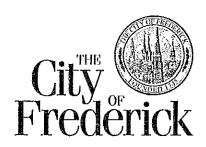
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July 6, 2010

Ms. Beverley K. Swaim-Staley Secretary of Transportation, Office of Secretary Maryland Department of Transportation 7201 Corporate Center Drive Hanover, Maryland 21076

RE: FY 2011-2016 MARYLAND CONSOLIDATED TRANSPORTATION PROGRAM (CTP)

Dear Secretary Swaim-Staley:

The priorities outlined in this letter are broken down in a multimodal approach to transportation planning and programming. These priorities were developed in a collaborative effort with the Frederick County, Transit Services Advisory Committee (TSAC), Frederick Area Committee on Transportation (FACT) and the various divisions of the department of transportation. In working through the priority listing, the City took a very close look at regional improvements and in fact, selected several projects that were outside of the City limits, understanding the positive regional implications. In addition to the many projects underway in the City and County, below you will find an outline of our requested 2011-2016 transportation priorities.

Highways

- 1. US 15 / Monocacy Boulevard Interchange: right-of-way acquisition and construction funding.
- 2. I-270/MD 85 Phase I: right-of-way acquisition and construction funding.
- 3. I-70 Improvements Phase 4: design and engineering from I-270 to Mount Phillip Road.

Pedestrian / Transit

- Monocacy Park and Ride/MTA Commuter Bus: forward fund the construction of the park and ride facility at the US15 Monocacy interchange and add a 991-type commuter bus to that location.
- 2. MARC System: maximize investment in the Frederick's MARC system service to increase ridership by increasing the frequency of rail service into the City of Frederick.
- 3. Shared Use Path System: in accordance with HB 282, appropriately fund the link from Waterford to Baker Park thereby giving a balance in fund distribution to highways and bike/ped facilities.

<u>Airport</u>

1. Air Traffic Control Tower: funding for the construction of an air traffic control tower, access road and infrastructure improvements to increase safety and security at the airport.

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- Airport Perimeter Road funding for the construction of a perimeter road to partially serve the air traffic control tower, and allow better access for local law enforcement to other areas of the City / County.
- Bailes Lane Demolition and Runway 5/23 Extension: funding for the demoltion of current obstructions to Part 77 and the construction of the runway extension to maximize capacity of the airport.

In summary, the City of Frederick would like to go on record with the State of Maryland expressing our continued commitment to transportation planning and programming. The City engineering and planning staff continues to work with developers to insure that they pay their fair share to make necessary road improvements to maintain acceptable levels of service on our roads and connections to County and State roads as well. The continued service from the District 7 Office is recognized by the City and is most appreciated. We look forward to even greater advances toward achieving continued success in the future.

The City of Frederick would like to thank the Maryland Department of Transportation for the opportunity to comment on the Draft Consolidated Transportation Plan.

Sincerely,

Randy McClement,

Mayor

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Frederick County Commissioner's
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Transit Service Advisory Committee
David Coyne, District 7 Chief Engineer