HOWARD COUNTY TRANSPORTATION PRIORITIES

PRIORITY LETTER

for

Maryland Department of Transportation Consolidated Transportation Program

Fiscal Years 2022-2027

PUBLIC INPUT MEETING

FEBRUARY 17, 2021
Agenda and Purpose

- Purpose of the meeting
- What is the priority letter
- What we did last year
- Important changes
- Schedule for FY 2022
How They Relate
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
Organized into four sections

All funding requests are prioritized in the letter

1. **Support of State projects**  
   2 state led projects

2. **Thank You and Acknowledgments**  
   6 projects that were funded and in process or continuing cooperation with county funded projects

3. **Requests for Funding**  
   - 10 funding requests for design and engineering  
   - 7 requests for capital and construction

4. **Requests for Technical Assistance & Support**  
   7 projects/areas
The Scoring System

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

LAWRENCE J. HOGAN, JR., Governor

Chapter 30

(Senate Bill 307)

AN ACT concerning

Repeal of the Maryland Open Transportation Investment Decision Act of 2016 - Application and Evaluation (Road Kill Bill Repeal)

FOR the purpose of repealing certain State transportation goals; repealing a requirement that the Department of Transportation score the extent to which certain projects satisfy certain goals; repealing a requirement that the Department develop a certain scoring system and promulgate certain regulations; repealing a requirement that the Department submit a certain list; repealing a requirement that the Department evaluate, score, and rank certain projects for inclusion in a certain program; repealing a requirement that certain projects be ranked in a certain manner; repealing a requirement that the Department incorporate certain State transportation goals into a certain program and a certain plan; repealing a requirement that certain analyses and benchmarks are included in a certain program and certain plan; making this act an emergency measure altering the definition of “major transportation project”; repealing 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 by which the Department evaluates and scores certain major transportation projects, expanding and altering the list of the State’s transportation goals and establishing and altering certain measures for the goals; repealing a requirement that the Department multiply certain scores by a certain weighting factor; repealing the requirement that the Department prioritize certain projects for inclusion in the Consolidated Transportation Program; repealing the authorization of the Department to include certain projects with a certain score in the Consolidated Transportation Program under certain circumstances; specifying
Schedule

February

Ch. 30 Scoring Input
Compile Comments
Review Results
Multimodal Transportation Board
Public Meeting

March

Develop Draft Letter
Meet with County Council
Send Draft Letter to County Council and State Delegates for Feedback
Chap 30 Due

Early April

Finalize Letter
Submit Letter to MDOT
• Review online maps of projects
• Take the survey
• Review last years letter
• Are there issues, areas and challenges that need to be addressed?
• What kinds of projects and modes would you prioritize?
• Are there new projects that you want?
No 1. Priority in both Design/Engineering and Construction

Study and design a Bus Rapid Transit (BRT) system to relieve congestion on the busy commuting corridors in Howard County, in particular to the Washington Metro area.

Widening of US 29 from the Middle Patuxent River to Seneca Drive, including improvements to accommodate BRT and Rivers Edge Intersection
No 2. Priority in Capital and Construction

US 1 Safety: Funding, and technical support to advance the planning, design and construction of pedestrian and traffic safety initiatives and measures in the US 1 corridor.

4 Projects
- Guilford Road
- Rowanberry Drive
- Brewers Court
- Dr. Patel Drive
No 2. Priority in both Design and Engineering
Things To Think About

Considerations
◦ State Funding Cuts
◦ Federal Program Changes (Stimulus)
◦ 6 year time horizon in the CTP
◦ Travel Patterns
◦ Previous Requests
◦ HoCo By Design

Opportunities?
◦ Smaller scale projects?
  ◦ Bike Focus?
  ◦ Ped Focus?
  ◦ Safety Focus?
Comments and Feedback

Tonight

• Via the Chat
• E-mail to: transportation@howardcountymd.gov

Later

• Office of Transportation Website
• Via survey
• E-mail to: transportation@howardcountymd.gov

By March 3, 2021
THANK YOU FOR JOINING OUR PRIORITY LETTER PUBLIC MEETING

PLEASE TYPE YOUR QUESTION OR COMMENT INTO THE CHAT BOX