HOWARD COUNTY TRANSPORTATION PRIORITIES
PRIORITY LETTER
for
Maryland Department of Transportation Consolidated Transportation Plan
Fiscal Years 2020-2025

PUBLIC MEETING

FEBRUARY 4, 2019
Agenda and Purpose

- Purpose of the meeting
- What is the priority letter
- What we did last year
- Important changes
- Schedule for 2020
- Visit the Boards
How They Relate

Maryland Transportation Plan

- MPO Long-Range Transportation Plan
  - County Priority Letters
  - Highway Needs Inventory
  - Metro Plans
  - MDOT Projects
  - WMATA Projects

Public Input

- Draft CIP
- Final CIP

- MPO TIFs

Maximize 2040

FY2019 to FY2024 Consolidated Transportation Program
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
Last Year’s Letter

• Organized into four sections

• Thank You and Acknowledgment: 9 projects that were funded and in process or continuing cooperation with county funded projects

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

• Requests for Technical Assistance & Support: 8 requests for future projects

• Other State Initiatives: Howard County expressed support for 2 state projects
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
February
- Ch. 30 Scoring Input
- Compile Comments
- Review Results
- Multimodal Transportation Board
- Public Meeting

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

- Review descriptions/maps of projects on the boards
- See the results from last years survey
- Last years letter
- See the maps

- 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?
What are Your Priorities?

Please consider the project types indicated on this board for each transportation mode. On a comment card, indicate the order in which you would prioritize project types within each transportation mode (1 being the highest priority). Please do not duplicate priority levels.

This input will inform Howard County’s transportation priorities as we evaluate previous years’ Priority Letter projects and consider whether to add new projects.

Thank you for your participation!

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<td>Capacity, such as stopway widening, smart signals, or upgraded interchanges</td>
<td>Enhancements to existing service, such as more frequent and reliable service, expanded Saturday and Sunday service, and shorter travel times from more direct connections</td>
<td>Schools and Neighborhoods, such as Safe Routes to School projects to add sidewalks, school crossings, or pathway connections</td>
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<td>Safety, such as speed management, intersection improvements, additions of acceleration/deceleration lanes, or sight distance improvements</td>
<td>Improved local service, such as new routes in Howard County to connect previously underserved areas to the existing transit network</td>
<td>Regional Areas, such as Golden Road, Chandler Square, the US 43 corridor, the US 1 corridor, or the Clark/Benfield Hill BID commercial area</td>
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<td>Maintenance of existing facilities, such as roadway resurfacing, repairs to or replacements of bridges, and repaving, or modernization of traffic signals</td>
<td>Improved regional service, such as new intercity transit (BRT) and regional routes to connect with MTA, WMATA, and RideOn to access destinations such as Baltimore and Washington</td>
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<td>Innovative approaches, such as peak-hour discount ride, high occupancy/toll lanes, ramp metering, or connection/elimination of traffic signals</td>
<td>Enhancements to facilities or infrastructure, such as bus shelters, seating, sidewalk crossings, park and ride parking areas, or mobile ticketing</td>
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Comment Form: FY2020 Priority Letter Meeting, February 4, 2019

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Comments and Feedback

- Office of Transportation Website
  - Online Comment Form
  - Emails
- Tonight in person
  - Comment Forms
  - Talk to staff

- E-mail to: dcookson@howardcountymd.gov
- By February 20, 2019