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The Honorable James T. Smith, Jr. State of Maryland, Department of Transportation 7201 Corporate Center Drive Hanover, MD 21076 SEP **1 9** 2013 SECRETARY'S OFFICE DEPT. OF TRANSPORTATION

RE: 2013 Annual MDOT Tour Meeting Mayor & Council Priorities City of Hagerstown, MD

Dear Secretary Smith:

I am pleased to submit to you the City's list of suggested priority transportation items based on Mayor & Council direction at their September 10, 2013 meeting:

- 1. <u>Highway User Revenues</u>: We continue to seek an increase in funding. In FY13, we received \$301,734 and the estimate for FY14 is \$328,097. Historically, we received over \$1 million annually. These funds are spent directly toward street maintenance in our Pavement Preservation program and are essential for us to maintain our 101 miles of streets.
- 2. <u>Eastern Boulevard Corridor Improvements</u> We support this Washington County led, multi-phase project that consists of a multi-modal transportation system connecting US Route 40, Maryland Route 64, and Maryland Route 60. Future phases include construction of new streets to disperse traffic and reducing traffic volumes on State routes. One such route is the construction of Professional Court extended. The current County plan is attached.
- 3. Develop <u>Access Management Plan for MD 65</u> from Lyles Drive to Wilson Boulevard. This study, in conjunction with the County will study how to manage access points in this corridor where significant growth may occur. Our interest is north of Oak Ridge Drive, and impacts on Wilson Boulevard.
- 4. <u>I-70 and I-81 planning studies</u> and long-term improvements. These two projects are the top two priorities in the MPO's Long Range Transportation Plan.
- 5. Fund Retrofit Sidewalk installation on Frederick Street (see drawing), bicycle enhancements, and Safe Routes to School Programs. The City completed many projects over the past few years utilizing these programs.

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On behalf of the Mayor & Council, I would like to express our sincere appreciation for your consideration of our priorities. If you have any questions or need additional information before the tour meeting date, please do not hesitate to contact me at 301-739-8577 extension 128, or <u>rtissue@hagerstownmd.org</u>

Sincerely,

CITY OF HAGERSTOWN

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