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The Honorable Kathryn B. Thomson
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RE: Kent County 2026 Transportation Priority Letter

Dear Secretary Thomson:

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 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.)

•• 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

- Crosswalk at intersection of Flatland Road and Route 20/High Street Extended
- Crosswalk on Quaker Neck Road at Wilmer Park
- Crosswalk on Morgnec Road in the vicinity of Haacke Drive
- Traffic study at intersection of Cross Street and Cannon Street
- Traffic study working with the town along MD 213 from the crossing at Morgnec Road to Washington Square Shopping Center

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Galena

- Repave MD 213 from the traffic light intersection north to Town limits at Mill Lane. Numerous potholes exist in both directions.
- Repave entire traffic light intersection. Numerous gaping potholes exist in all four directions.
- Repave entrance to Dogwood Plaza (119 N. Main Street) as gaping pothole currently exists.
- Installation of flashing pedestrian beacons at the following crosswalks:
 - S. Main Street – School Crosswalk
 - N. Main Street – Dogwood Plaza Entrance Crosswalk
 - N. Main Street – St. Dennis Catholic Church Crosswalk
 - W. Cross Street – Briscoe Manor Entrance Crosswalk
- Installation of automated speed-enforcement cameras at existing posted speed limit signs in the following areas:
 - South Main Street school zone
 - North Main Street corridor
 - West Cross Street residential zone
 - East Cross Street residential zone
- Address surface drainage issues in the vicinity of 145 N. Main Street.
- Extension of sidewalks along MD 290 E from Town Hall to the Firehouse and entrance of the Olivet Hill Community.

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

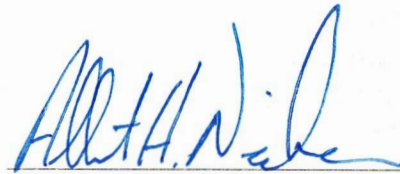
- Sidewalks and pedestrian walkways along Flatland Road
- Construction of a safe walk/bike trail along 213 N from the Town to Toal Park and Georgetown to improve pedestrian/bicyclist safety.

- 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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