HOWARD COUNTY PRIORITY LETTER FOR FISCAL YEAR 2018

February 21, 2017
• What is the priority letter
• What we did last year
• Important changes
• Schedule for 2018 Letter
• Visit the Boards
WHAT IS THE PRIORITY LETTER
• Priority letters represent each County’s internal ranking of State projects and funding deemed most important based on local need and local input

• Priority letters involve requests for a wide variety of project funding such as transit improvements, highway reconstruction, and TOD Designations

• Multi-modal submissions enable local governments to have a greater impact on all State transportation investment decisions
Support Goals of State Transportation Plan

- Safety & Security
- System Preservation
- Quality of Service
- Environmental Stewardship
- Community Vitality
- Economic Prosperity
Dear County Executive:

Thank you for your positive endorsement of Howard County's transportation projects and initiatives. Your continued support is greatly appreciated.

Thank you for considering Howard County's priority transportation work.

Sincerely,

[Signature]
Howard County Executive

[County Seal]

CHANGES IN THE CTP PROCESS

- House Bill 1013
- Calls for scoring of projects to assist state in selecting for the CTP
- Scoring would be done by MDOT
- Is just a tool, final decisions are still made by MDOT

AN ACT concerning

Maryland Open Transportation Investment Decision Act of 2016

FOR the purpose of establishing State transportation goals; establishing measures by which the Department of Transportation is required to score the extent to which certain major capital projects satisfy the goals; requiring the Department to develop a project-based scoring system and promulgate certain regulations; requiring the Department to submit a certain list; requiring the Department to evaluate, score, and rank certain major capital projects for inclusion in the final Consolidated Transportation Program, in a certain manner; requiring, with a certain exception, that certain capital projects with higher scores be ranked ahead of capital projects with lower scores; requiring the Department to incorporate the State transportation goals in the Consolidated Transportation Program and Maryland
• What gets scored
  • Major Projects
  • More than $5 Million
  • Increases highway or transit capacity
  • Improves a transit station or the area around it

• What does not get scored
  • Less than $5 Million
  • Safety
  • Bike or Pedestrian Projects
HOW THE SCORING WORKS
Each project is scored on how well it meets the goals of the State Transportation Plan

- Safety & Security
- System Preservation
- Quality of Service
- Environmental Stewardship
- Community Vitality
- Economic Prosperity
### How The Scoring Works

**Final Score**

\[
\text{Sum of all individual measures} \times (1 + \frac{\text{County Population}}{\text{State Population}})
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**Final Scoring**

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SCHEDULE

- Public Meeting
- Compile Comments
- Review Results
- Public Transportation Board

- Develop Draft 2018 Letter
- Send Draft Letter to County Council and State Delegates for Feedback

- Finalize Letter
- Submit Letter to MDOT

- February
- March
- April
• What could be on the 2018 Letter
  • See the list of projects on the boards
    • Most are from last year
    • Some will get moved to the narrative portions
  • See the map
  • Talk to staff
  • Leave comments
    • Are there new projects that you want?
    • What kinds of projects and modes would you prioritize?
COMMENTS AND FEEDBACK

- Office of Transportation Website
- Tonight in person
- Comment cards
- E-mail to: dcookson@howardcountymd.gov

- By February 28, 2017