



THE PRINCE GEORGE'S COUNTY GOVERNMENT
OFFICE OF THE COUNTY EXECUTIVE

Rushern L. Baker, III
County Executive

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Ms. Beverley K. Swaim-Staley
Secretary
Maryland Department of Transportation
7201 Corporate Center Drive
Hanover, Maryland 21076

Dear Secretary Swaim-Staley:

Enclosed is Prince George's County's proposed 2011 Priority Projects List for the FY 2011-2016 State Consolidated Transportation Program (CTP), which is intended to serve as a guide in accordance with the definitions and requirements of the Transportation Article, Sections 8-610 through 8-613.1 of the Annotated Code of Maryland. The List, which reflects an update to the 2007 List, establishes the priorities of State highway system and construction projects, project planning starts, safety improvements, and regional bicycle trails.

This Priority Projects List represents, at a minimum, projects that will provide Prince George's County with the greatest benefits in terms of community revitalization, economic development, Metrorail access, congestion relief and safety improvements. Consequently, when projects are cut or deferred, as they have been, without the benefit of projects then being advanced in priority order, the cumulative impact is devastating.

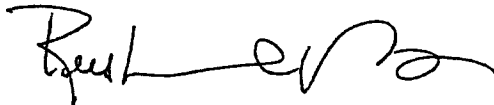
As you are aware, since our previous submission, the State implemented budget cuts and deferrals that have been and continue to be devastating to Prince George's County. While Prince George's County appreciated receiving a slightly higher allocation of funding for State roads through the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act (ARRA) than did other jurisdictions, the fact remains that the allocation paled in comparison to major project cuts that were incurred. While we understand that the State is experiencing ongoing budgetary constraints, some projects must be advanced to begin to address the tremendous County backlog that has built up over the past years, as well as to provide vital relief to the County's roadway and transit infrastructure.

Within this Priorities List, it is important for us to highlight the need for more engineering funds for design of projects that are in the queue, but not yet ready for construction dollars. In particular, our number 4 and 5 Highway Construction Priorities-MD 210 and US 1- should be prioritized for design funding.

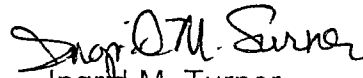
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Prince George's County stands at the infrastructure crossroads in the fastest growing region of the State, and the vitality of our infrastructure system is critical to the overall economic well being of the State. Our priorities are based on a comprehensive approach to meet all of our goals. We look forward to working with you to advance these priority projects, which will help to significantly enhance the quality of life for those who live and work in Prince George's County, the State of Maryland and throughout the region.

Sincerely,



Rushern L. Baker, III
County Executive



Ingrid M. Turner
Chair, County Council

Enclosure

- cc: The Honorable Douglas J. J. Peters, Chair, Prince George's County Senate Delegation
The Honorable Melony G. Griffith, Chair, Prince George's County House Delegation
The Honorable Tawanna Gaines, Chair, Maryland House Transportation and Environment Subcommittee, House Appropriations Committee
The Honorable Eric Olson, Vice Chair, Prince George's County Council
The Honorable Will Campos, Prince George's County Council Member
The Honorable Mel Franklin, Prince George's County Council Member
The Honorable Andrea Harrison, Prince George's County Council Member
The Honorable Leslie Johnson, Prince George's County Council Member
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**Criteria for
Priority State Projects within
Prince George's County**

The State Consolidated Transportation Program (CTP) Priority Projects List is developed by staff of the Department of Public Works and Transportation in coordination with the Maryland-National Capital Park and Planning Commission. After which, the CTP List is forwarded to the County Executive and Council for review, approval and transmittal to the Maryland State Department of Transportation through a joint signature letter.

Criteria used to prioritize the List are as follows:

Safety Improvements - Each project is evaluated to determine the safety enhancements to be achieved for the users in response to the needs.

Capacity Improvements - Each project is evaluated to determine the capacity improvements to be provided for the transportation facility users in response to the needs.

Revitalization - Each project is reviewed to determine the project's contribution to the county's revitalization initiatives and improvements to each community's well-being and environment.

Economic Development - Each project is evaluated to determine the project's contribution to the county's economic development policies and goals.

Mass Transit - Each project is evaluated to determine the project's contribution to the county's master plans for implementation of transit services with emphasis on intra-community transit needs.

Project Schedule - Each project schedule is evaluated to assure the progression of projects from the planning stage into the construction phase for each subsequent year. The availability of projects for the construction phase assures that county projects are available to compete for construction funding each year.

Other Funding Sources - Each project is evaluated to determine the availability of "other" funding sources to supplement state and federal funding provided in the CTP.

PRINCE GEORGE'S COUNTY
2011 PRIORITY PROJECTS LIST
MARYLAND DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION PROJECTS

I. STATE TRANSIT PROGRAMS AND PROJECTS IN PRINCE GEORGE'S COUNTY

Transit Expansion and Funding

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| 1. Purple Line
(New Carrollton to Bethesda,
Construction to begin in New
Carrollton) | Expand capacity with a light rail line inside the Beltway from New Carrollton to Bethesda and provide needed East-West transit connections from New Carrollton to Riverdale Park, College Park, University of Maryland, Langley Park and Montgomery County. |
| 2. WMATA Funding | Maintain needed capacity and effective transit services throughout the County. |
| 3. <i>TheBus</i> | Expand community-based bus services to address unmet transit demands, as identified in the County's Transit Services and Operations Service Plan (TSOP). |
| 4. Transit Oriented Development
1. New Carrollton Transit Station
2. Branch Avenue Metrorail Station
3. Largo Metrorail Station
4. Naylor Road Metrorail Station | Support State funding for Transit Oriented Development (TOD) in Prince George's County as vital for economic development and smart growth. |
| 5. Purple Line Extension to Largo, Branch Avenue Metrorail Stations and National Harbor | Study expansion of an additional phase to continue from New Carrollton to Largo to Branch Avenue Metrorail stations and National Harbor to support and promote economic development and relieve congestion. |

6. Branch Avenue to Alexandria
Expand Metrorail from Branch Avenue to Alexandria via the Woodrow Wilson Bridge (WWB) and National Harbor to provide transit connection between Maryland and Virginia; relieve congestion on the WWB; and promote economic development.
7. Southern Maryland Transit
Study expansion of fixed guideway transit services from Branch Avenue Metrorail Station south along the MD 5/US 301 Corridor to Charles County to relieve congestion in Prince George's County.
8. Green/MARC Camden Lines
Expand the Green/MARC Camden lines from Greenbelt to Baltimore-Washington International Thurgood Marshall (BWITM) Airport to provide Metrorail access to BWITM and new BRAC related employment population at Ft. Meade, and promote economic development.
9. Anacostia/MD 210 Corridor Transit
Study a fixed guideway transit service from the District along the MD 210 Corridor via National Harbor to relieve congestion in Prince George's County. Could include connecting from various points in the District or Southern Avenue Metrorail Station and should be a part of an overall Countywide study of Bus Rapid Transit corridors.

II. State Highway Administration (SHA) Priority Projects

The SHA Priority Projects List is intended to provide guidance to SHA on the order in which Prince George's County's elected officials desire project planning to start and to see actual construction take place. The recommended projects have been prioritized from a strategic planning effort to provide: the greatest benefit to areas inside or adjacent to the Beltway; much needed safety improvements; and economic development growth within the County. Historically, projects currently funded for construction in the Consolidated Transportation Program (CTP) are expected to proceed to construction based on the published funding schedule, which ordinarily would be excluded from this priority list. However, due to severe SHA budget cuts the past few years, this list reflects the need to re-instate projects deferred by the State.

A. Construction Priorities	Need
<p>1. I-95/Contee Road Interchange and Local Road Improvements, including Virginia Manor Road (MD 201, Kenilworth Ave. extended, West of US 1 to Old Gunpowder Road/ MD 198).</p>	<p>Relieve congestion on MD 198; improve operation of the I-95/MD 198 Interchange; reduce travel on US 1 North of Contee Road; and support economic development.</p>
<p>2. Branch Avenue Metro (I-95/495 Access to MD 5) Access Improvements, Phase II Note: This project was funded for construction, but State deferred it outside of the 6-Year CTP.</p>	<p>Provide safe and efficient access to serve the Branch Avenue Metrorail Station and BRAC.</p>
<p>3. MD 4 Corridor, Pennsylvania Avenue Widening and Interchange Improvements</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Suitland Pkwy Interchange - Westphalia Road Interchange - Dower House Road Relocation and Interchange - MD 223 Interchange <p>Note: Suitland Parkway Interchange was funded for construction, but State deferred it outside of the 6-Year CTP.</p>	<p>Relieve congestion; improve safety; and provide access to employment centers in MD 4 Corridor and for BRAC.</p>

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| 4. | MD 210, Indian Head Highway Interchange and Intersection Improvements
(To be constructed in phases)
Phase I - Kerby Hill Road @ Livingston Road | Improve seven failing intersections to relieve existing and projected congestion. |
| 5. | US 1, Baltimore Avenue (College Avenue to I-95) Roadway Reconstruction
(To be completed in phases)
Phase I- College Avenue to MD 193 | Improve safety; provide streetscaping for community revitalization; improve Metrorail stations access; and upgrade Cherry Hill Road Intersection. |
| 6. | I-95/Greenbelt Metro Access | Provide safe and efficient access from I-95/I-495 to the Greenbelt Metrorail Station and support mixed-use economic development around the Station. |
| 7. | MD 450, Annapolis Road (Stonybrook Drive to MD 3) Roadway Widening | Relieve congestion; improve safety; and support economic development. |
| 8. | MD 5, Branch Avenue Interchanges and Widening <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Surratts Road • Burch Hill Road (A-65) • Brandywine Road | Relieve congestion; improve safety; and support economic development. |
| 9. | MD 197, Collington Road (US 50 to MD 450) Roadway Widening | Relieve congestion; improve safety; and support economic development. |
| 10. | MD 223, Woodyard Road (Steed Road to MD 4) Roadway Widening | Relieve congestion; improve safety; and provide capacity for economic development. |
| 11. | US 50/MD 201 (MD 410 to South Dakota Avenue) Interchange and Corridor Improvements | Relieve congestion and improve safety on these key inter-state links. |
| 12. | US 301/MD 197 Interchange (To be constructed in phases) | Improve safety and relieve congestion in this rapidly developing commercial area. |

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| 13. | Forestville Road Ramp @ I-95/495 | Relieve congestion; enhance safety; support economic development, including BRAC, by widening ramp and improving intersection. |
| 14. | Ritchie Marlboro Road @ I-95/495 | Relieve congestion; improve safety; address capacity issues; and support economic development. |
| 15. | MD 201, Kenilworth Avenue
Extended (I-95/495 to US 1) | Relieve congestion; improve safety; and provide access for economic development and the Greenbelt Metrorail Station from US 1 corridor. |
| 16. | MD 193
(To be constructed in phases)
Phase I- MD 214 to MD 450 | Relieve congestion and improve vehicular and pedestrian safety. |
| 17. | MD 212, Powder Mill Road
(Pleasant Acres Drive to I-95)
Roadway and Intersection
Reconstruction | Improve safety and support economic development. |
| 18. | US 301/MD 5 (TB-Charles Co. Line) | Upgrade existing corridor to relieve congestion and provide an alternative to by-pass/tollway. |
| 19. | MD 202/US 301/MD 4/MD 725
New Interchange and
Geometric Roadway Upgrades | Relieve congestion and improve safety in Upper Marlboro by modifying MD 202/US 301/MD 4/MD 725. |

B. Project Planning Start Priorities

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| 1. | MD 223, Piscataway Road/
Woodyard Road | Improve safety and provide additional capacity for economic development. |
| 2. | Forestville Road Ramp @ I-95/495 | Improve intersection and widen ramp to relieve congestion, enhance safety and enable economic development, including BRAC. |
| 3. | MD 202 Landover/Largo Road
(MD 214, Central Avenue to
MD 193, Watkins Park Drive) | Widen to a consistent 6 lane arterial to improve safety and relieve congestion. |
| 4. | MD 410, East-West Highway/
Riverdale Road
(To proceed in phases)
Phase I - Veterans Pkwy. to US 1
Phase II - Toledo Terrace to MD 650 | Relieve congestion and improve vehicular and pedestrian safety. |
| 5. | Ritchie Marlboro Road @ I-95/495 | Relieve congestion; address capacity issues; and support economic development. |
| 6. | US 50/MD 201
(MD 410 to South Dakota Avenue)
Interchange and Corridor
Improvements | Relieve congestion and improve safety on these key inter-state links. |
| 7. | MD 193
(To proceed in phases)
Phase I - MD 214 to MD 450 | Relieve congestion and improve vehicular and pedestrian safety. |
| 8. | MD 212, Powder Mill Road
(Pleasant Acres Drive to I-95)
Roadway and Intersection
Reconstruction | Improve safety and support economic development. |
| 9. | MD 197, Laurel Bowie Road
(Old Laurel Bowie Road to
The Baltimore/Washington Pkwy) | Relieve congestion and improve safety |
| 10. | US 50, John Hanson Highway
(MD 704 to MD 197)
New Interchange | Relieve congestion and improve safety on MD 197 and MD 450. |

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| 11. | US 1, Rhode Island Avenue/
Baltimore Avenue
(N. Brentwood to College Avenue) | Improve safety and provide streetscaping for community revitalization. |
| 12. | US 301/MD 5 (TB-Charles Co. Line) | Relieve congestion and provide an alternative to by-pass/tollway. |
| 13. | MD 202/US 301/MD 4/MD 725
New Interchange, Geometric
Roadway Reconstruction Upgrades | Relieve congestion and improve safety in Upper Marlboro area by realigning MD 202 at US 301 and MD 4. |

**C. System Preservation Construction
Priorities**

Comments

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| 1. | MD 704, Martin Luther King Jr. Hwy
(District Line to US 50) | Improve pedestrian and vehicular safety |
| 2. | MD 500, Queens Chapel Road
(District Line to MD 410) | Improve pedestrian and vehicular safety |
| 3. | US 1 Alternate, Bladensburg Road
(38 th Avenue to Anacostia River) | Improve pedestrian and vehicular safety |
| 4. | MD 193, University Blvd.
(Mont. Co. to Adelphi Road) | Improve pedestrian and vehicular safety |
| 5. | MD 193, Greenbelt Road
(US 1 to Soil Conservation Road) | Improve pedestrian and vehicular safety |
| 6. | MD 197, Laurel Bowie Road
(MD 450 to Rustic Hill Drive) | Improve pedestrian and vehicular safety |
| 7. | MD 210, Indian Head Highway
(District Line to Livingston Road) | Improve pedestrian and vehicle safety (underway between DC Line to I-495) |
| 8. | MD 459, Tuxedo Road
(MD 201 to US 50) | Improve pedestrian and vehicular safety |
| 9. | MD 564, Lanham-Severn Road
(I-95/495 to 96 th Avenue) | Improve pedestrian and vehicular safety |
| 10. | MD 223, Woodyard Road
(MD 5 to Pine View Lane) | Improve capacity and vehicular and pedestrian safety |

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| 11. | MD 212, Powder Mill Road
(Old Gunpowder Road to US 1) | Improve pedestrian and
vehicular safety |
| 12. | US 1, Baltimore Avenue
(Prince George's Avenue to
Ammendale Road) | Improve safety and
relieve congestion |
| 13. | MD 373, Accokeek Road
(Gardner Road to MD 210) | Improve vehicular safety
by adding shoulders |
| 14. | MD 201, Edmonston Road
(Cherrywood Lane to
Sunnyside Avenue) | Improve vehicular safety
and relieve congestion |

D. Safety Improvements

Need

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| 1. | MD 704 at Hill Road | Improve safety and capacity |
| 2. | MD 210 at Old Fort Road | Improve safety and capacity |
| 3. | MD 223 at Steed Road | Improve safety and capacity |
| 4. | US 1 at Muirkirk Meadows Drive | Improve safety and capacity |

E. Trail/Bikeway Priorities

On-Road Trails:

1. Potomac Heritage Trail On-road Bicycle Route
2. MD 704
(MD 450 to District Line)
3. MD 193
(Montgomery County Line to MD 564)
4. Oxon Hill Road
(MD 210 to Livingston Road)
5. US 1 in College Park
(Sunnyside Avenue to Albion Road)
6. Suitland Parkway Trail
(District Line to Branch Avenue Metrorail Station)
7. MD 223 (MD 4 to Livingston Road)
8. MD 450 (Greenwood Lane to New Carrollton Metrorail Station)
9. MD 450 Restriping for Designated Bike Lanes (just west of MD 410 to the Baltimore-Washington Parkway)
10. Bowie Heritage Trail

Park Trails:

1. Rhode Island Avenue Trolley Trail
(Armentrout Drive to Hamilton Street)
2. Henson Creek Trail Extension
(Temple Hill Road to Suitland Parkway)
3. Little Paint Branch Trail Extension
(Cherry Hill Road to Sellman Road)
4. WB&A Trail Extension (into Anne Arundel County)
5. Prince George's Connector Trail
(Chillum Road to the District Line)
6. Folly Branch Trail
(Forbes Boulevard to Sunflower Terrace)
7. Piscataway Creek Trail (Southern Avenue to Naylor Road)
8. Oxon Run Trail (Southern Avenue to Naylor Road)
9. Bowie Heritage Trail

PRINCE GEORGE'S COUNTY COUNCIL

AGENDA ITEM SUMMARY

2011 Legislative Session

Meeting Date: 3/15/2011
Reference No.: 3 (c)
Draft No.: 2
Proposer(s): County Executive
Sponsor(s):
Item Title: Proposed joint letter regarding 2011 State Consolidated Transportation Program Priority Projects List.

Drafter: Department of Public Works and Transportation
Resource Personnel: Brad Frome, Council Liaison, Office of the County Executive

LEGISLATIVE HISTORY:

Date Presented: ___/___/___ **Executive Action:** ___/___/___
Committee Referral: 3/1/2011 C.O.W. **Effective Date:** ___/___/___
Committee Action: 3/8/2011 HELD
Date Introduced: ___/___/___
Public Hearing: ___/___/___ :__ __

Council Action: 3/15/2011 CHAIRMAN AUTHORIZED TO SIGN
Council Votes: IT:A, WC:A, MRF:A, AH:A, LJ:A, ML:A, EO:A, OP:-, KT:A
Pass/Fail: P

Remarks: _____

AFFECTED CODE SECTIONS:

COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE

DATE: 3/8/2010

Overview of the proposed letter and projects was provided by Dr. Haitham Hijazi, Director, Department of Public Works (DPWT). After Council Member comments and questions, the matter was held for potential changes.

BACKGROUND INFORMATION/FISCAL IMPACT:

(Includes reason for proposal, as well as any unique statutory requirements)

The 2011 State Consolidated Transportation Program Priority Projects List, developed by the Department of Public Works (DPWT), represents transportation and transit projects and services to be constructed and to provide community benefit for economic and transit oriented development, Metrorail, Metrobus and The Bus improvements, congestion relief, traffic & pedestrian safety improvements and expansion of public trails in Prince George's County.

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