HOWARD COUNTY TRANSPORTATION PRIORITIES
PRIORITY LETTER
for
Maryland Department of Transportation Consolidated Transportation Program
Fiscal Years 2021-2026

PUBLIC MEETING

FEBRUARY 20, 2020
Agenda and Purpose

- Purpose of the meeting
- What is the priority letter
- What we did last year
- Important changes
- Schedule for FY 2021
- Visit the Boards
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

- Ensure a Safe, Secure, and Resilient Transportation System
- Facilitate Economic Opportunity and Reduce Congestion in Maryland Through Strategic System Expansion
- Maintain a High Standard and Modernize Maryland’s Multimodal Transportation System
- Improve the Quality and Efficiency of the Transportation System to Enhance the Customer Experience
- Ensure Environmental Protection and Sensitivity
- Promote Fiscal Responsibility
- Provide Better Transportation Choices and Connections
Last Year’s Letter

Organized into four sections

All funding requests are prioritized in the letter

1. Support of state projects: 3 state led projects
2. Thank You and Acknowledgment: 8 projects that were funded and in process or continuing cooperation with county funded projects
3. Requests for Funding: 8 funding requests for design and engineering 6 requests for capital and construction
4. Requests for Technical Assistance & Support: 8 projects
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
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
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!

Motor Vehicle
Projects focused on:
- Capacity, such as road widening, smart signals, or upgraded interchanges
- Safety, such as speed management, intersection improvements, and addition of accelerations/deceleration lanes, or right-turn lane improvements
- Maintenance of existing facilities, such as roadway resurfacing, repairs to or replacements of bridges, and pedestrian or modernization of traffic signals

Transit
Projects focused on:
- Enhancements to existing service, such as more frequent and reliable service, expanded Saturday and Sunday service, and shorter ride times from more direct connections
- Safety, such as speed management, intersection improvements, and addition of accelerations/deceleration lanes, or right-turn lane improvements
- Maintenance of existing facilities, such as roadway resurfacing, repairs to or replacements of bridges, and pedestrian or modernization of traffic signals

Bicycle and Pedestrian
Projects that enhance access to:
- Schools and Neighborhoods, such as Safe Routes to School projects to add sidewalks, school crosswalks, or pathway connections
- Retail Areas, such as Golden Road, Oxon Hill Commons, the US 1 corridor, the US 29 corridor, or the Clark/Brookland Rd MD 202 commercial area

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Comment Form: FY2021-Priority Letter Meeting, February 20, 2020

Please consider the project types indicated on the “What are your Priorities?” board for each transportation mode. In the boxes below, 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.

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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 28, 2020

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