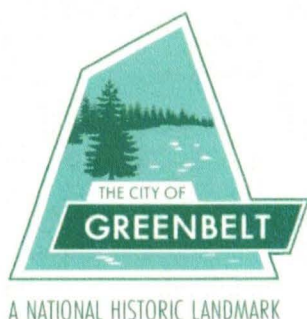




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Ms. Katie Thomson
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RE: Draft FY 2027-2032 Consolidated Transportation Program (CTP)

Dear Secretary Thomson:

The Greenbelt City Council has had the opportunity to review the State's Draft Consolidated Transportation Program (CTP) for fiscal years 2027-2032 and offers the following comments:

The City supports the vision, goals, and priorities of the Maryland Transportation Plan, particularly those with emphasis on safety, capacity improvements, sustainability and zero emissions, economic development, public transit and transit-oriented development, equity, and pedestrian and bicycle travel.

The City would like to reiterate its appreciation for the inclusion and/or increase in funding for the following projects:

- Engineering and construction funding for a **full interchange at the Greenbelt Metro Station** and the State's support for attracting and fighting to keep the FBI Headquarters to Prince George's County. The County and City have long advocated for this project to advance regardless of the FBI relocation decision. The Greenbelt Metro site is ideally suited for transit-oriented development, and ensuring it is served by a full interchange is critical to attracting and supporting high-quality growth of this kind. The City has been informed that this project has been delayed an additional year. The City wants to stress the importance of moving this project forward regardless of the status of the FBI Headquarters. If the investment in infrastructure is in place, it will make attracting a new tenant and/or additional transit oriented development more viable.
- The City applauds the increase of \$6.4 million [estimated total of \$8.88 million] through FY 2028 to advance preliminary engineering of **Segments 2 and 3 of the US 1, Baltimore Avenue** project.
- The City appreciates the \$11 million increase in funding from the 2026-2031 Final CTP for **Bicycle and Pedestrian Related Projects & Transportation Alternative Program**. These programs are particularly important to municipal governments to support the safety, access, and equity goals of local governments for all roadway users.

Concerning the **I-270 Eisenhower Memorial Highway and I-495 Capital Beltway – Phase 1 South** project:

- The City acknowledges the changes in scope over the last few years to include additional multi-modal aspects of this project along with the replacement of the American Legion Bridge. However, the City would like to restate its strong

opposition to any alternatives that involve widening I-495. Widening the highway will do little to address the region's congestion, but will have high environmental, human, and financial costs.

The City's requests the following projects be added to the FY 2027-2032 CTP:

- The City requests that funding be allocated for planning and engineering for **MD 193 – Greenbelt Road Streetscape Improvement project** (referred to by the County as the **MD 193 – University Boulevard project**), which was placed on hold in 2002 and remains excluded from the CTP over a decade after being removed, despite being a high-priority project for Prince George's County. While being a critical local and regional corridor, Greenbelt Road primarily accommodates motorists. The City, along with its neighboring municipalities, has engaged, and continues to engage, in planning activities to identify how this critical roadway can be improved to include streetscape improvements and pedestrian and bicycle improvements. The City requests that this very important project for the State, County, and local communities be added to the CTP and funding allocated to planning and engineering.
- With the completion of the related feasibility studies, the City requests that funding be programmed for planning and engineering for **Segments 1-4 of the Greenbelt East Trail (GET)**.

The City remains fully supportive of the following projects:

- The State's continued support for the construction of the **Purple Line** and investment in the **WMATA Metrorail System**. The City notes that additional mitigations are needed during construction on roads like East-West Highway so that people travelling by foot, by bike, via transit, and in cars may do so safely.
- The State's continued support for **Zero Emission Buses** and related infrastructure. However, the State should work to reduce funding for clean diesel buses because it conflicts with the goals of the program.
- Maintained funding in this Draft CTP for the **Prince George's County Local Bus Program**. The City would also like to see additional opportunities for **Locally Operated Transit Systems (LOTS)** to enhance transit services with grant funding focused on developing microtransit.

Thank you for the opportunity to review and comment on the draft CTP. If you have any questions, please contact Ryan Sigworth AICP, Community Planner II, at (240) 542-2042 or at rsigworth@greenbeltmd.gov.

Sincerely,



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