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April 9, 2015

Pete K. Rahn, Secretary
Maryland Department of Transportation
7201 Corporate Center Drive
Post Office Box 548
Hanover, Maryland 21076

Re: Dorchester County Highway Priorities 2015

Dear Secretary Rahn:

The Dorchester County Council is submitting the following list of potential transportation improvements along State Highways in Dorchester County for future State of Maryland funding consideration.

The following is a list of projects that have previously been requested since 2007.

- MD Route 343 (Washington Street) between U.S. Route 50 and Crusader Road – heavy volumes of peak hour and summer traffic leaving, crossing and entering U.S. Route 50. The geometric configuration of this corridor coupled with the heavy traffic volumes creates serious capacity and safety issues. Improvements such as geometric reconfiguration, widening and additional signalization should be considered.
- MD Route 343 (Washington Street) between Leonards Lane and U.S. Route 50 – increased volumes of traffic from Neck District and development in west Cambridge will continue to add to congestion problems. Widening of the section is needed or a new bypass from MD Route 343 to Bayly Road/MD Route 16 would eliminate this bottleneck.
- MD Route 16 from Dailsville Road to U.S. Route 50 – continued development in the area of Cambridge will increase the volume and congestion along this section of roadway. Future improvements and/or preliminary design of improvements should be considered.
- Woods Road from U.S. Route 50 to MD Route 16 – presently a County maintained roadway. MD Route 16 improvements should consider converting this section of Woods Road to a

State Highway as it is heavily utilized as access between U.S. Route 50 and MD Route 16 as well as access to the State Hospital.

- Church Creek Streetscape Project – provide funding for design finalization and construction.
- Road Reconstruction
 - US Route 50 between MD 16 and Old Ocean Gateway, access control improvements;
 - MD 14 between MD 331 and MD 313, two lane reconstruct;
 - MD 16 between US 50 and MD 392, divided highway reconstruct;
 - MD 16 between MD 392 and north limits of East New Market, two lane reconstruct;
 - MD 16 between north limits of East New Market and 0.7 miles south of MD 331, two lane reconstruct.

In addition we would like to bring your attention to the following highway concerns that need to be addressed:

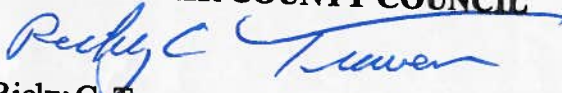
- Provisions for a bicycle lane on Golden Hill Road (MD 335) in the Blackwater Refuge area, from Key Wallace Drive to Gootees Marina.
- Repaving of MD 331 through the Town of Hurlock.
- Neilson Street, Town of Hurlock. This street is presently Town maintained. The street should become part of the State Road system as it is heavily utilized by truck traffic for access between State Routes MD 392 and MD 307 to avoid driving through Town on State Route MD 331.
- Correction of visibility issues for traffic crossing U.S. Route 50 in the area of Whitehall, Elks Lodge and Percy May Roads (associated with installation of guardrails).
- Correction of access limitations for farm equipment to access property along U.S. Route 50 between Big Mill Pond and Town of Vienna (associated with recent installation of guardrails).
- Brookview Bridge-resurfacing of deck, bridge paved width is a concern and does not accommodate modern equipment.
- Addition of a deceleration lane on U.S. Route 50 after traveling over the Frederick C. Malkus Bridge into the City of Cambridge.
- The City of Cambridge's Welcome Gateway project.

- Sailwinds wharf replacement project.
- Placement of Snow Emergency signs along Main Street through the Town of Secretary.
- Reduction of the posted speed limit on Main Street in Secretary to 25 m.p.h.-same speed through the Town of East New Market.
- Address visibility issues at Willow and Main Street and Academy and Main Street in Secretary.
- U.S. Route 50 in Linkwood-Turns off of westbound U.S. Route 50 to access the Perdue Grain Tower via Vincent Road are hazardous-County appreciates cutting back U.S. Route 50 eastbound roadside and installing flashing lights but would like to see some improved access.
- General maintenance of rail crossings.
- MD Route 392 intersection with MD Route 331 in the Town of Hurlock-high accident intersection that needs traffic control or design improvements.
- Repair timber boardwalk at Sailwinds Park Visitor Center.
- Install air conditioning in outside restrooms at the Sailwinds Park Visitor's Center.

Your cooperation and assistance is greatly appreciated. Should you or your staff have any questions, please contact this office.

Sincerely,

DORCHESTER COUNTY COUNCIL


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