



# CITY OF HAGERSTOWN, MARYLAND

The Honorable Robert E. Bruchey, II

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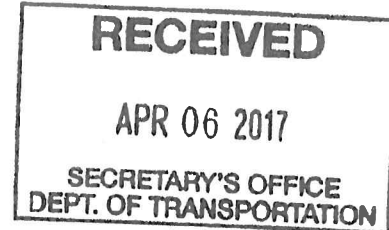
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March 28, 2017

MD Department of Transportation  
Attn: Pete Rahn, Secretary of Transportation  
P.O. Box 548  
7201 Corporate Center Drive  
Hanover, MD 21076 - 0548

RE: Mayor & Council Transportation Priorities  
2017 MDOT Consolidated Transportation Plan



Dear Secretary Rahn:

"Thank you" for being such a strong supporter of our community. As you prepare the Consolidated Transportation Plan, I am pleased to submit to you the Mayor & Council's list of priority transportation items based on the discussion at our March 21, 2017 meeting:

- Highway User Revenues:** This revenue is essential for us to maintain the street network throughout the City. We request that funding be returned to FY09 levels plus inflationary adjustment. Attached is a chart of our share of funds in recent years. Historically we received close to \$2 million annually. For FY18, our allocation is only \$340,998.
- I-81 Widening:** This corridor is crucial to the economy of our area and the frequent accidents on I-81 have both a physical and perceived negative impacts on Hagerstown. We are grateful that SHA is widening I-81 from the Potomac River bridge to approximately Route 11. However, we advocate for the widening of all 12 miles to the Pennsylvania line over the next ten (10) years.
- Eastern Boulevard Corridor Improvements:** We support this Washington County led, multi-phase project to improve Eastern Boulevard that will be a multi-modal transportation system connecting US Route 40, Maryland Route 64, and Maryland Route 60. We further support the construction of Professional Boulevard and we anticipate we will financially support the construction of Phase I (shown in red on the attached map) provided it yields an opportunity for us to expand our tax base. Professional Boulevard traffic studies clearly show that it will disperse traffic and reducing traffic volumes on State routes.
- US Route 40 (Dual Highway) Pedestrian Issues:** Our Engineering, Planning, and Police staff have all endorsed the "*Pedestrian Safety Study and Audit*" for US 40 between Cannon Avenue and Redwood Circle as prepared by the HEPMPO and we request the implementation of this plan by the State Highway Administration as soon as possible. We share your concerns about the high rate of pedestrian deaths in the State, several of which occurred on this short section of highway in the last two years. The HEPMO study provides specific ways to make the Dual Highway more compliant with the Americans with Disabilities Act and provide safer, alternative modes of travel for our population, especially those without motor vehicles.



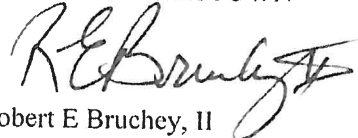
5. We strongly support and ask for continued funding from the "alternative" transportation funding programs including:

- **Bikeways Grants:** We recently completed a new Bicycle Master Plan and we will be seeking a grant to continue to improve our award-winning bicycle infrastructure;
- **Transportation Alternatives Program:** We recently received a \$200,000 grant for the final design of the Marsh Run Trail. This trail will become a key element in the City's expanding bicycle and pedestrian network. Upon completion, the trail will provide a continuous bicycle and pedestrian corridor along the southern edge of the City's urban core, and will connect with the Hagerstown Cultural Trail (that connects City Park and our downtown A & E District). Please see attached map;
- **Retrofit Sidewalk Installation:** We appreciate the sidewalk that was constructed in our community by the program, most recently on Burhans Boulevard. Other future uses of these funds would be the Dual Highway (see #4 above), Route 65 near South High, and Route 40 in the extreme west end of the City;
- **Safe Routes to School Program:** We also appreciate that we have benefitted from seven grants that we were fortunate enough to obtain through this program and they have significantly improved accessibility around our many educational institutions. We plan to apply for a grant in the upcoming cycle.

On behalf of the Mayor & Council, I would like to express our sincere appreciation for your consideration of our priorities and for the work that MDOT is already doing to improve transportation in our community. If you have any questions or need additional information before the tour meeting date, please do not hesitate to contact our City Engineer, Mr. Rodney Tissue at 301-739-8577 extension 128, or [rtissue@hagerstownmd.org](mailto:rtissue@hagerstownmd.org)

Sincerely,

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Attachments: Recent history of HUR, Professional Boulevard plan, Marsh Run Trail map

c: City Council  
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Rodney Tissue, City Engineer  
Kathy Maher, Planning Director  
Anthony Crawford, District Engineer, MDSHA District 6  
Rob Slocum, County Administrator  
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Matt Mullenax

**City of Hagerstown**  
**State Shared Taxes: State Highway User Revenue Detail**  
**as of February 14, 2017**

	Total	Yearly Change Over FY09	One-Time Allotments	Annual Allocation	Yearly Change Over FY09
FY09 Actual	1,899,839.05			1,899,839.05	
FY10 Actual	217,621.80	-89%		217,621.80	-89%
FY11 Actual	161,387.12	-26%		161,387.12	-26%
FY12 Actual	469,325.59	191%		469,325.59	191%
FY13 Actual	301,934.70	-36%		301,934.70	-36%
FY14 Actual - includes one-time allotment	1,039,879.51	244%	722,881.83	316,997.68	5%
FY15 Actual - includes one-time allotment	1,081,978.18	4%	748,955.36	333,022.82	5%
FY16 Actual - includes one-time allotment	1,224,207.10	13%	884,465.39	339,741.71	2%
<b>Estimated FY17 based on 9/15/16 memo</b>					
FY17 Projected Annual allotment - includes one-time	1,210,254.03	-1%	873,766.19	336,487.84	-1%
<b>Estimated FY18 budget based on 9/15/16 memo</b>					
FY18 Budget Annual allotment - includes one-time	340,997.68	-72%	TBD/Unknown	340,997.68	1%