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March 26, 2024



The Honorable Paul J. Wiedefeld
Secretary, Maryland Department of Transportation
P.O. Box 548
7201 Corporate Center Drive
Hanover, MD 21706

RE: Kent County 2024 Transportation Priority Letter

Dear Secretary Wiedefeld:

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. The County would like to reaffirm its continued opposition to any proposal for a north Bay Bridge crossing with a terminus in Kent County. The County's position in this regard is based on its long-standing Comprehensive Plan strategies dating back to 1974 and its affiliated Land Use designations.

In cooperation with the local municipalities in Kent County, Maryland, the Board of County Commissioners presents 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.)
- US 301 Toll Diversion Coordination Actions in coordination with Cecil County, Maryland
- Streetscape Priorities
 - Betterton**
 - Re-stamping of crosswalk at intersection of Main Street and 6th Avenue
 - Butlertown, Worton and Still Pond**
 - MD 298, 297, and 292 – sidewalks, drainage improvements, and traffic calming
 - Sidewalks to connect Kent County High School with Butlertown neighborhood
 - Chestertown**
 - The safety and speed recommendations of the 2015 Chestertown Community Task Force Report: Issues and Recommendations Regarding State Roads (completed under the assistance of the SHA District 2 office)
 - Speed awareness and recording devices (permanent) on MD 213
 - Pedestrian sidewalk connections on Washington Avenue (MD 213) and Morgnec Road (MD 291)

- Safe pedestrian crosswalk connection on MD 291 at Haacke Drive for pedestrians and bikers going to and from the Chestertown YMCA and the nearby shopping centers

Galena

- Repave Rt. 290 E from traffic light in the center of town to Fire House entrance. Numerous potholes and blisters in pavement
- Drainage improvements needed in the vicinity of 145 N. Main St. on the east and west side of the street
- Extension of sidewalks along Rt. 290 E from Town Hall to the Firehouse and entrance of the Olivet Hill Community
- Construction of a safe walk/bike trail along 213 N from the Town to Toal Park and Georgetown to improve pedestrian/bicyclist safety

Millington

- Speed safety concern along Galena Sassafras Road; decrease speed limit entering Town
- Inspection and necessary repairs to the small bridge on the east edge of Town
- Repair storm drain retaining wall that has collapsed on Sassafras Street
- Replace culvert pipes at the entrances to 172 Sassafras Street (formerly the Millington Elementary School)

Rock Hall

- Pedestrian crosswalk at Judefind Ave to Williams Ave across Rock Hall Ave (MD 20)
- Install four-way stop signs at Main Street (MD 445) and E Sharp St / W Sharp St, and open the intersection up for better visibility (move power line poles and trees)
- widen the intersection of MD 445 and entrance of Chesapeake Ave
- Drainage improvements in the vicinity of MD 20 and Beach Road
- Pothole repairs needed on Liberty St, Chesapeake Ave, E / W Sharp St
- Repaint all crosswalk lines

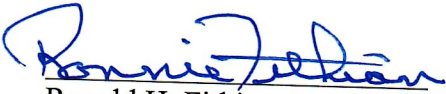
•• Trail and Pedestrian Priorities

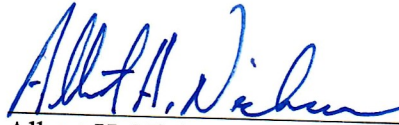
- Sidewalks and pedestrian walkways along Flatland Road
- Engineering and design for pedestrian and bicycling connections on Quaker Neck Road in order to facilitate safe crossings between the Chestertown waterfront and downtown areas, to include the Rail Trail
- MD 289 to Radcliffe Creek bike/pedestrian improvements for connections to water trail
- Rock Hall Trail System and sidewalk expansion around the waterfront:
 - Rock Hall sidewalk - biking Bayside Ave
 - Rock Hall sidewalk - biking Chesapeake Ave
 - Rock Hall sidewalk - biking Lawton Ave
- Addition of bike lanes during resurfacing projects

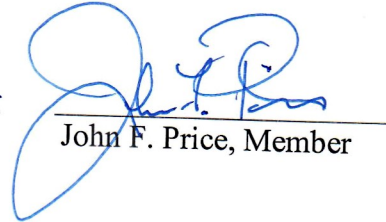
Thank you for your consideration of these transportation priorities in Kent County. We look forward to working cooperatively with the Maryland Department of Transportation on the planning and implementation of these important local transportation improvements.

Sincerely,

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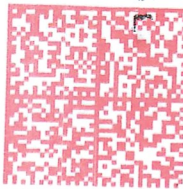
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