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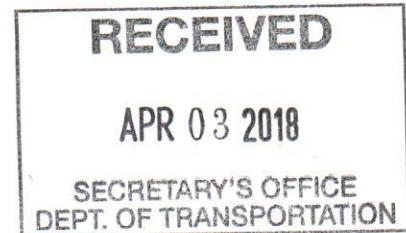
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The Honorable Pete K. Rahn  
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RE: Kent County 2018 Transportation Priority Letter

Dear Secretary Rahn:

We would like to thank the staff of the Maryland Department of Transportation for its continued cooperation and support in meeting the transportation needs of the County. As the Chesapeake Bay Crossing Study (Tier 1 NEPA) has begun in earnest, the County would like to reaffirm its continued opposition to any proposal for a north Bay Bridge crossing with a terminus in Kent County and supports HB1199 completely. The County's position in this regard is based on its long-standing Comprehensive Plan strategies dating back to 1974.

While our position remains unflappable, the County would like to express its appreciation of MDTA staff's outreach efforts and their attendance at the County's Bay Bridge Monitoring Committee meeting. This Committee has been reconstituted to carefully track, record, and report on the study, legislation, or other affiliated aspects of this process and study outlined.

The County Commissioners, in cooperation with the municipalities in Kent County, present the following priority listing of transportation projects for your consideration.

- ❖ Construction, Engineering, and Project Planning Priorities
  - ◆ Chester River Bridge Crossing – aka Chester River Boulevard (This project has been entered in the MDOT Chapter 30 Portal.)
- ❖ Streetscape Priorities
  - ◆ Millington - Cypress Street
  - ◆ Butlertown and Worton – Maryland Routes 298 and 297 – sidewalks, drainage improvements, and traffic calming
- ❖ Trail and Pedestrian Priorities
  - ◆ Sidewalks and pedestrian walkways along Flatland Road



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- ♦ Engineering and design for pedestrian and bicycling connections on Quaker Neck Road in order to facilitate safe crossings between the Chestertown waterfront and downtown areas, to include the Rail Trail
- ♦ Maryland Route 289 to Radcliffe Creek bike/pedestrian improvements for connections to the water trail
- ♦ Rock Hall Trail System and sidewalk expansion around the waterfront
- ♦ Addition of bike lanes during resurfacing projects

Thank you for your consideration of these transportation priorities in Kent County. We look forward to working cooperatively with the Maryland Department of Transportation on the planning and implementation of these important local transportation improvements.

Very truly yours,

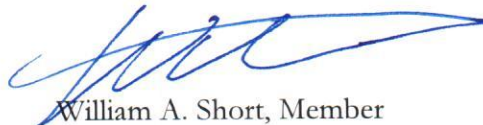
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