

# HOWARD COUNTY TRANSPORTATION PRIORITIES PRIORITY LETTER

for

Maryland Department of Transportation Consolidated Transportation Plan  
Fiscal Years 2019 - 2024



## PUBLIC MEETING

**JANUARY 24, 2018**

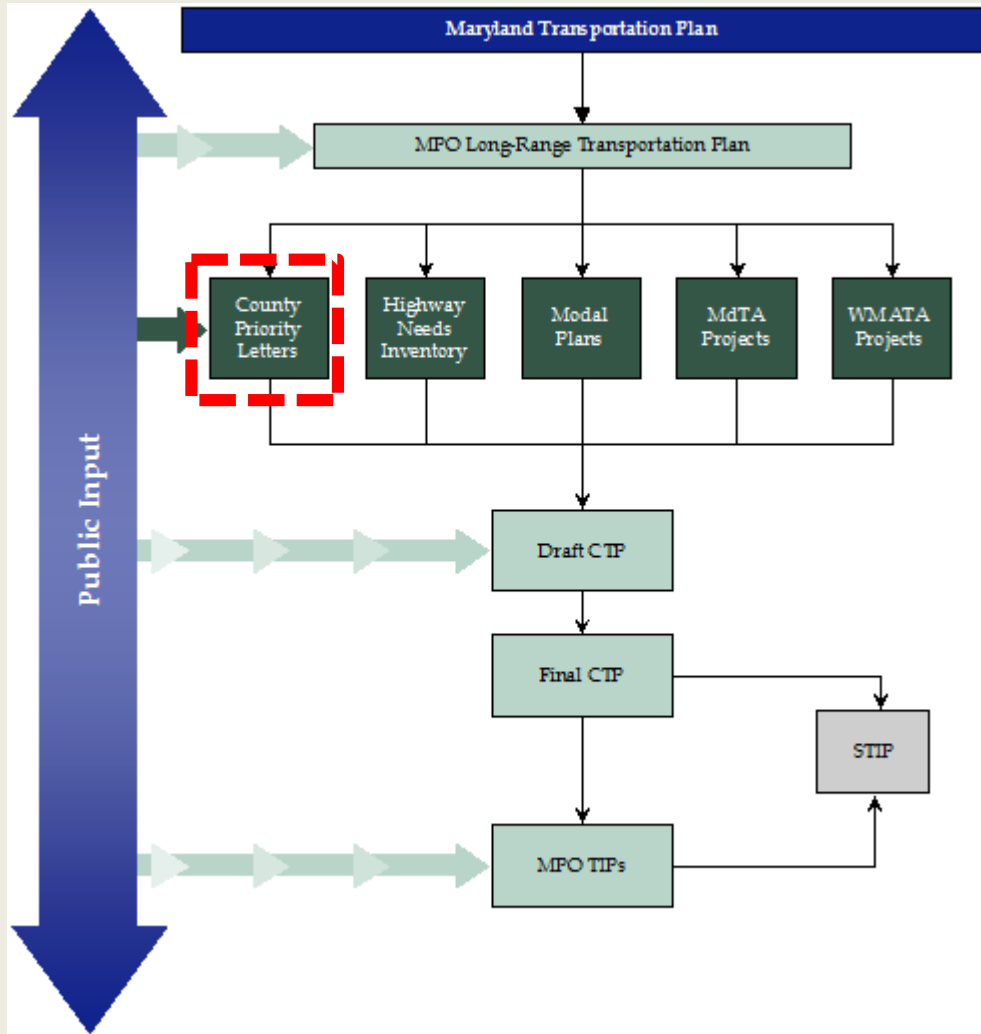


# Agenda and Purpose



- Purpose of the meeting
- What is the priority letter
- What we did last year
- Important changes
- Schedule for 2019
- Visit the Boards

# How They Relate



## What role does the priority letter play



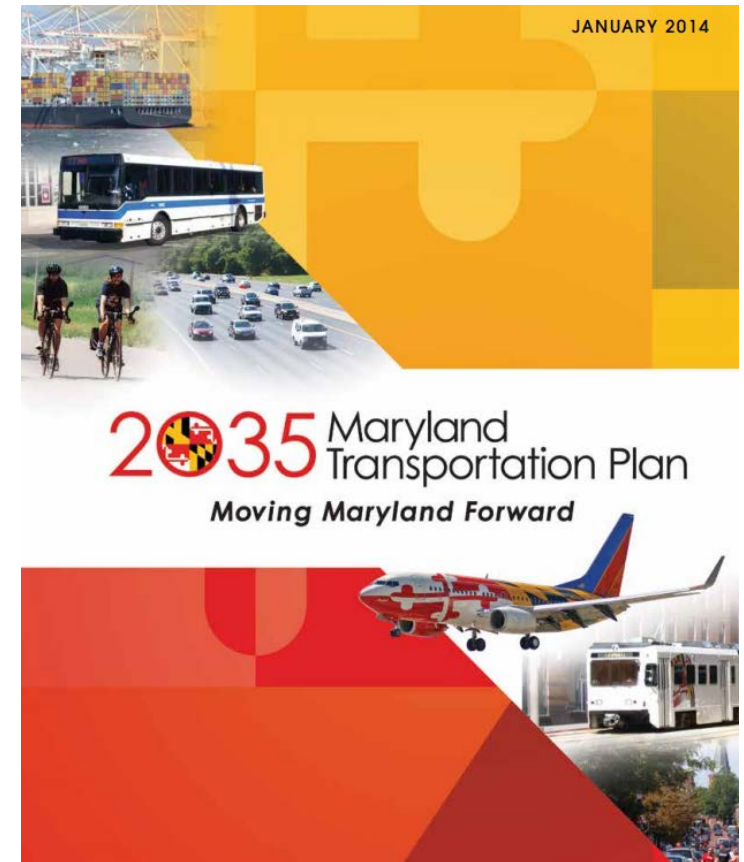
- Priority letters represent each County's internal ranking of transportation priorities
- Priority letters involve requests for a wide variety of projects, such as transit improvements, highway reconstruction, highway capacity projects
- Multi-modal submissions enable local governments to have a greater impact on all State transportation investment decisions

# What goals do projects need to meet



## Support Goals of State Transportation Plan

- Safety & Security
- System Preservation
- Quality of Service
- Environmental Stewardship
- Community Vitality
- Economic Prosperity



# Last Year's Letter



- Organized into four sections
- Thank You and Acknowledgment: 10 requests for construction or design projects that were funded and in process or continuing cooperation with county funded projects
- Requests for Funding: 9 funding requests for design and engineering  
5 requests for construction  
  
All funding requests are prioritized in the letter
- Requests for Technical Assistance & Support: 10 requests for future projects
- Other State Initiatives: Howard County expressed support for 2 state projects

# What's New



- 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

LAWRENCE J. HOGAN, JR., Governor Ch. 30

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~~

## January

- Public Meeting
- Multimodal Transportation Board

## February

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

## 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



- What could be on the 2019 Letter
  - See the list of projects on the boards
  - See the maps
  - Talk to staff
  - Leave comments
- Are there issues and challenges that need to be addressed?
- What kinds of projects and modes would you prioritize?
- Are there new projects that you want?

# Comments and Feedback



- Office of Transportation Website
- Survey
- Tonight in person
- Comment cards
- E-mail to: [dcookson@howardcountymd.gov](mailto:dcookson@howardcountymd.gov)
- By February 9, 2018