HOWARD COUNTY PRIORITY LETTER FOR
FISCAL YEAR 2018

February 21, 2017

HOWARD COUNTY
MARYLAND

Office of Transportation

- **What is the priority letter**

- **What we did last year**

- **Important changes**

- **Schedule for 2018 Letter**

- **Visit the Boards**

AGENDA

WHAT IS THE PRIORITY LETTER
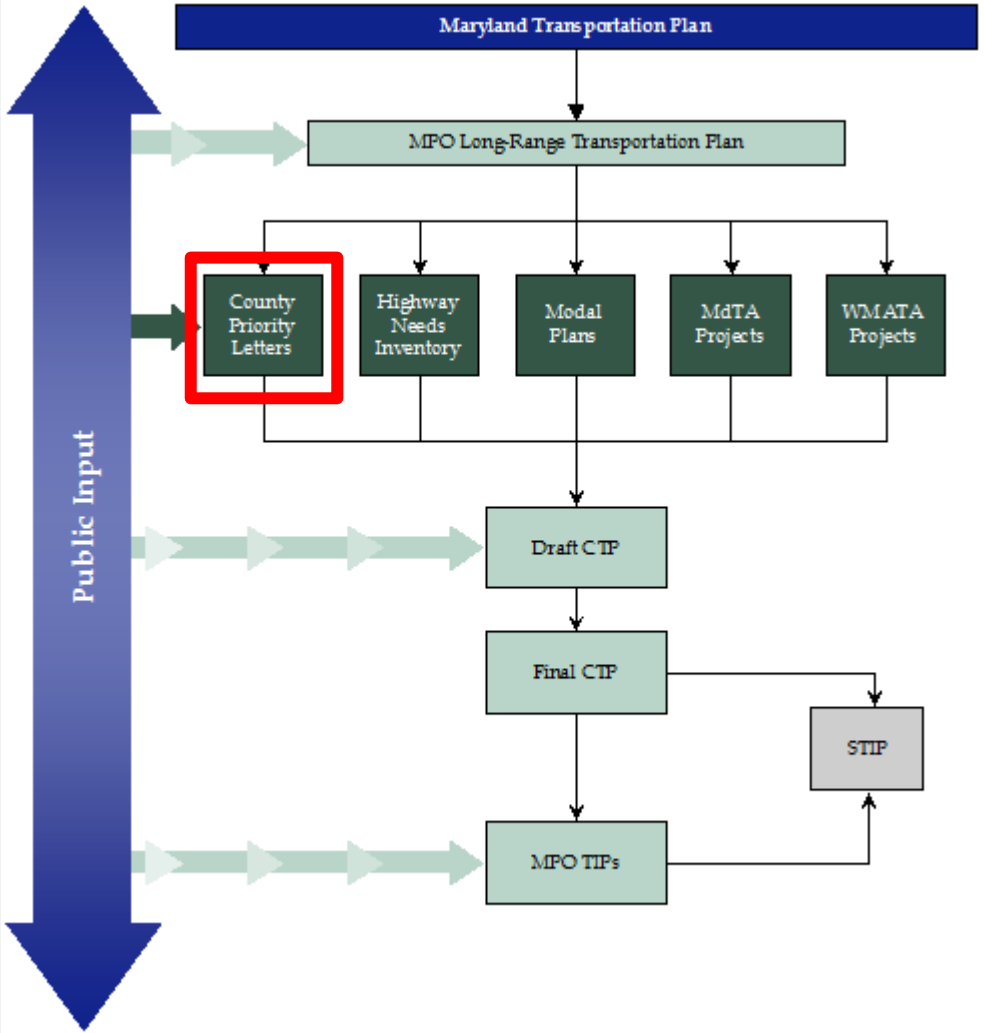
- **Priority letters represent each County's internal ranking of State projects and funding deemed most important based on local need and local input**

- **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**

WHAT ROLE DOES IT PLAY

Support Goals of
State Transportation Plan

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

LAST YEARS LETTER

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May 2, 2016

The Honorable Pete Rahn
Office of the Secretary
Maryland Department of Transportation
7201 Corporate Center Drive
Hanover, MD 21076

Dear Secretary Rahn:

Please accept the following "Priority Letter" from Howard County. T[...]
of highway and other transportation projects Howard County recomm[...]
Maryland Department of Transportation's (MDOT) FY 2017-2022 Co[...]
Transportation Program. The list is in priority order and complies with [...]
being "Major Capital Projects" that are consistent with the Maryland T[...]

Prior to reviewing our recommendations, please accept our thanks an[...]
the prior and ongoing State funding for the following projects:

• Widening US 29 from Seneca Drive to MD 175
• Design funding to widen US 29 from the Middle Patuxent River [...]
• Dualization of MD 32 from MD 108 to Linden Church Rd
• Capacity and safety improvements along MD 32 between Linden [...]
  I-70, including the interchange at Route 144
• Evaluate widening MD 32 north of I-70 to the Carroll County lin[...]
• Design and construction improvements at the US 1 and Kit Kat R[...]

We also wish to thank you for the valued technical assistance provide[...]
especially the extensive assistance from the Maryland Transit Admini[...]
State Highway Administration. Specific examples include US 40/Rog[...]
intersection, I-95 Noise Wall in Elkridge, US-1/ Montevideo Road int[...]
MD 175/Blandair Park interchange.

The following recommended list is the result of review and input by Co[...]
several departments and offices, as well as by elected and appointed off[...]
included extensive public involvement in the form of a survey that recei[...]
responses and approximately 300 unique written comments. The result[...]
at: www.howardcountymd.gov/Departments/County-Administration/T[...]

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CAPITAL & CONSTRUCTION PROJECTS

1. **US 29.** Seneca Drive to MD 175; widen northbound US 29 to three mainline lanes

2. **MD 32.**
   • MD 108 to I-70 safety improvements including dualization while accounting for impact to the community
   • MD 32/Route 144 interchange and access management improvements
   • Evaluation of MD 32 north of I-70 to Carroll County for widening

3. **US 1 at Kit Kat Road Intersection.** Design and implement intersection improvements

4. **Transit Capital Improvements.** Purchase rolling stock (buses) to replace v[...]
   have exhausted their useful life to maintain a fleet with a state of good repair[...]
   expand service on a number of the most traveled fixed routes

5. **MD 100 / MD 103 Interchange.** Replace existing interchange

6. **US 1 Sidewalk.** Construct sidewalk along US 1 southbound in the median b[...]
   North Laurel Road and the Prince George's County line

7. **I-70 Marriottsville Road Bridge.** Widen bridge to also allow widening of[...]
   Marriottsville Road north to MD 99 and south to US 40

8. **MARC Growth and Investment Plan, Camden Line, Track Capacity an[...]
   Increased Service.** Add an additional mainline track and sidings to provide[...]
   three mainline tracks from the Savage to Jessup MARC stations and four rou[...]
   weekend trips on the Camden Line

9. **US 1 Corridor.** MD 175 to just north of Montevideo Road; phased arterial[...]
   highway reconstruction including pedestrian, transit and streetscape improve[...]

10. **MD 108.** Construct intersection improvements along MD 108 at Centennial [...]
    Ten Mills Road

11. **US 1.** Construct intersection improvements along US 1 at MD 103 (Meadow[...]
    Road), Whiskey Bottom Road

DESIGN & ENGINEERING PROJECTS

1. **US 29.** Middle Patuxent River to Seneca Drive; widen US 29 northbound

2. **MD 175.** Evaluate the improvement of existing access points into Columbi[...]
   Drive, or create a third access point through the potential extension of MD[...]
   MD 175 into Columbia Gateway Drive.

3. **MD 175.** US 1 to Snowden River Parkway; continued comprehensive traffi[...]
   leading to design alternatives including the US 1/MD 175 and US 1/I-95 int[...]

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4. **I-70.**
   • US 29 to US 40; widen one lane in each direction
   • Upgrade/reconstruct the I-70/Marriottsville Road interchange
   • Design and implement I-70/US 29 interchange capacity enhancements

5. **Pedestrian, Bicycle, and ADA Access and Safety Improvements.** Design and
   construct sidewalks, pedestrian safety improvements, bicycle safety improvements
   and final design and construction of the short term network projects in Howard
   County's Bicycle Master Plan (BikeHoward)

6. **US 29.** MD 175 to Broken Land Parkway; plan access and capacity improvements for
   pedestrians, bicycles, automobiles and public transit, including a potential transit
   bridge connecting Downtown Columbia with Oakland Mills

7. **US 29 Bus Rapid Transit (BRT).** Plan for enhanced express bus service to Silver
   Spring along the US 29 BRT corridor

8. **MD 108.** Guilford Road to Trotter Road; design and construct pedest[...]
   automobile, and streetscape improvements

9. **MD 175.** US 1 to Dorsey Run Rd; widening and reconstruction inclu[...]
   and construction of the US 1/MD 175 interchange

10. **MD 103 at US 29.** Addition of a third lane along MD 103 onto the ra[...]
    29 northbound

11. **Traffic Signal Back-up Generators.** Evaluate and plan a system for [...]
    back-up generator installment program at key state highway traffic si[...]
    Howard County

12. **Noise Walls.** Evaluate, design, and construct noise walls at the follow[...]
    • Dunbart Road (SE corner of I-95 and MD 216 interchange)

MDOT questionnaires with additional project details are attached to this letter.

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

Sincerely,

Allan H. Kittleman
County Executive

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Thank you for your positive endorsement of Howard County's state transportation projects and
priorities.

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File: CTP Priority Letter FY 2017 – FY 2022

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

1   AN ACT concerning

2   **Maryland Open Transportation Investment Decision Act of 2016**

3   FOR the purpose of establishing State transportation goals; establishing measures by
4   which the Department of Transportation is required to score the extent to which
5   *certain* major capital projects satisfy the goals; requiring the Department to develop
6   a project–based scoring system and promulgate certain regulations; requiring the
7   Department to submit a certain list; requiring the Department to evaluate, score,
8   and rank *certain* major capital projects for inclusion in the ~~draft and~~ final
9   Consolidated Transportation Program, in a certain manner; requiring, with a certain
10   exception, that certain capital projects with higher scores be ranked ahead of capital
11   projects with lower scores; requiring the Department to incorporate the State
12   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**

HOUSE BILL 1013
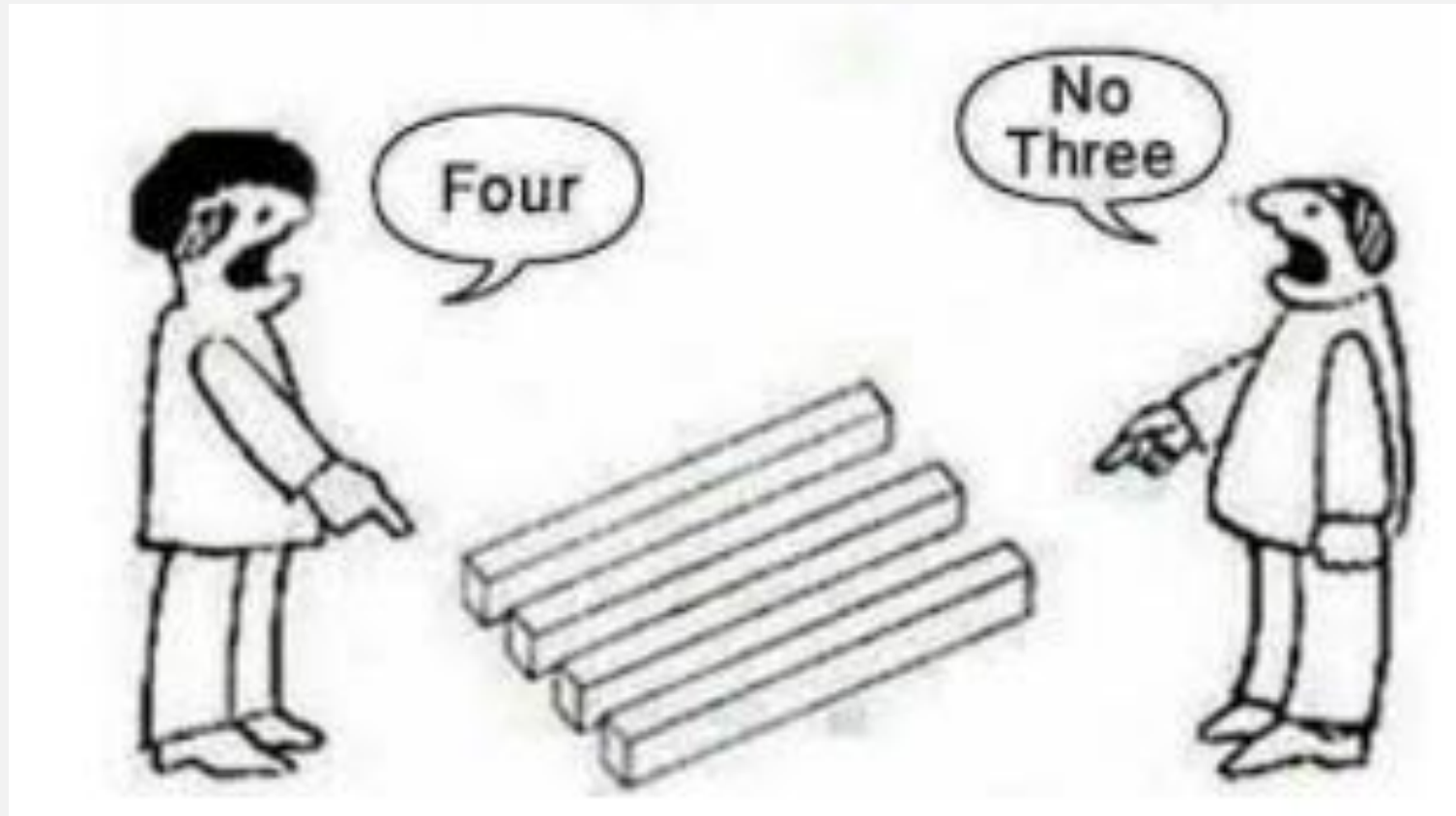
HOW THE
SCORING WORKS

- **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

Safety & Security			System Preservation				Quality of Service			
Expected Reduction in Fatalities (0-4)	Implements SHA Complete Street Policies (0-1)	Measure Score (Max 100)	Increase Facility Lifespan (0-4)	Increase Facility Functionality (0-4)	Increase Facility Resiliency (0-1)	Measure Score (Max 100)	Change in Job Accessibility (0-4)	Positive Impact on Travel Time Reliability (0-4)	Supports Mode Connections & Promotes Mode Choices (0-4)	Measure Score (Max 100)
2	0	33.5	2	2	1	65	3	3	1	60

Environmental Stewardship				Community Vitality				Economic Prosperity			
Reduce Harmful Emissions (0-1)	Avoids Impact on State Resources (0-3)	Advances State Environmental Goals (0-3)	Measure Score (Max 100)	Increases Walking/Biking / Transit (0-4)	Enhances Existing Community Assets (0-4)	Furthers Revitalization Plans (0-1)	Measure Score (Max 100)	Increase in Job Accessibility (0-4)	Enhances Access to Intermodal Locations for Movement of Goods/Services (0-3)	Furthers Non-Speculative Local/State Economic Development Strategies (0-4)	Measure Score (Max 100)
1	3	1	72.9	0	0	0	0	3	0	3	52.5

Equitable Access to Transportation			Cost Effectiveness and Return on Investment				Local Priorities and Planning	
Increase in Job Accessibility for Disadvantaged Populations (0-4)	Economic Impact on Low-Income Communities (0-4)	Measure Score (Max 100)	Travel Time Savings Divided by Project Cost (0-4)	Leverages Additional Federal, State, Local and Private Sector Investment (0-1)	Increases Transportation Alternatives and Redundancy (0-4)	Measure Score (Max 100)	Supports Local Gov't Land Use Plans & Goals (Yes or No)	Measure Score (Max 100)
0	2	25	2	0	0	17	Yes	100

Final Score

Sum of all individual measures x (1+ (County Population / State Population))

Final Scoring				
Total Project Score (Max Score 800)	County Population	State Populsation	Weighted Factor	Final weighed Score
425.9	287,085	5,773,552	5%	447.08

SCHEDULE

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

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

April
- Finalize Letter
- Submit Letter to MDOT

- 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?

NOW WHAT?

COMMENTS AND FEEDBACK

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

- **By February 28, 2017**