



CAROLINECOUNTY
you belong here
CAROLINE COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OFFICE

JAMES TRAVIS BREEDING, PRESIDENT
LARRY C. PORTER, VICE PRESIDENT
NORMAN FRANKLIN BARTZ, III., COMMISSIONER
109 Market Street, Room 123
Denton, Maryland 21629

April 14, 2026

Kathryn B. Thomson, Esq.
Secretary of Transportation
Harry R. Hughes Dept of Transportation Building
7201 Corporate Center Drive
Hanover, Maryland 21076-0548



Re: Caroline County 2026 Consolidated Transportation Program (CTP) Priorities

Dear Secretary Thomson,

The Caroline County Commissioners value the strong working relationship we share with the Maryland Department of Transportation and appreciate your continued engagement with our community. As we look ahead to the Fiscal Year 2026 Consolidated Transportation Program, we are focused on advancing practical, high-impact transportation improvements that address current system deficiencies while supporting long-term regional mobility.

Caroline County's priorities reflect the realities of a rural transportation network that must safely accommodate daily commuters, agricultural operations, and commercial traffic. The following projects represent the County's most pressing transportation needs:

Priority A: Core System Upkeep and Roadway Improvements

Ensuring the reliability and safety of existing roadways remains essential. Several state routes within Caroline County are in need of resurfacing and related upgrades to maintain safe and efficient travel. We respectfully request that MDOT and the State Highway Administration prioritize:

- Resurfacing of MD 313 from MD 404 to Federalsburg, including pavement and shoulder improvements
- Completion of the MD 16 resurfacing project from Lake Drive to MD 404
- Continued investment in resurfacing, shoulder repair, and signage improvements across the County's state-maintained road network

Addressing these needs will help preserve roadway conditions, improve safety, and minimize more costly repairs in the future.

OFFICE OF THE COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

Katheleen Freeman, County Administrator | Daniel Fox, Deputy Administrator | R. Stewart Barroll, County Attorney
109 Market Street, Room 123 | Denton, Maryland 21629 | (410) 479-0660 | info@carolinemd.org

Priority B: MD 404 Dualization – Harmony Road to MD 16 East

Completion of the final segment of MD 404 remains a critical regional priority. Past improvements along this corridor have led to safer travel and more consistent traffic flow. We respectfully request that MDOT advance this effort by:

- Initiating planning and design activities
- Identifying funding for engineering and right-of-way acquisition
- Coordinating with local partners throughout project development

Advancing this segment will strengthen east-west connectivity and support continued growth across the Mid-Shore.

Priority C: MD 454 (Crownstone Road) – Marydel to Templeville

MD 454 continues to serve as an important link for residents and businesses traveling between Caroline and Queen Anne's counties. Due to its condition, this roadway requires resurfacing and structural improvements to maintain dependable travel.

Priority D: MD 313 – Greensboro to Goldsboro

As a primary north-south route, this section of MD 313 plays a key role in local travel and emergency response. Resurfacing efforts are needed to improve roadway conditions and ensure continued functionality of this corridor.

Priority E: MD 317 (Burrsville Road) – Intersection Improvements at MD 313

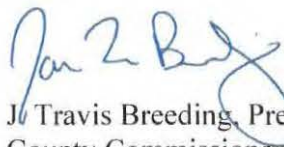
We request consideration of restriping at the intersection of MD 317 and MD 313 to introduce a dedicated right-turn lane. This targeted improvement would help streamline traffic movement and reduce congestion.

Priority F: Intersection Safety Improvements – MD 16 & Double Hills Road

We recommend evaluating a staggered left-turn configuration at this intersection to address ongoing safety concerns. Current traffic patterns create challenges for vehicles entering MD 404, and this adjustment would help improve overall operations.

Caroline County remains committed to working in partnership with MDOT to advance transportation solutions that are practical, cost-effective, and responsive to the needs of our residents and businesses. We appreciate your consideration of these priorities and look forward to continued collaboration.

Sincerely,



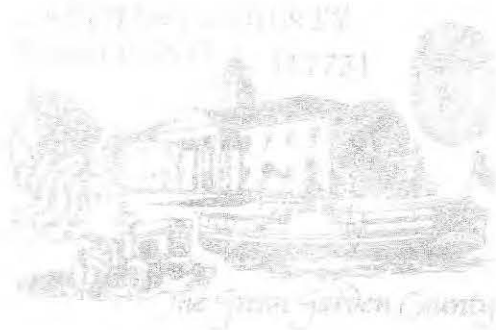
J. Travis Breeding, President
County Commissioners of Caroline County

OFFICE OF THE COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

Katheleen Freeman, County Administrator | Daniel Fox, Deputy Administrator | R. Stewart Barroll, County Attorney
109 Market Street, Room 123 | Denton, Maryland 21629 | (410) 479-0660 | info@carolinemd.org

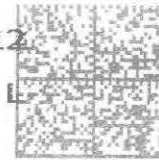
**caroline county
commissioners**

COURTHOUSE
109 MARKET STREET, ROOM 123
DENTON, MARYLAND 21629



BALTIMORE MD 212

16 APR 2026 PM 4 L



US POSTAGE PAID BY ADDRESSEE



ZIP 21629 \$ 000.74⁰
02 4W
0000381385 APR 14 2026

Kathryn B. Thomson, Esq
Secretary of Transportation
Harry R. Hughes Dept of Transportation Bldg
7201 Corporate Center Drive
Hanover, Maryland 21076-0548

21076-141501

