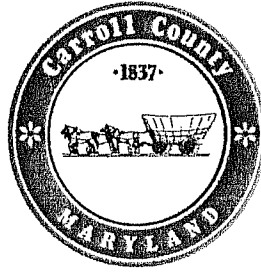


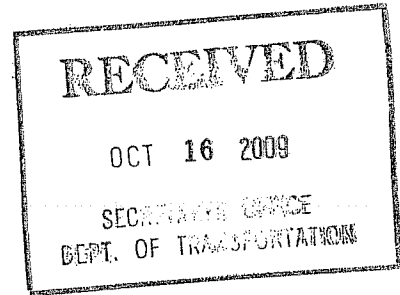
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October 15, 2009



The Honorable Beverley K. Swaim-Staley, Secretary
Maryland Department of Transportation (MDOT)
7201 Corporate Center Drive
P. O. Box 548
Hanover, Maryland 21076

RE: 2009-2010 MDOT Transportation Priorities
Carroll County, Maryland

Dear Secretary Swaim-Staley:

The attached priority listing of state transportation projects is intended to serve as a prioritized transportation improvement guide in accord with the parameters contained in the Transportation Article, Section 8-610 through 8-631, of the Annotated Code of Maryland. The Board of Carroll County Commissioners (the Board) and the local Delegation present the priority listing for your consideration.

The listed projects represent local priorities for the highway system in terms of construction, final engineering and right-of-way acquisition, project planning starts, and neighborhood conservation. Funding for the itemized projects affords the best opportunities for Carroll County in terms of safety enhancements, community preservation and revitalization, economic development, and congestion relief.

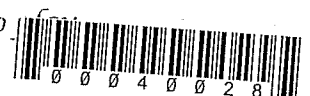
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The attached priority listing includes the following locally significant projects in their respective categories:

- Construction Priority: MD 140 Reconstruction – Sullivan Road to Market Street
- Final Engineering and Right-of-Way Acquisition: MD 26 Corridor Improvement Plan east of MD 32

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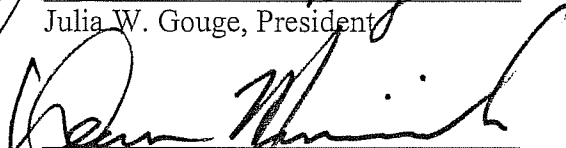
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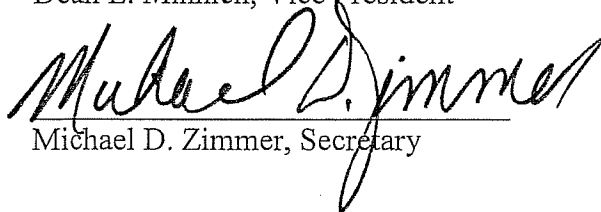
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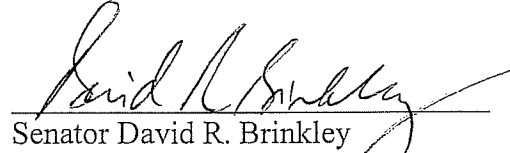
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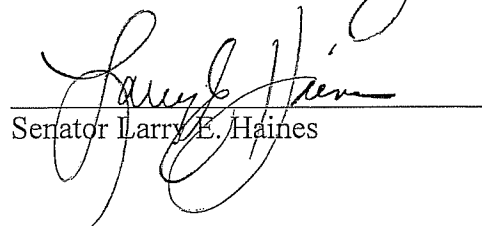

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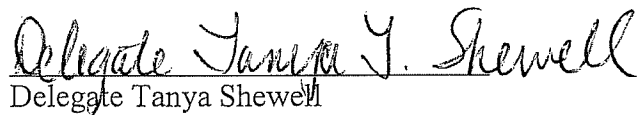

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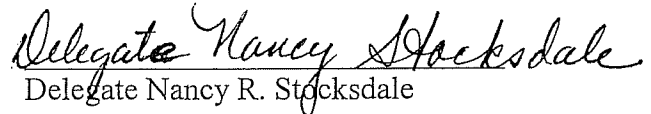
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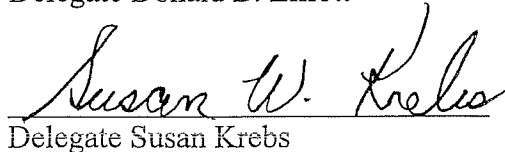

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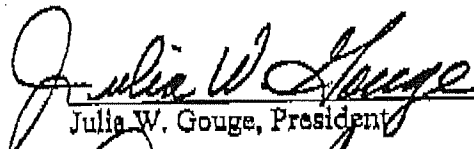
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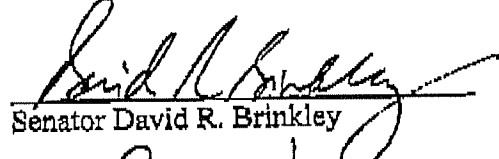
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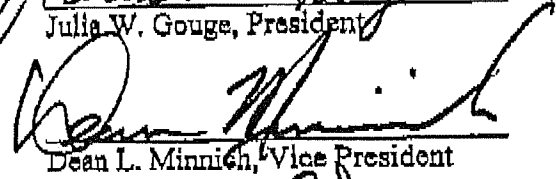
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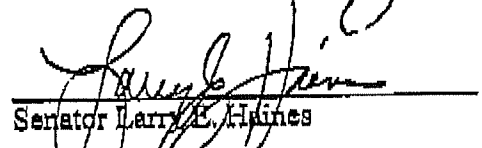
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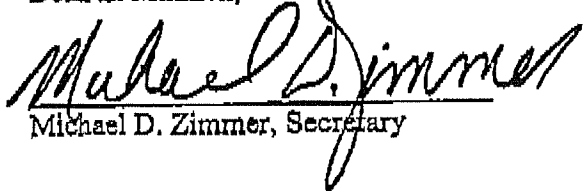
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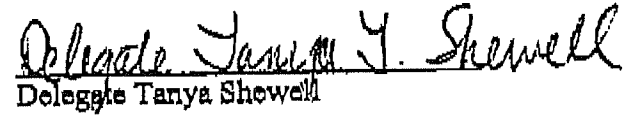

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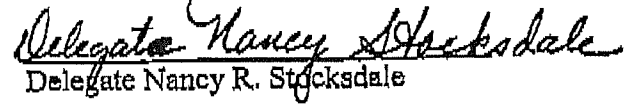

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Carroll County, Maryland

*2009-2010 State Transportation Project Priority Listing
Maryland Department of Transportation (MDOT)
State Highway Administration (SHA)*

Introduction

The priority list is intended to provide MDOT and SHA with Carroll County's consensus recommendations regarding the order of project construction and new project planning starts. These priorities are presented in a strategic effort to facilitate the most benefit for the citizens of Carroll County while also providing for improved travel conditions and economic development opportunities within Carroll's borders.

Construction Priorities

1. MD 140 Reconstruction – Sullivan Road to Market Street

Need

Long-term capacity improvements; system preservation; traffic and pedestrian safety enhancements; economic development benefits

Final Engineering and Right-of-Way Acquisition

1. MD 26 Corridor Improvement Plan – MD 32 to Carroll Highlands Road

Project Planning phase complete; location/design approval obtained; system preservation; safety enhancements

Project Planning Starts

1. MD 32 Multi-lane Reconstruction – I-70 (Howard County) to MD 26

Phase I of an improved north-south commuter route; alternatives analysis; traffic and pedestrian safety enhancements; system preservation; extension of State primary road classification; economic development benefits (BRAC)

2. MD 140 Relocated – Taneytown

Long-term heavy truck relief for Baltimore Street; historic community revitalization; economic development benefits; traffic and pedestrian safety enhancements

3. MD 30 Relocated – Manchester

Relief facility for historic town; community revitalization; traffic and pedestrian safety enhancements;

facilitate interstate travel; economic development benefits

4. MD 26 Multi-lane Reconstruction – MD 32 to MD 97

Phase II of an improved north-south commuter route; system preservation; establish access controls; traffic and pedestrian safety enhancements

Neighborhood Conservation

1. MD 140 Corridor Improvements – Carroll/Baltimore County line to Kays Mill Road
2. MD 31 – New Windsor Main Street/High Street Revitalization
3. MD 30 – Hampstead Main Street Revitalization
4. MD 75/MD 77 Truck Route Study – Union Bridge – Keymar – Detour Communities

Interchange consideration at MD 91; safety improvements; system preservation; community revitalization; aesthetic/functional improvements; establish access controls; gateway priority

Community enhancement features; sidewalks; streetscape improvements; pedestrian crossings; system preservation

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Route study to determine viable options to safely and efficiently move heavy truck traffic in and around these communities; functional improvements to existing roadway network; system preservation.