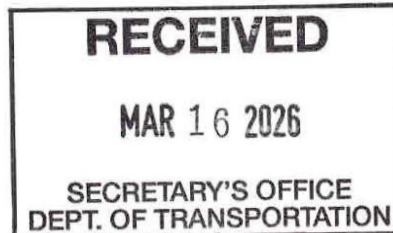




TOWN OF NORTH EAST

March 4, 2026

Paul J. Wiedefeld, Secretary
Maryland Department of Transportation
7201 Corporate Center Drive
Hanover, MD 21076



Re: Town of North East, Cecil County 2026 Annual Transportation Priorities

Dear Secretary Wiedefeld,

The Town of North East respectfully submits the following priorities below for consideration and inclusion in your final 2026 Consolidated Transportation Program.

CONSTRUCTION PROJECTS:

1. BRIDGE - MD ROUTE 7 - (WEST CECIL AVENUE/W. OLD PHILADELPHIA ROAD)

- Widen the bridge to accommodate pedestrians, a bicycle lane, and pedestrian lighting.
- Interim Plan – put in place a pedestrian bridge alongside the vehicular bridge

2. PAVING – North and South Main Street (Route 272)

- Mill and pave 720 LF +/- North Main Street
- Mill and pave 3,320 LF +/- South Main Street

3. SIDEWALK - MD ROUTE 7 - (EAST CECIL AVENUE/E. OLD PHILADELPHIA ROAD)

- Install 5,825 LF +/- pedestrian sidewalks and bicycle lane from the existing sidewalk on the north side of East Cecil Avenue to the main entrance of Ridgely Forest on E. Old Philadelphia Road.

4. SIDEWALK – MD ROUTE 7 – (EAST CECIL AVENUE/E. OLD PHILADELPHIA ROAD)

- Install 300 LF +/- pedestrian sidewalk and bicycle lane from the existing sidewalk on the north side of East Cecil Avenue between the intersection at Mauldin Avenue and the intersection at North Main Street.

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5. SIDEWALK – US ROUTE 40 – (EAST SIDE OF MD ROUTE 40)

- Install 1,615 LF +/- pedestrian sidewalk between the intersection of US Route 40 and MD Route 272 to the intersection of US Route 40 and Sycamore Drive.

6. SIDEWALK – MAULDIN AVENUE AT JETHRO STREET

- Install 140 LF +/- pedestrian sidewalk at the intersection of Mauldin Avenue at Jethro Street to the south side of the bridge over the North East Creek.

8. TRAFFIC CALMING - ON MAULDIN AVE. BETWEEN THOMAS AVE. AND MD ROUTE 7

- Install traffic calming device(s) on Mauldin Avenue between Thomas Avenue and MD Route 7.

9. PEDESTRIAN AND BICYCLE FUNDING OPPORTUNITIES-THROUGHOUT TOWN

- Funding opportunities to implement intermodal access, use of public transit services by pedestrian, bicyclists along with improvements to provide access between water borne modes of travel and travel options on land.

2. MARC TRAIN SERVICE

- Review the impacts of Rail Service in North East for the future installation of the MARC Train Service in North East.

Again, thank you for your consideration of these transportation priorities for our Town. We would welcome the opportunity to meet with you or members of your staff to discuss any or all of these projects in detail.

Sincerely yours,

Kelly Benson

Mayor



Cc: Mr. Al Miller, President Cecil County Council

Mr. Kenny Fender, SHA District 2 Engineer

Mr. Richard Baker, SHA District 2 Engineer

Mr. Stephen O'Connor, Land Use and Development Services Director

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