HOWARD COUNTY MULTIMODAL TRANSPORTATION BOARD

January 26, 2021
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
How They Relate
Priority Letter and Scoring

• **Priority Letter Process**
  • Utilized by MDOT to consider system preservation, safety and all highway/transit capacity or enhancement projects under $5 million, TOD designations, local transit or aviation projects, etc.
  • Priority Letters shall still include Major Transportation project priorities but they will not be evaluated and considered for funding if they do no have a Chapter 30 Application submitted by March 1st.
  • Does Not Require an Application or Any Project Data

• **Chapter 30 Scoring**
  • Only applies to Major Transportation Projects over $5 Million
  • Requires Separate Application Process for Funding Consideration
  • Requires Project, Cost & Local Impact Information
January

- Project Planning
- MTB
- DPZ/DPW Meeting
- Public Outreach Notice

February

- Public Meeting 2/17/2021
- Meet with council members
- Work session with MTB
- Meet with delegates
- Draft Priority Letter
- Ch. 30 Scoring Input
- Compile Comments
- Review Results
- Develop Draft Letter

March

- Send Draft Letter to County Council and State Delegates for Feedback
- Review Results
- Chap 30. Finalized
- Finalize Draft Letter

April

- Finalize Letter
- Submit Letter to Maryland Department of Transportation
What goals do projects need to meet
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- Support Goals of State Transportation Plan
- Safety & Security
- System Preservation
- Quality of Service
- Environmental Stewardship
- Community Vitality
- Economic Prosperity
What Projects Require Scoring

Only Major Transportation Projects required to go through Chapter 30 Scoring Model

- Highway Capacity Projects Over $5M
- Transit Capacity Projects Over $5M

Projects That Do Not Go Through the Chapter 30 Scoring Model are

- System Preservation Projects
- Safety Projects
- Non-Highway/Transit Capacity Projects
- All Capacity Projects Under $5M
MTB Priorities?

- Considerations
  - Funding Cuts
  - 6 year time horizon in the CTP
  - Legacy Projects
  - Travel Patterns
  - HoCo By Design

- Opportunities?
  - Smaller scale projects?
    - Bike Focus?
    - Ped Focus?
    - Smaller scale projects?
Questions?