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Ms. Beverly K. Swaim-Staley
Secretary of Transportation
Maryland Department of Transportation
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Re: Harford County Transportation Priorities

Dear Secretary Swaim-Staley:

In an effort to focus our efforts, Harford County has established a number of immediate priorities for transportation. These priorities are consistent with previous requests and identify necessary improvements to meet the needs of our BRAC related challenges. However, it is important to note that this past budget cycle experienced an unprecedented 90% reduction in the Highway User Revenue fund in Harford County. It is imperative that a strategic and financial plan be communicated to restore these funds. A continued loss of these funds would create a long term detrimental impact to the infrastructure needs of Harford County.

We believe the following projects should be considered a higher priority for the State due to their importance associated with BRAC and Aberdeen Proving Ground. Specifically, the intersection improvements of:

- MD 715/US 40
- US 40/MD 159/MD 7
- MD 22/MD 132
- US 40/MD 22
- MD 22/Beards Hill Road
- US 40/ MD 543
- US 40/MD 155

The State and County has worked diligently on a number of issues that initiated a lot of public participation and staff hours. In establishing our priorities, concerns continue to be raised regarding an improvement to the east-west movement from the Aberdeen Proving Ground to

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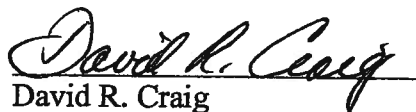
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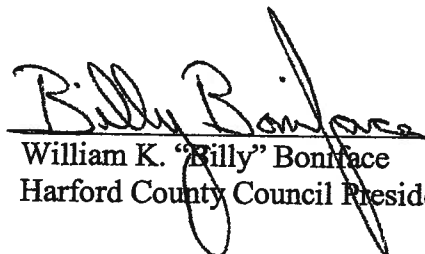
points west/north and south. Several long term priorities have been established including capacity enhancements to MD 22 from APG to MD 543, MD 715 extended, and a multi-modal facility near Aberdeen Proving Ground.

Increased traffic volumes continue to stress the roadway network in and around the Town of Bel Air. The dualization of the Bel Air bypass has been an anticipated highway project for a number of years. The construction funding for the Bel Air bypass dualization, including the interchange improvements with MD 24 and MD 924 continue to be a priority for Harford County.

We would like to thank the Maryland Department of Transportation for its continued cooperation with our County employees and for the support it has provided while meeting the transportation needs of the area. We are very grateful that the Department has preserved the funding for improvements to the MD 24/I-95 interchange improvements. However, there are concerns with the status of construction of the Edgewood MARC train station improvements.

Cordially,


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