule not slip.



5. **Highway User Revenues:** This revenue is essential for us to maintain the street network throughout the City. We are very grateful for our FY20 allotment of \$1,724,000 and are very thankful for everyone who restored this funding to that level.
6. We strongly support and ask for continued funding from the "alternative" transportation funding programs including:
 - Bikeways Grants: Following our *2016 Bicycle Master Plan*, we obtained grants that allow us to continue to improve our award-winning bicycle infrastructure;
 - Transportation Alternatives Program: We recently received a \$200,000 grant for the final design of the Marsh Run Trail. This trail will become a key element in the City's expanding bicycle and pedestrian network. Upon completion, the trail will provide a continuous bicycle and pedestrian corridor along the southern edge of the City's urban core, and will connect with the Hagerstown Cultural Trail (that connects City Park and our downtown City Center). Please see attached map;
 - Retrofit Sidewalk Installation: We appreciate the sidewalk that was constructed in our community by the program, most recently on Burhans Boulevard. Other future uses of these funds would be the Dual Highway (see #4 above), Virginia Avenue, Route 65 near South High, and Route 40 in the extreme west end of the City;
 - Safe Routes to School Program: We also appreciate that we have benefitted from seven grants that we were fortunate enough to obtain through this program and they have significantly improved accessibility around our many educational institutions.

On behalf of the Mayor & Council, I would like to express our sincere appreciation for your consideration of our priorities and for the work that MDOT is already doing to improve transportation in our community. If you have any questions or need additional information before the tour meeting date, please do not hesitate to contact our City Engineer, Mr. Rodney Tissue at 301-739-8577, Ext. 128, or rtissue@hagerstownmd.org.

Sincerely,

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Attachments: Recent history of HUR, Professional Boulevard plan, Marsh Run Trail map

c: Washington County Delegation members
Hagerstown City Council
Michael Spiker, Interim City Administrator
Rodney Tissue, City Engineer
Kathy Maher, Director of Planning & Code Administration
Anthony Crawford, District Engineer, MDSHA District 6
Rob Slocum, Washington County Administrator
Scott Hobbs, Washington County Director of Engineering
Matt Mullenax, HEPMPO
Dan Spedden, President, Convention & Visitors Bureau

City of Hagerstown
State Shared Taxes: State Highway User Revenue Detail
as of March 25, 2019

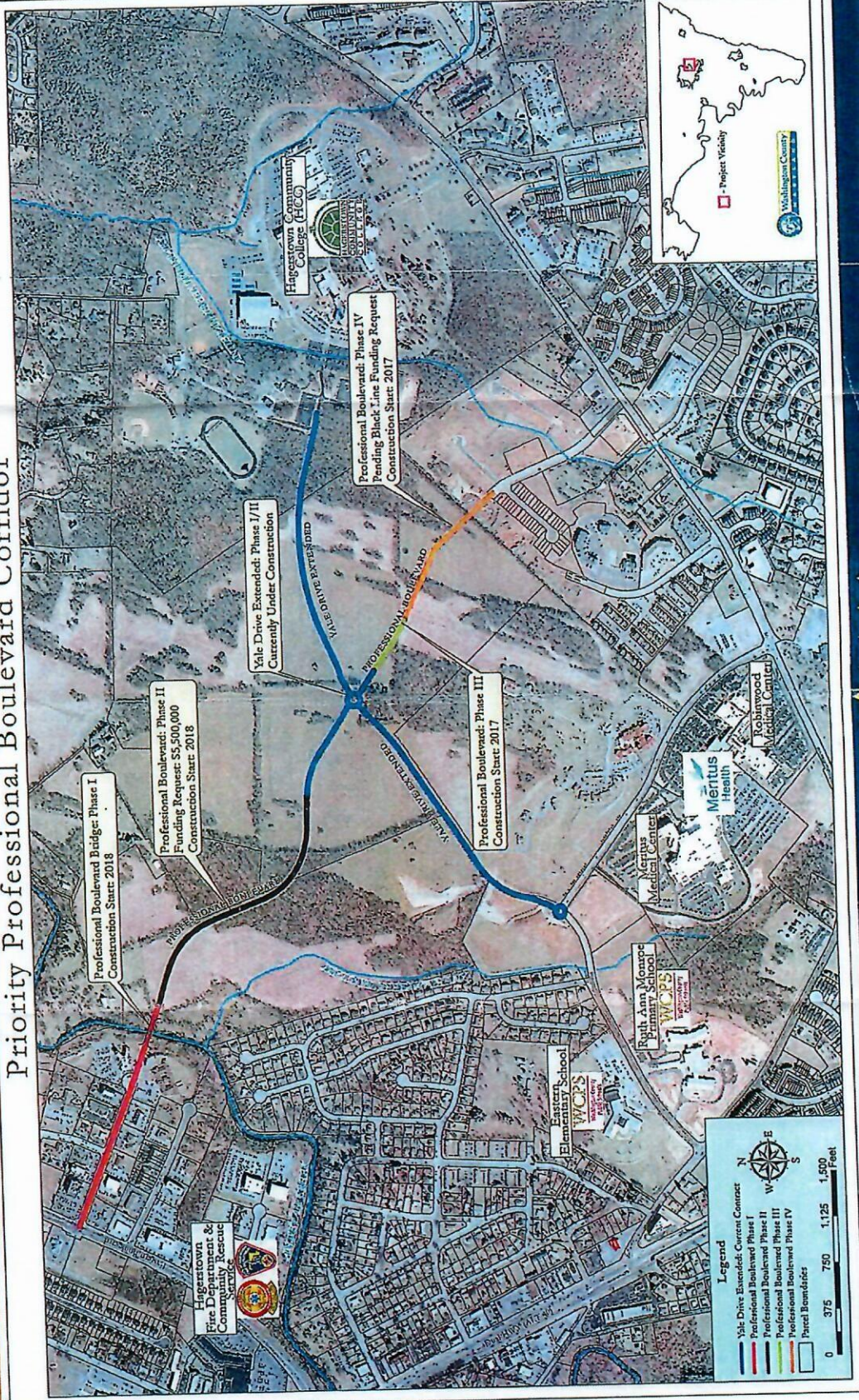
	Total	Yearly Change Over FY09	One-Time Allotments	Annual Allocation	Yearly Change Over FY09
FY09 Actual	1,899,839.05			1,899,839.05	
FY10 Actual	217,621.80	-89%		217,621.80	-89%
FY11 Actual	161,387.12	-26%		161,387.12	-26%
FY12 Actual	469,325.59	191%		469,325.59	191%
FY13 Actual	301,934.70	-36%		301,934.70	-36%
FY14 Actual - includes one-time allotment	1,039,879.51	244%	722,881.83	316,997.68	5%
FY15 Actual - includes one-time allotment	1,081,978.18	4%	748,955.36	333,022.82	5%
FY16 Actual - includes one-time allotment	1,224,207.10	13%	884,465.39	339,741.71	2%
FY17 Actual - includes one-time allotment	1,206,124.86	-1%	873,766.19	332,358.67	-2%
FY18 Actual - includes one-time allotment	1,250,240.94	4%	916,032.11	334,208.83	1%

Estimated FY19 based on 9/11/18 memo
 FY19 Projected Annual allotment - includes one-time 1,364,415.41 9% 1,027,992.41 336,423.00 1% -82%

Preliminary Estimated FY20 budget based on 1/17/19 memo
 FY20 Preliminary Budget 1,723,700.96 26% - 412% -9%



Priority Professional Boulevard Corridor



Professional Boulevard Bridge: Phase I
Construction Start: 2018

Professional Boulevard: Phase II
Funding Request: \$5,500,000
Construction Start: 2018

Yale Drive Extended: Phase I/II
Currently Under Construction

Professional Boulevard: Phase IV
Pending Black Line Funding Request
Construction Start: 2017

Professional Boulevard: Phase III
Construction Start: 2017

Legend

- Yale Drive Extended: Current Contract
- Professional Boulevard Phase I
- Professional Boulevard Phase II
- Professional Boulevard Phase III
- Professional Boulevard Phase IV
- Parcel Boundaries

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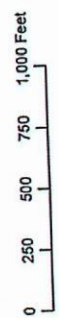
North Arrow



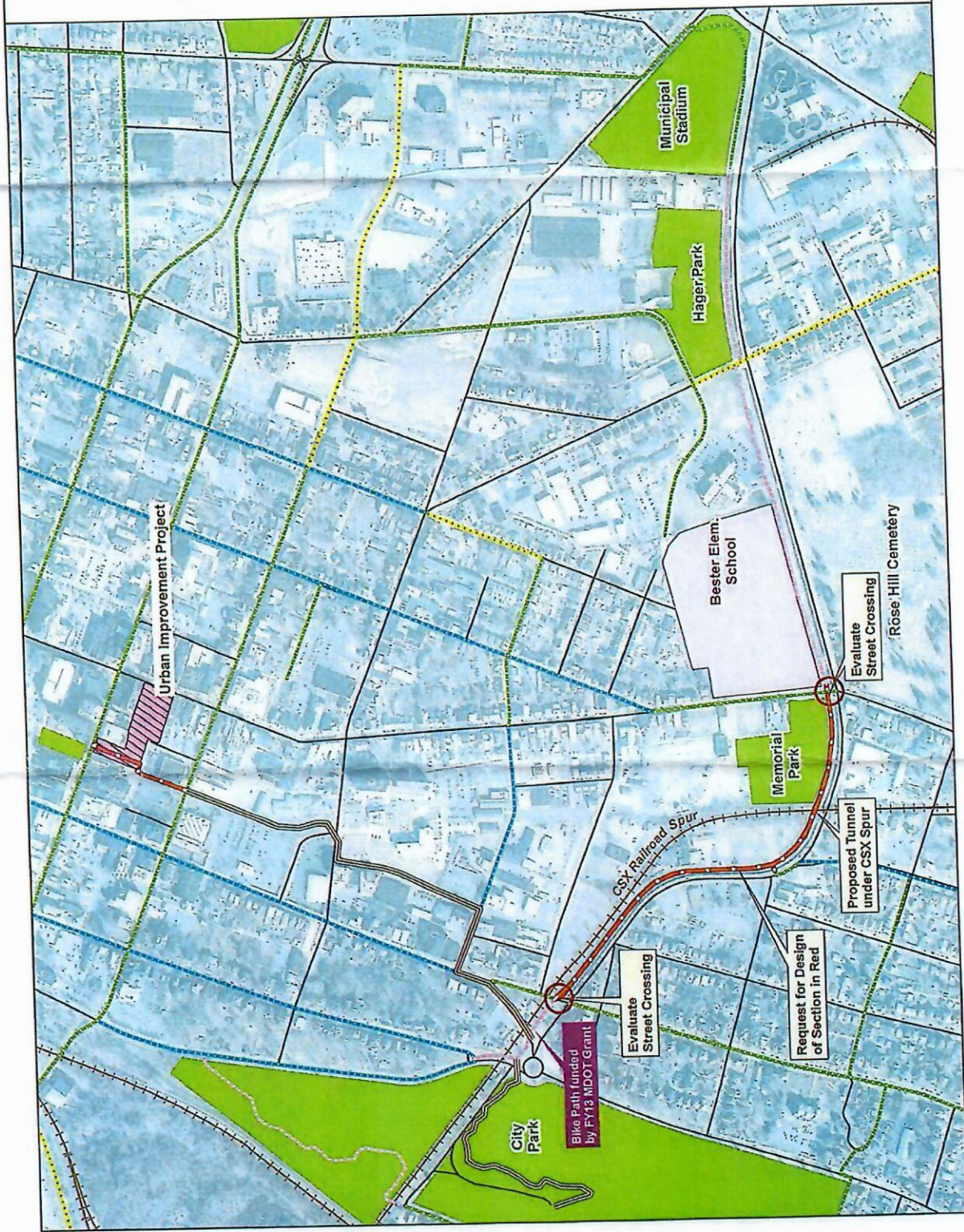
City of Hagerstown Proposed Marsh Run Trail



- Hagerstown Cultural Trail
- Railroad
- City Street
- Beester Elementary School
- Public Park
- Bicycle Routes**
- Route Type**
- Existing Shared-Use Path
- Existing On-Street Bike Lane
- Bicycle-Friendly Route
- Proposed Shared-Use Path
- Proposed Bike Lane



Map Project: 1043, State Planning Project (SPP)
 Date: 10/15/2011
 City of Hagerstown, 2011 State of MD Report, 2011
 Prepared by: Hagerstown Planning & Code Book, Inc. 2011
 (Rev. 2011)



Bike Path funded by FY13 MDOT Grant

Evaluate Street Crossing

Request for Design of Section in Red

Proposed Tunnel under CSX Spur

Evaluate Street Crossing

Rose Hill Cemetery

Beester Elem. School

Hager Park

Municipal Stadium

City Park

CSX Railroad Spur

Urban Improvement Project