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The Honorable Kathryn Thomson, Acting Secretary
Maryland Department of Transportation
Office of the Secretary
7201 Corporate Center Drive
Hanover, Maryland 21076



Re: Dorchester County – Priorities List – 2027-2032 Consolidated Transportation Plan

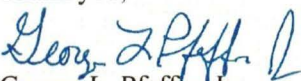
Dear Secretary Thomson:

On behalf of the Dorchester County Council, I respectfully request the following local transportation priorities to be considered for the 2027-2032 Consolidated Transportation Plan:

- 1) **MD 313 Eldorado Road and MD 14 Puckum Road, Eldorado, Maryland – Intersection Drainage**
Address drainage issues at the intersection of MD 313 (Eldorado Road) and MD 14 (Puckum Road). Improvements will reduce roadway flooding, enhance safety, and ensure reliable travel for residents and emergency services.
- 2) **West Side Connector**
Advance the planning and development of the West Side Connector. This project will improve traffic flow, enhance connectivity, and support future growth in the surrounding areas.
- 3) **MD 16 Main Street, East New Market – Truck Detour**
Establish and improve a designated truck detour route to reduce heavy truck traffic along MD 16 (Main Street) in East New Market. The Town, chartered in 1660 and listed on the National Register of Historic Places, contains numerous historic homes along this corridor. Increased truck traffic traveling to the county landfill has raised concerns among residents, including structural impacts to historic properties and declining quality of life.
- 4) **Hurlock to Linkwood Railroad Corridor**
Repair and reactivation of the rail line between Linkwood and Hurlock. Restoring this corridor will strengthen regional freight movement, support existing industries, and promote future industrial growth.
- 5) **Malkus Bridge Pedestrian Underpass, Cambridge, MD – Repair & Reopen**
Repair and reopening of the pedestrian underpass beneath the US 50 Malkus Bridge. This section of the boardwalk provides residents and visitors with a safe, accessible route across US 50, enhancing connectivity and extending pedestrian access within the community.

If you have any questions, please contact the Council's Office at (410) 228-1700 or info@dorchestermd.gov.

Thank you,


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