

The Honorable Paul J. Wiedefeld  
Secretary  
Maryland Department of Transportation  
Office of the Secretary  
7201 Corporate Center Drive  
Hanover, Maryland 21076

**Re: Caroline County FY2025 Consolidated Transportation Program (CTP) Priorities**

Dear Secretary, Wiedefeld,

On behalf of the Caroline County Commissioners, I would like to extend our sincere appreciation for the continued collaboration between the Maryland Department of Transportation and Caroline County. We are committed to working alongside your department and the Moore Administration to advance key transportation projects that improve safety, support economic growth, and enhance quality of life for our residents. As part of the FY2025 Consolidated Transportation Program, we respectfully submit the following priority projects, which reflect both ongoing needs and urgent infrastructure concerns throughout our county.

**Priority A: Maintain and Improve Existing Infrastructure:**

The preservation and enhancement of our existing transportation infrastructure is our top priority. Many state-maintained roads throughout Caroline County require immediate attention due to deteriorating surface conditions and insufficient drainage. We request that MDOT and SHA prioritize the following:

- Comprehensive resurfacing of MD 313 from MD 404 to Federalsburg, including repairs to pavement, shoulders, and stormwater infrastructure.
- Completion of the resurfacing project on MD Route 16 from Lake Drive to the MD 404
- General resurfacing, shoulder repair, drainage improvement, and signage upgrades across Caroline County's state road network.

Timely investment in these areas will help avoid further deterioration, reduce maintenance costs, and significantly improve travel conditions for our residents and businesses.

**Priority B: Widen MD 404 from Harmony Road to MD 16 East:**

Caroline County continues to prioritize the final phase of the MD 404 dualization. Previous phases have led to improved traffic flow and reduced accidents, demonstrating the importance of completing the corridor. We request that MDOT:

- Begin preliminary planning and design
- Allocate funding for engineering and right-of-way acquisition
- Engage with local stakeholders for project coordination

This segment is essential for ensuring safe and efficient east-west travel across the mid-shore region.

**Priority C: Rebuild and Resurface MD 454 (Crownstone Road) – Marydel to Templeville:**

MD 454 is a vital connector for residents in the western part of the county and serves as a gateway to Queen Anne’s County. This route has seen substantial wear and requires resurfacing and structural upgrades to ensure safe and dependable travel.

**Priority D: Rebuild and Resurface MD 313 – Greensboro to Goldsboro:**

This portion of MD 313 is a major north-south route within the county and is essential for local mobility and emergency response. Resurfacing and drainage improvements are necessary to restore safe travel conditions and extend the life of the corridor.

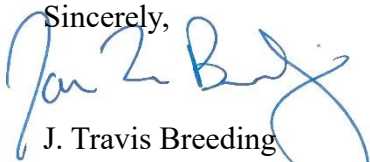
We remain committed to working closely with your office and the State Highway Administration to advance these priorities. We believe these projects align with the Moore Administration’s goals of improving transportation equity, safety, and sustainability throughout Maryland’s rural communities.

**Priority E: Restripe MD 317 and Right Turn Lane**

We propose restriping MD 317 (Burnsville Road) at the intersection of MD 313 to add a right turn lane. This improvement will help enhance traffic flow and improve safety for all drivers.

Thank you once again for your continued partnership and leadership.

Sincerely,



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President, Caroline County Commissioners