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July 28, 2016

The Honorable Jan H. Gardner
County Executive
Frederick County
Winchester Hall
12 East Church Street
Frederick MD 21701

Dear County Executive Gardner:

As you know, in 2016, the Maryland General Assembly passed into law the Maryland Open Transportation Investment Decision Act of 2016 (House Bill 1013). This legislation, which was passed without regard for the concerns expressed by the administration, local jurisdictions or the Maryland Department of Transportation, now requires the department to implement a project-based scoring system to evaluate, prioritize and fund major transportation projects across the state.

In accordance with this law, the Maryland Department of Transportation (MDOT) is required to request additional information from your county on state funded transportation projects that were recently received through the county priority letters. This additional information is required by August 15.

Under the terms of the law, major transportation projects are defined as highway or transit projects that improve capacity and exceed \$5 million in total cost. The law establishes nine (9) state transportation goals and twenty-three (23) measures on which projects will be scored. These measures range from the expected reduction in total fatalities and injuries to the degree of change in job accessibility within a 60-minute commute. The projects will then be considered for funding based upon their final ranked score.

As required by the legislature, MDOT will need to gather travel and economic forecasting data, detailed environmental and cost analysis documents and various impact studies from the counties and local jurisdictions. Each project analysis and impact study must be for each major transportation project requested in order to be considered for funding in the CTP.

Due to this legislation, projects previously funded in the CTP that receive low scores will be in jeopardy and could be de-funded. As such, it is essential that the data requested below is received as soon as possible.

The following is a list of required documentation that must accompany each project request:

- Traffic Impact Study
- Lifecycle Cost Analysis
- Congestion Relief Study
- Economic Impact Study

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- Travel Forecasting Study
- Air Quality Study
- Environmental Impact Study
- Bike/Pedestrian Impact Study
- Title VI Impact Study
- Project Financial Analysis (Cost and Funding Sources)
- Local Planning & Land Use Goal Certifications
- Project Area Determination Study

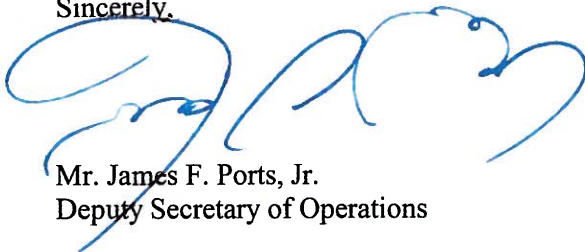
In addition, all major county priority projects currently funded under the Development & Evaluation (D&E) Program in the CTP will have to be reevaluated and scored to compete for construction funding. MDOT will work to gather the information and analysis to score and rank those projects.

All requested information shall be provided in a hard copy and sent to the address below:

Mr. James F. Ports, Jr.
Deputy Secretary of Operations
Maryland Department of Transportation
7201 Corporate Center Drive
P.O. Box 548
Hanover, MD 21076

Any major transportation project requested that is not accompanied with the required information detailed in this letter by **August 15** will not be considered for funding in the FY 17-22 CTP. Should you have any further questions or concerns, please contact Ms. Heather Murphy, MDOT Office of Planning and Capital Programming Director, at 410-865-1275; toll free at 1-888-713-1414, or via email at hmurphy@mdot.state.md.us. Ms. Murphy will be happy to assist you.

Sincerely,



Mr. James F. Ports, Jr.
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