HOWARD COUNTY TRANSPORTATION PRIORITIES
PRIORITY LETTER
for
Maryland Department of Transportation Consolidated Transportation Plan
Fiscal Years 2019 - 2024

PUBLIC MEETING

JANUARY 24, 2018
Agenda and Purpose

• Purpose of the meeting
• What is the priority letter
• What we did last year
• Important changes
• Schedule for 2019
• Visit the Boards
What role does the priority letter play

- Priority letters represent each County’s internal ranking of transportation priorities.
- Priority letters involve requests for a wide variety of projects, such as transit improvements, highway reconstruction, highway capacity projects.
- Multi-modal submissions enable local governments to have a greater impact on all State transportation investment decisions.
What goals do projects need to meet

Support Goals of State Transportation Plan

- Safety & Security
- System Preservation
- Quality of Service
- Environmental Stewardship
- Community Vitality
- Economic Prosperity
• Organized into four sections

• Thank You and Acknowledgment: 10 requests for construction or design projects that were funded and in process or continuing cooperation with county funded projects

• Requests for Funding: 9 funding requests for design and engineering 5 requests for construction All funding requests are prioritized in the letter

• Requests for Technical Assistance & Support: 10 requests for future projects

• Other State Initiatives: Howard County expressed support for 2 state projects
What’s New

• A maximum of 10 projects in the priority letter will get scored by the MDOT.

• Road and transit expansion projects over $5 Million

• Must have completed planning process with selected alternates

• Is not prescriptive for MDOT

• A subset of projects in the priority letter

Chapter 30 – Project Scoring Law

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AN ACT concerning

Repeal of the Maryland Open Transportation Investment Decision Act of 2016—Application and Evaluation

(Second Half-Bill Revised)

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(Senate Bill 397)

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Repeal of the Maryland Open Transportation Investment Decision Act of 2016—Application and Evaluation

(FOR the purpose of repealing certain State transportation goals requiring a requirement that the Department of Transportation make the extent to which certain projects satisfy certain goals requiring a requirement that the Department develop certain scoring systems and prescribe certain regulations requiring a requirement that the Department evaluate certain projects for inclusion in a certain program involving a certain project involving a requirement that the Department implement certain State transportation goals into a certain program—certain plans requiring a requirement that certain analysis and development are included in a certain program—certain plans making it an emergency measure authorizing the inclusion of ‘major transportation project’ requiring the requirement that the Department of Transportation adopt certain regulations on or before a certain date requiring the Department to develop a certain model that uses a certain project-based scoring system to rank certain projects; requiring the Department to use the model to rank certain projects; requiring the Department to include a certain ranking and certain project scores in an appendix to the Consolidated Transportation Program and make the ranking and project scores available on the Department’s Web site; altering the manner in which the Department evaluates and scores certain major transportation projects; expanding and altering the list of the State’s transportation goals and removing—altering certain requirements for the goals—requiring a requirement that the Department analyze certain scores by a certain weighting factor, requiring the requirement that the Department prioritize certain projects for inclusion in the Consolidated Transportation Program, requiring the specification of the Department to include certain projects with a certain score in the Consolidated Transportation Program, under certain circumstances, specifying
January
• Public Meeting
• Multimodal Transportation Board

February
• Ch. 30 Scoring Input
• Compile Comments
• Review Results
• Multimodal Transportation Board

March
• Develop Draft 2019 Letter
• Send Draft Letter to County Council and State Delegates for Feedback
• Chap 30 Due

Early April
• Finalize Letter
• Submit Letter to MDOT
Next Steps For Tonight

- What could be on the 2019 Letter
  - See the list of projects on the boards
  - See the maps
  - Talk to staff
  - Leave comments

- Are there issues and challenges that need to be addressed?
- What kinds of projects and modes would you prioritize?
- Are there new projects that you want?
Comments and Feedback

- Office of Transportation Website
- Survey
- Tonight in person
- Comment cards
- E-mail to: dcookson@howardcountymd.gov
- By February 9, 2018