

HOWARD COUNTY TRANSPORTATION PRIORITIES
PRIORITY LETTER

for

Maryland Department of Transportation Consolidated Transportation Program
Fiscal Years 2021-2026



PUBLIC MEETING

FEBRUARY 20, 2020

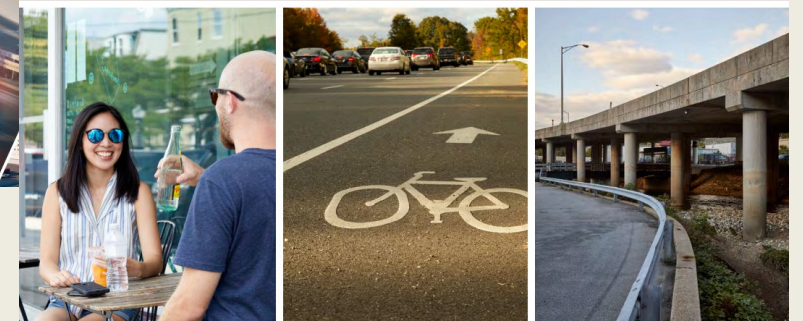
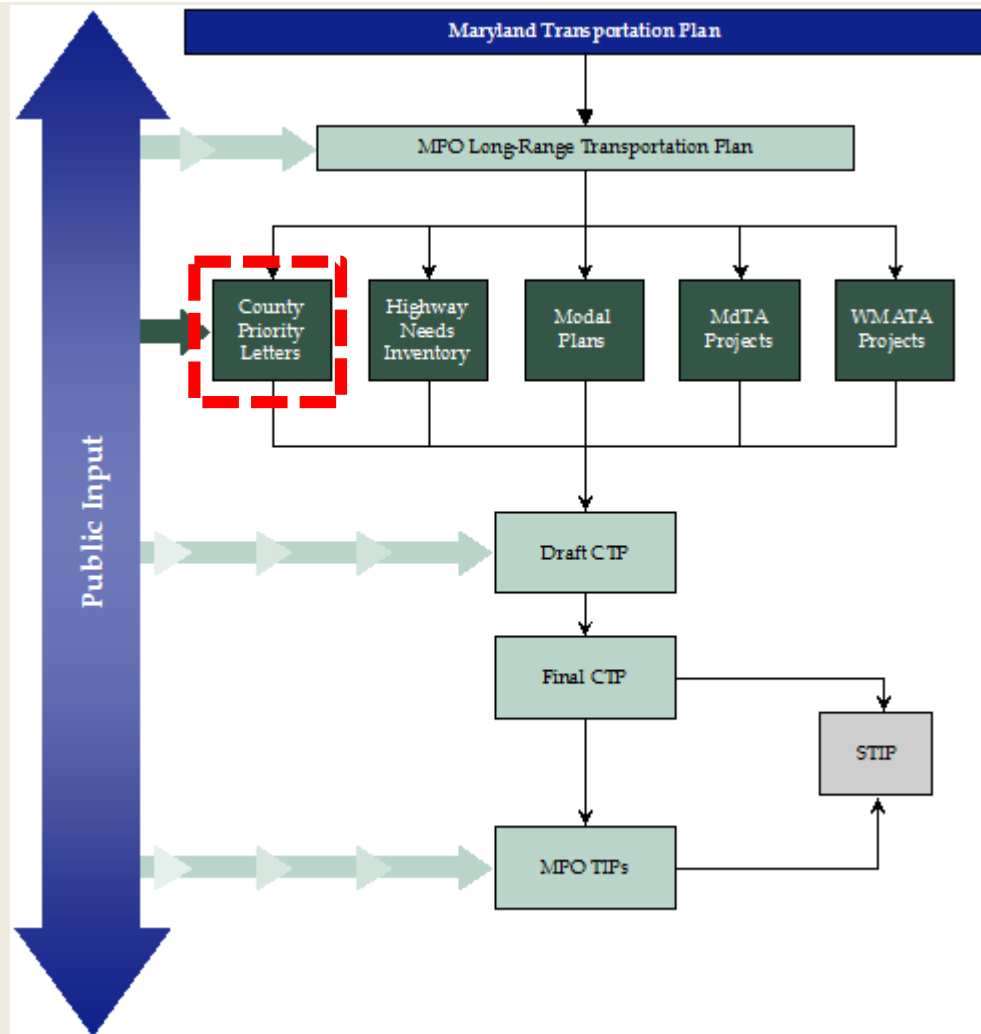


Agenda and Purpose



- 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

MTP GOALS

- 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

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~~

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
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- 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:	Transit Projects focused on:	Bicycle and Pedestrian Projects that enhance access to:
 <p>Capacity, such as roadway widening, smart signals, or upgraded interchanges</p>	 <p>Enhancements to existing service, such as more frequent and reliable service, expanded Saturday and Sunday service, and shorter ride times from more direct routings</p>	 <p>Schools and Neighborhoods, such as Safe Routes to School projects to add sidewalks, school crosswalks, or pathway connections</p>
 <p>Safety, such as speed management, intersection improvements, addition of acceleration/deceleration lanes, or sight distance improvements</p>	 <p>Improved local service, such as new routes in Howard County to connect unserved areas to the existing transit network</p>	 <p>Retail Areas, such as Dobbin Road, Snowden Square, the US 40 corridor, the US 1 corridor, or the Clarksville/River Hill MD 108 commercial area</p>
 <p>Maintenance of existing facilities, such as roadway resurfacing, repairs to or replacements of bridges and overpasses, or modernization of traffic signals</p>	 <p>Improved regional service, such as new bus rapid transit (BRT) and regional routes to connect with MTA, WMATA, and Ride-On to access destinations such as Baltimore and Washington</p>	 <p>Employment, such as Downtown Columbia, Columbia Gateway, Patuxent Woods, or APL</p>
 <p>Innovative approaches, such as peak-hour shoulder use, high-occupancy/toll lanes, ramp metering, or connected/autonomous vehicle deployment</p>	 <p>Enhancements to facilities or infrastructure, such as bus shelters, seating, sidewalk connections, paved waiting areas, or mobile ticketing</p>	 <p>Recreation, such as Patapsco State Park, the Middle Patuxent Environmental Area, or Western Howard County</p>



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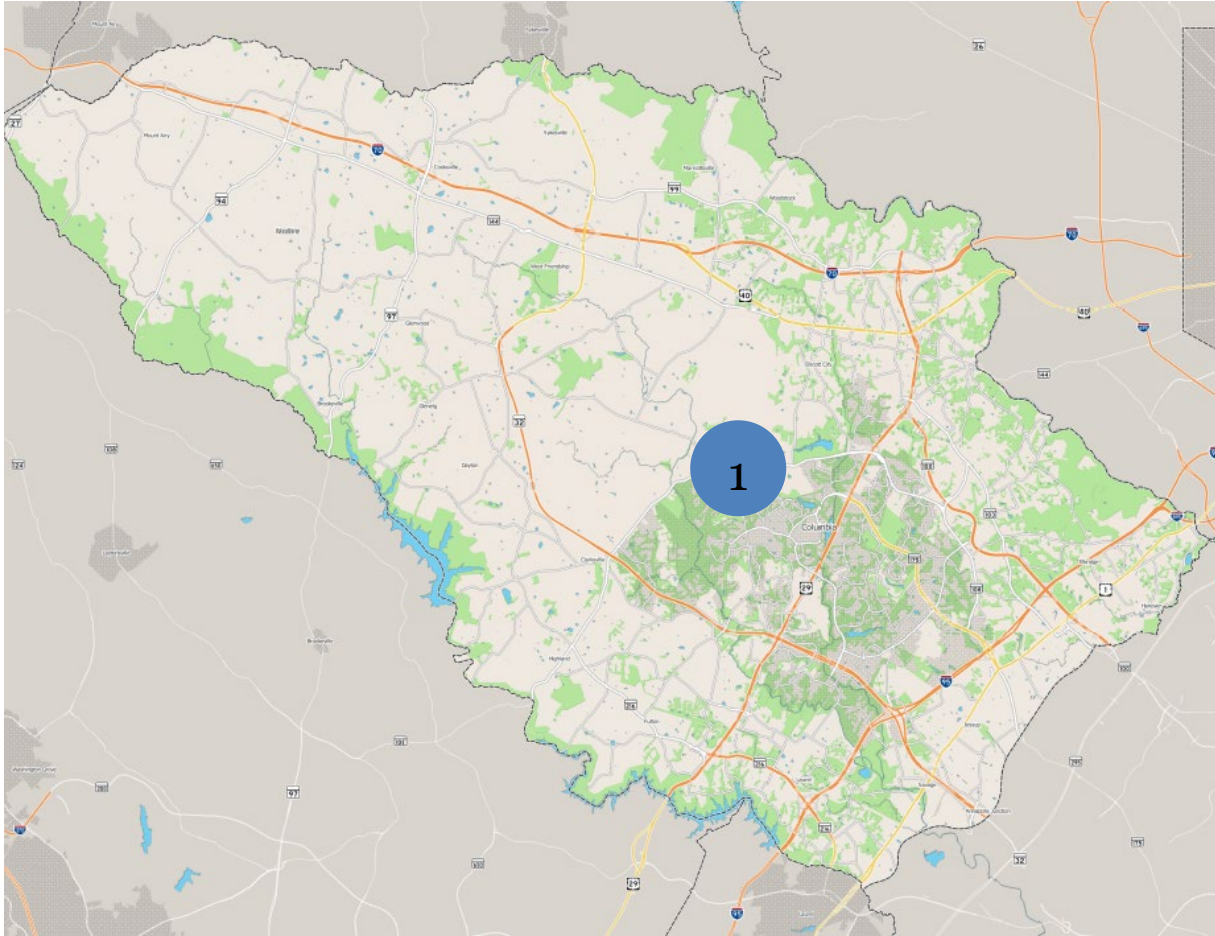
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2 Safety	2 Improved local service	2 Retail Areas
3 Maintenance of existing facilities	3 Improved regional service	3 Employment
4 Innovative approaches	4 Enhancements to facilities or infrastructure	4 Recreation

Please write any additional comments below. If you have comments about a specific location (including travel from within Howard County to outside Howard County), please write the number "1" on a colored dot and apply it to the "Where are Your Issues and Concerns?" map. See the board for more information.

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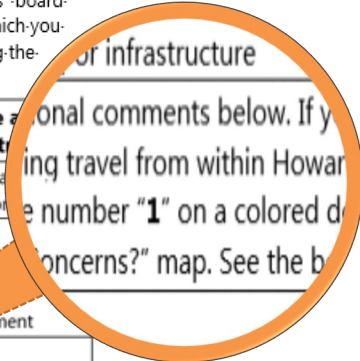
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Comments and Feedback



- 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

**Interested in Rivers
Edge?**

**Follow the signs to
the Waterloo
Room**