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The Honorable James T. Smith, Jr.
Secretary, Maryland Department of Transportation
7201 Corporate Drive, P.O. Box 548
Hanover, Maryland 21076

Dear Secretary Smith:

In light of the Draft FY2014-2019 Consolidated Transportation Program we have updated the State transportation priorities we last transmitted to you dated February 15, 2011. This letter describes our latest sets of priorities for currently unfunded or underfunded State transportation projects and studies.

We urge the Maryland Department of Transportation (MDOT) to support the Washington Metropolitan Area Transit Authority's multi-year capital improvement programs for infrastructure investment to maintain a state of good repair. Additional funding is needed to operate eight-car trains, eliminate the Red Line turnbacks at Grosvenor and Silver Spring, and to expand the existing station platform and circulation capacity to accommodate existing and projected riders.

We deeply appreciate the State providing funding for the Purple Line and for Stage 1 of the Corridor Cities Transitway (CCT) from Shady Grove to Metropolitan Grove. The Purple Line and the CCT are our highest transportation priorities (see below). We are optimistic that the Federal Government will authorize and appropriate its share of the cost of the Purple Line, but in case it does not, a high priority would be for the State to make up the difference. Regarding the CCT, we also urge that a means for achieving full funding be sought for the entire line, not only for Stage 1. Additionally, we recognize and appreciate your funding of the I-270 at Watkins Mill Interchange, the Brookeville Bypass, the additional funding for the MD 28/MD 198 Study, and the design of interchanges along US 29. Advancing these projects support our economic development and safety of the traveling public.

The balance of this letter describes our State funding priorities for MDOT's Construction Program and the Development and Evaluation (D&E) Program, respectively:

PRIORITIES FOR THE CONSTRUCTION PROGRAM

1. Purple Line
1. Corridor Cities Transitway, Stages 1 & 2
3. Montrose Parkway East: contribution to MD 355 to Parklawn Drive segment (MD 355 Intchg., Phase II)
4. Metro Bus Priority Corridor Network in Montgomery County: supporting road improvements
5. MD 97 (Georgia Avenue)/MD 28 (Norbeck Road): grade-separated interchange
6. US 29/Tech Road/Industrial Parkway: grade-separated interchange
7. US 29/Fairland Road/Musgrove Road: grade-separated interchange
8. MD 28 (Norbeck Rd.), Georgia Avenue to Layhill Road: widen to 4 lanes, with safety improvements
9. MD 586 (Veirs Mill Road) Bus Rapid Transit line
10. Forest Glen Pedestrian Underpass beneath Georgia Avenue
11. MD 124 (Woodfield Road), Midcounty Highway to Airpark Drive: widen to 4 lanes
12. MD 117 (Clopper Road), I-270 to Seneca Creek State Park: improve intersections
13. I-270/Newcut Road: grade-separated interchange
14. MD 97 (Georgia Avenue), Forest Glen Road to 16th Street: safety and accessibility improvements
15. MD 97 (Georgia Avenue) Bus Rapid Transit line, Olney to Wheaton



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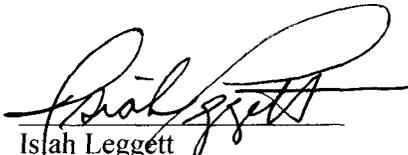
Once the project planning studies evaluating the addition of high-occupancy-vehicle (HOV) lanes on I-270 (I-370 to Frederick County) and I-495 (I-270 West Spur to Virginia) are re-initiated, and once a funding strategy is developed for these megaprojects of statewide significance, we will include them among the Construction Program priorities. We urge you to complete details and cost estimates for smaller segments of these corridors that your staff has been analyzing. They could be implemented in a shorter time frame, produce immediate congestion reduction benefits and the much lower costs make them very cost-effective.

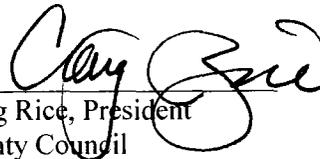
PRIORITIES FOR THE D&E PROGRAM

1. US 29 & MD 355 Bus Rapid Transit lines: additional funds to complete project planning
2. I-495 (Capital Beltway): extend HOV lane south of I-270 West Spur
3. I-270 West Spur: HOV ramps from/to the south side of Westlake Drive/Fernwood Road
4. MD 355 (Frederick Road)/Gude Drive: grade-separated interchange
5. Midcounty Highway Extended, ICC to Shady Grove Road
6. MD 119 (Great Seneca Highway)/Sam Eig Highway/Muddy Branch Road: grade-separated interchanges
7. MD 650 (New Hampshire Avenue) Bus Rapid Transit line, White Oak to Eastern Avenue.
8. ICC hiker/biker trail
9. Bicycle-Pedestrian Priority Areas: bike and pedestrian facility improvements

Attached is a fuller description of these projects, and how each conforms to local master plans and the goals of the Maryland Transportation Plan. If you need any clarifications about our recommendations, please contact us. Also, at its request, we are attaching the priorities letter from the City of Gaithersburg.

Sincerely,


Isiah Leggett
County Executive


Craig Rice, President
County Council

cc: The Honorable Martin O'Malley, Governor, State of Maryland
The Honorable Jamie Raskin, Chair, Montgomery County Senate Delegation
The Honorable Anne R. Kaiser, Chair, Montgomery County House Delegate
Françoise Carrier, Chair, Montgomery County Planning Board

Project Questionnaire: Annual Request to Maryland DOT for Project Funding

Please provide the following information for *each* major capital project priority identified

FY: FY15 to FY: FY20 CTP

- 1) Name of Project: MD 355 Interchange Phase 2 / Montrose Parkway East
- 2) Submitting Jurisdiction/Modal Agency: Montgomery County; SHA
- 3) Project Jurisdiction/County: _Montgomery County
- 4) Project limits (attach map if available and applicable): MD 355 to Parklawn Drive, attached
- 5) Anticipated cost and funding source (approximate if available): \$77 Million
Description of project purpose and need (up to one paragraph): Construct a grade-separated crossing over CSX's Metropolitan Branch and a grade-separated interchange at Parklawn Drive. Bicycle and pedestrian facilities will be included where appropriate. A County project will extend this road to MD 586 (Veirs Mill Road.)
- 6) Is the project contained within the local Metropolitan Planning Organization's fiscally constrained long-range transportation plan? Yes No
Project located outside of MPO boundaries: _____
- 7) Is the project consistent with the local land use plans? Yes No Describe specifics on how the project supports the local land use plan goals, objectives and/or policies: The interchange and roadway connections are included both in the Montgomery County Master Plan of Highways and Transitways and the Montgomery County Capital Improvements Program. The project will improve access to the White Flint TOD area.
- 8) In county priority letter? Yes No
- 9) Smart Growth status and explanation: Inside PFA
- 10) Please indicate which of the following Maryland Transportation Plan goals and objectives are served by the requested project investment (mark each goal served by the project and relevant objectives within each goal)

Goal: Safety and Security: *Enhance the safety of transportation system users and develop a transportation system that is resilient to natural or man-made hazards.*

Objective: Reduce the number of lives lost and injuries sustained on Maryland's transportation system.

Objective: Provide secure transportation infrastructure, assets and operations for the safe movement of people and goods.

If checked, please describe how the project supports the goal and objectives: This project would improve safety and relieve traffic congestion that occurs at the Randolph Road intersection with Parklawn Drive and at the grade crossing of the CSX Railroad.

Goal: System Preservation: *Preserve and maintain the State's existing transportation systems and assets.*

Objective: Preserve and maintain State-owned or supported roadways, bridges, public transit, rail, bicycle and pedestrian facilities, ports, airports and other facilities in a state of good repair.

If checked, please describe how the project supports the goal and objectives: _____

Goal: Quality of Service. *Maintain and enhance the quality of service experienced by users of Maryland's transportation system.*

Objective: Increase the efficiency of transportation service delivery through the use of systems, processes, partnerships, technologies and service delivery methods.

Objective: Maintain and enhance customer satisfaction with transportation services across modes.

Objective: Seek to maintain or improve travel reliability for key transportation corridors and services.

Objective: Continue to apply enhanced technologies to improve the transportation system and communicate with the traveling public.

If checked, please describe how the project supports the goal and objectives: This project would improve safety and relieve traffic congestion that occurs on Randolph Road, at the Parklawn Drive intersection and at the CSX Railroad crossing.

Goal: Environmental Stewardship: *Ensure that the delivery of the State's transportation infrastructure program conserves and enhances Maryland's natural, historic and cultural resources.*

Objective: Limit the impacts of transportation on Maryland's natural environment through impact avoidance, minimization and mitigation.

Objective: Employ resource protection and conservation practices in project development, construction, operations, and maintenance of transportation assets.

Objective: Implement transportation initiatives to mitigate the impacts of climate change and improve air quality.

Objective: Support broader efforts to improve the health of the Chesapeake Bay, protect wildlife, conserve energy, and address the impacts of climate change.

If checked, please describe how the project supports the goal and objectives: _____

Goal: Community Vitality: *Provide options for the movement of people and goods that support communities and quality of life.*

Objective: Better coordinate transportation investments and land use planning to support the environmental, social and economic sustainability of Maryland's existing communities and planned growth areas.

Objective: Enhance transportation networks and choices to improve mobility and accessibility, and to better integrate with land use.

Objective: Increase and enhance transportation connections to move people and goods within and between activity centers.

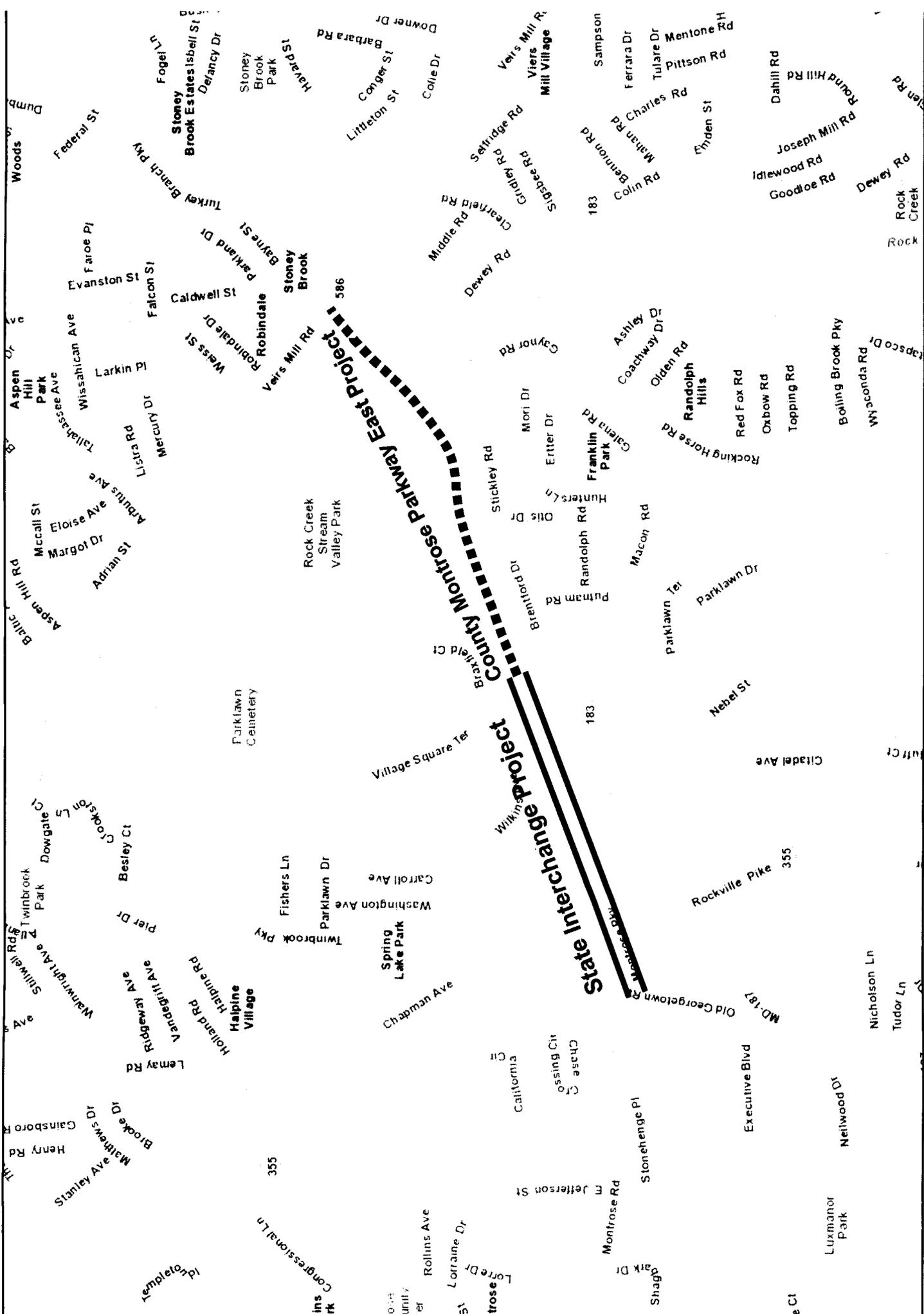
Goal: Economic Prosperity: *Support a healthy and competitive Maryland economy.*

Objective: Improve the movement of freight and support growth in the flow of goods within and through Maryland.

Objective: Facilitate opportunities for growth in jobs and business across the State.

If checked, please describe how the project supports the goal and objectives: The project will provide improved access to the White Flint TOD area, where the County is expecting significant growth in employment and housing.

11) Additional Comments/Explanation: _____



MD 355 Interchange Phase 2

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Please provide the following information for *each* major capital project priority identified

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- 1) Name of Project: Metro Bus Priority Corridor Network
- 2) Submitting Jurisdiction/Modal Agency: Montgomery County; SHA; WMATA
- 3) Project Jurisdiction/County: _Montgomery County
- 4) Project limits (attach map if available and applicable): Various corridors in Montgomery County
- 5) Anticipated cost and funding source (approximate if available): TBD
- 6) Description of project purpose and need (up to one paragraph): Capital improvements in State highway rights-of-way to facilitate movement of Metrobus "Metro Extra" service. Improvements would include construction of bypass lanes, queue jumpers, and signal prioritization to allow public transit buses to bypass significant congestion at intersections, providing faster and more reliable bus service.
- 7) Is the project contained within the local Metropolitan Planning Organization's fiscally constrained long-range transportation plan? Yes No
Project located outside of MPO boundaries: _____
- 8) Is the project consistent with the local land use plans? Yes No Describe specifics on how the project supports the local land use plan goals, objectives and/or policies: Since individual subprojects under this large project are relatively minor, they are not explicitly listed in County master and sector plans. However, they support the goal--included in all of these plans--to improve the effective speed and efficiency of bus transit.
- 9) In county priority letter? Yes No
- 10) Smart Growth status and explanation: All improvements under this project would be inside the designated PFA.
- 11) Please indicate which of the following Maryland Transportation Plan goals and objectives are served by the requested project investment (mark each goal served by the project and relevant objectives within each goal)

Goal: Safety and Security: *Enhance the safety of transportation system users and develop a transportation system that is resilient to natural or man-made hazards.*

Objective: Reduce the number of lives lost and injuries sustained on Maryland's transportation system.

Objective: Provide secure transportation infrastructure, assets and operations for the safe movement of people and goods.

If checked, please describe how the project supports the goal and objectives: By drawing some drivers to transit, the propensity for motor vehicle fatalities and injuries will be reduced.

Goal: System Preservation: *Preserve and maintain the State's existing transportation systems and assets.*

Objective: Preserve and maintain State-owned or supported roadways, bridges, public transit, rail, bicycle and pedestrian facilities, ports, airports and other facilities in a state of good repair.

If checked, please describe how the project supports the goal and objectives: _____

Goal: Quality of Service. *Maintain and enhance the quality of service experienced by users of Maryland's transportation system.*

Objective: Increase the efficiency of transportation service delivery through the use of systems, processes, partnerships, technologies and service delivery methods.

Objective: Maintain and enhance customer satisfaction with transportation services across modes.

Objective: Seek to maintain or improve travel reliability for key transportation corridors and services.

Objective: Continue to apply enhanced technologies to improve the transportation system and communicate with the traveling public.

If checked, please describe how the project supports the goal and objectives: The project is needed to provide system to enhance transit convenience and reliability, and to improve mobility and accessibility in several corridors.

Goal: Environmental Stewardship: *Ensure that the delivery of the State's transportation infrastructure program conserves and enhances Maryland's natural, historic and cultural resources.*

Objective: Limit the impacts of transportation on Maryland's natural environment through impact avoidance, minimization and mitigation.

Objective: Employ resource protection and conservation practices in project development, construction, operations, and maintenance of transportation assets.

Objective: Implement transportation initiatives to mitigate the impacts of climate change and improve air quality.

Objective: Support broader efforts to improve the health of the Chesapeake Bay, protect wildlife, conserve energy, and address the impacts of climate change.

If checked, please describe how the project supports the goal and objectives: Project implementation will result in diversion of some auto trips to transit, thus reducing emissions.

Goal: Community Vitality: *Provide options for the movement of people and goods that support communities and quality of life.*

Objective: Better coordinate transportation investments and land use planning to support the environmental, social and economic sustainability of Maryland's existing communities and planned growth areas.

Objective: Enhance transportation networks and choices to improve mobility and accessibility, and to better integrate with land use.

Objective: Increase and enhance transportation connections to move people and goods within and between activity centers.

Goal: Economic Prosperity: *Support a healthy and competitive Maryland economy.*

Objective: Improve the movement of freight and support growth in the flow of goods within and through Maryland.

Objective: Facilitate opportunities for growth in jobs and business across the State.

If checked, please describe how the project supports the goal and objectives: The project will contribute to reaching non-auto-driver mode goals in several business districts, allowing planned development there to proceed.

12) Additional Comments/Explanation: _____

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- 1) Name of Project: MD 97 at MD 28 Interchange
- 2) Submitting Jurisdiction/Modal Agency: Montgomery County; SHA
- 3) Project Jurisdiction/County: _Montgomery County
- 4) Project limits (attach map if available and applicable): MD 97 (Georgia Avenue) at MD 28 (Norbeck Road) Interchange
- 5) Anticipated cost and funding source (approximate if available): \$129 Million
Description of project purpose and need (up to one paragraph): This project would provide operational and safety improvements at this intersection by constructing a grade-separated interchange. Bicycle and pedestrian improvements would be included.
- 6) Is the project contained within the local Metropolitan Planning Organization's fiscally constrained long-range transportation plan? Yes No
Project located outside of MPO boundaries: _____
- 7) Is the project consistent with the local land use plans? Yes No Describe specifics on how the project supports the local land use plan goals, objectives and/or policies: This project is included in the Montgomery County Master Plan of Highways and Transitways and the 1994 Aspen Hill Master Plan.
- 8) In county priority letter? Yes No
- 9) Smart Growth status and explanation: The intersection is inside the designated PFA.
- 10) Please indicate which of the following Maryland Transportation Plan goals and objectives are served by the requested project investment (mark each goal served by the project and relevant objectives within each goal)

Goal: Safety and Security: *Enhance the safety of transportation system users and develop a transportation system that is resilient to natural or man-made hazards.*

Objective: Reduce the number of lives lost and injuries sustained on Maryland's transportation system.

Objective: Provide secure transportation infrastructure, assets and operations for the safe movement of people and goods.

If checked, please describe how the project supports the goal and objectives: The project will improve intersection safety by removing an at-grade intersection. Bicycle and pedestrian facilities would provide improved safety for all roadway users.

Goal: System Preservation: *Preserve and maintain the State's existing transportation systems and assets.*

Objective: Preserve and maintain State-owned or supported roadways, bridges, public transit, rail, bicycle and pedestrian facilities, ports, airports and other facilities in a state of good repair.

If checked, please describe how the project supports the goal and objectives: _____

Goal: Quality of Service. *Maintain and enhance the quality of service experienced by users of Maryland's transportation system.*

Objective: Increase the efficiency of transportation service delivery through the use of systems, processes, partnerships, technologies and service delivery methods.

Objective: Maintain and enhance customer satisfaction with transportation services across modes.

Objective: Seek to maintain or improve travel reliability for key transportation corridors and services.

Objective: Continue to apply enhanced technologies to improve the transportation system and communicate with the traveling public.

If checked, please describe how the project supports the goal and objectives: This project would provide operational and safety improvements at this intersection by constructing a grade-separated interchange. This project would also provide relief to present and future traffic congestion and improve traffic operations.

Goal: Environmental Stewardship: *Ensure that the delivery of the State's transportation infrastructure program conserves and enhances Maryland's natural, historic and cultural resources.*

Objective: Limit the impacts of transportation on Maryland's natural environment through impact avoidance, minimization and mitigation.

Objective: Employ resource protection and conservation practices in project development, construction, operations, and maintenance of transportation assets.

Objective: Implement transportation initiatives to mitigate the impacts of climate change and improve air quality.

Objective: Support broader efforts to improve the health of the Chesapeake Bay, protect wildlife, conserve energy, and address the impacts of climate change.

If checked, please describe how the project supports the goal and objectives: _____

Goal: Community Vitality: *Provide options for the movement of people and goods that support communities and quality of life.*

Objective: Better coordinate transportation investments and land use planning to support the environmental, social and economic sustainability of Maryland's existing communities and planned growth areas.

Objective: Enhance transportation networks and choices to improve mobility and accessibility, and to better integrate with land use.

Objective: Increase and enhance transportation connections to move people and goods within and between activity centers.

Goal: Economic Prosperity: *Support a healthy and competitive Maryland economy.*

Objective: Improve the movement of freight and support growth in the flow of goods within and through Maryland.

Objective: Facilitate opportunities for growth in jobs and business across the State.

If checked, please describe how the project supports the goal and objectives: _____

11) Additional Comments/Explanation: _____

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Please provide the following information for *each* major capital project priority identified

FY: FY15 to FY: FY20 CTP

- 1) Name of Project: US 29 at Tech Road / Industrial Parkway Interchange
- 2) Submitting Jurisdiction/Modal Agency: Montgomery County; SHA
- 3) Project Jurisdiction/County: _Montgomery County
- 4) Project limits (attach map if available and applicable): Tech Road to Industrial Parkway
- 5) Anticipated cost and funding source (approximate if available): \$92 Million
Description of project purpose and need (up to one paragraph): Construct an interchange at Tech Road and Industrial Parkway. Development along the US 29 corridor has resulted in traffic growth and congestion. This project will provide relief to present and future traffic congestion while improving system operations. Bicycle and pedestrian improvements will be included.
- 6) Is the project contained within the local Metropolitan Planning Organization's fiscally constrained long-range transportation plan? Yes No
Project located outside of MPO boundaries: _____
- 7) Is the project consistent with the local land use plans? Yes No Describe specifics on how the project supports the local land use plan goals, objectives and/or policies: The interchanges are included in the Montgomery County Master Plan of Highways and Transitways and the 1997 Fairland Master Plan.
- 8) In county priority letter? Yes No
- 9) Smart Growth status and explanation: Inside PFA
- 10) Please indicate which of the following Maryland Transportation Plan goals and objectives are served by the requested project investment (mark each goal served by the project and relevant objectives within each goal)

Goal: Safety and Security: *Enhance the safety of transportation system users and develop a transportation system that is resilient to natural or man-made hazards.*

Objective: Reduce the number of lives lost and injuries sustained on Maryland's transportation system.

Objective: Provide secure transportation infrastructure, assets and operations for the safe movement of people and goods.

If checked, please describe how the project supports the goal and objectives: The elimination of two at-grade intersections in the US 29 corridor will improve traffic safety in the corridor.

Goal: System Preservation: *Preserve and maintain the State's existing transportation systems and assets.*

Objective: Preserve and maintain State-owned or supported roadways, bridges, public transit, rail, bicycle and pedestrian facilities, ports, airports and other facilities in a state of good repair.

If checked, please describe how the project supports the goal and objectives: _____

Goal: Quality of Service. *Maintain and enhance the quality of service experienced by users of Maryland's transportation system.*

Objective: Increase the efficiency of transportation service delivery through the use of systems, processes, partnerships, technologies and service delivery methods.

Objective: Maintain and enhance customer satisfaction with transportation services across modes.

Objective: Seek to maintain or improve travel reliability for key transportation corridors and services.

Objective: Continue to apply enhanced technologies to improve the transportation system and communicate with the traveling public.

If checked, please describe how the project supports the goal and objectives: Development along the US 29 corridor has resulted in traffic growth and congestion. This project will provide relief to present and future traffic congestion while improving system operations for vehicles and pedestrians.

Goal: Environmental Stewardship: *Ensure that the delivery of the State's transportation infrastructure program conserves and enhances Maryland's natural, historic and cultural resources.*

Objective: Limit the impacts of transportation on Maryland's natural environment through impact avoidance, minimization and mitigation.

Objective: Employ resource protection and conservation practices in project development, construction, operations, and maintenance of transportation assets.

Objective: Implement transportation initiatives to mitigate the impacts of climate change and improve air quality.

Objective: Support broader efforts to improve the health of the Chesapeake Bay, protect wildlife, conserve energy, and address the impacts of climate change.

If checked, please describe how the project supports the goal and objectives: By eliminating the at-grade intersections, traffic flow will be improved, thus reducing emissions.

Goal: Community Vitality: *Provide options for the movement of people and goods that support communities and quality of life.*

Objective: Better coordinate transportation investments and land use planning to support the environmental, social and economic sustainability of Maryland's existing communities and planned growth areas.

Objective: Enhance transportation networks and choices to improve mobility and accessibility, and to better integrate with land use.

Objective: Increase and enhance transportation connections to move people and goods within and between activity centers.

Goal: Economic Prosperity: *Support a healthy and competitive Maryland economy.*

Objective: Improve the movement of freight and support growth in the flow of goods within and through Maryland.

Objective: Facilitate opportunities for growth in jobs and business across the State.

If checked, please describe how the project supports the goal and objectives: The project will improve access to the proposed White Oak Science Gateway Center, where about 13 million square feet of new employment and residential development has been proposed.

11) Additional Comments/Explanation: _____

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- 1) Name of Project: US 29 at Fairland / Musgrove Road Interchange
- 2) Submitting Jurisdiction/Modal Agency: Montgomery County; SHA
- 3) Project Jurisdiction/County: _Montgomery County
- 4) Project limits (attach map if available and applicable): Fairland Road to Musgrove Road
- 5) Anticipated cost and funding source (approximate if available): \$114 Million
Description of project purpose and need (up to one paragraph): Construct an interchange at Musgrove Road and Fairland Road. Development along the US 29 corridor has resulted in traffic growth and congestion. This project will provide relief to present and future traffic congestion while improving system operations. Bicycle and pedestrian improvements will be included.
- 6) Is the project contained within the local Metropolitan Planning Organization's fiscally constrained long-range transportation plan? Yes No
Project located outside of MPO boundaries: _____
- 7) Is the project consistent with the local land use plans? Yes No Describe specifics on how the project supports the local land use plan goals, objectives and/or policies: The interchanges are included in the Montgomery County Master Plan of Highways and Transitways and the 1997 Fairland Master Plan.
- 8) In county priority letter? Yes No
- 9) Smart Growth status and explanation: Inside PFA
- 10) Please indicate which of the following Maryland Transportation Plan goals and objectives are served by the requested project investment (mark each goal served by the project and relevant objectives within each goal)

Goal: Safety and Security: *Enhance the safety of transportation system users and develop a transportation system that is resilient to natural or man-made hazards.*

Objective: Reduce the number of lives lost and injuries sustained on Maryland's transportation system.

Objective: Provide secure transportation infrastructure, assets and operations for the safe movement of people and goods.

If checked, please describe how the project supports the goal and objectives: The elimination of two at-grade intersections in the US 29 corridor will improve traffic safety in the corridor. Delays will be reduced for all users and pedestrian crossing of US 29 will be enhanced.

Goal: System Preservation: *Preserve and maintain the State's existing transportation systems and assets.*

Objective: Preserve and maintain State-owned or supported roadways, bridges, public transit, rail, bicycle and pedestrian facilities, ports, airports and other facilities in a state of good repair.

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Goal: Quality of Service. *Maintain and enhance the quality of service experienced by users of Maryland's transportation system.*

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Objective: Maintain and enhance customer satisfaction with transportation services across modes.

Objective: Seek to maintain or improve travel reliability for key transportation corridors and services.

Objective: Continue to apply enhanced technologies to improve the transportation system and communicate with the traveling public.

If checked, please describe how the project supports the goal and objectives: Development along the US 29 corridor has resulted in traffic growth and congestion. This project will provide relief to present and future traffic congestion while improving system operations for vehicles and pedestrians.

Goal: Environmental Stewardship: *Ensure that the delivery of the State's transportation infrastructure program conserves and enhances Maryland's natural, historic and cultural resources.*

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Objective: Implement transportation initiatives to mitigate the impacts of climate change and improve air quality.

Objective: Support broader efforts to improve the health of the Chesapeake Bay, protect wildlife, conserve energy, and address the impacts of climate change.

If checked, please describe how the project supports the goal and objectives: By eliminating the at-grade intersections, traffic flow will be improved and emissions reduced.

Goal: Community Vitality: *Provide options for the movement of people and goods that support communities and quality of life.*

Objective: Better coordinate transportation investments and land use planning to support the environmental, social and economic sustainability of Maryland's existing communities and planned growth areas.

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Goal: Economic Prosperity: *Support a healthy and competitive Maryland economy.*

Objective: Improve the movement of freight and support growth in the flow of goods within and through Maryland.

Objective: Facilitate opportunities for growth in jobs and business across the State.

If checked, please describe how the project supports the goal and objectives: The project will improve access to the proposed increased business and residential development at the White Oak Science Gateway Center.

11) Additional Comments/Explanation: _____

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FY: FY15 to FY: FY20 CTP

- 1) Name of Project: MD 28 - Georgia Avenue to Layhill Road
- 2) Submitting Jurisdiction/Modal Agency: Montgomery County; SHA
- 3) Project Jurisdiction/County: _Montgomery County
- 4) Project limits (attach map if available and applicable): MD 28 at Georgia Avenue (MD 97) to MD 28 at Layhill Road (MD 182)
- 5) Anticipated cost and funding source (approximate if available): \$81 Million
- 6) Description of project purpose and need (up to one paragraph): This project would widen MD 28 from Georgia Avenue from two to four lanes and provide operational and safety improvements along this corridor. Bicycle and pedestrian improvements would be included. Project design alternatives would be sensitive to the context of the adjacent land uses.
- 7) Is the project contained within the local Metropolitan Planning Organization's fiscally constrained long-range transportation plan? Yes No
Project located outside of MPO boundaries: _____
- 8) Is the project consistent with the local land use plans? Yes No Describe specifics on how the project supports the local land use plan goals, objectives and/or policies: These roadway improvements are included in the Montgomery County Master Plan of Highways and Transitways and the 1994 Aspen Hill Master Plan.
- 9) In county priority letter? Yes No
- 10) Smart Growth status and explanation: The corridor segment from MD 97 to MD 182 is the PFA boundary.
- 11) Please indicate which of the following Maryland Transportation Plan goals and objectives are served by the requested project investment (mark each goal served by the project and relevant objectives within each goal)

Goal: Safety and Security: *Enhance the safety of transportation system users and develop a transportation system that is resilient to natural or man-made hazards.*

Objective: Reduce the number of lives lost and injuries sustained on Maryland's transportation system.

Objective: Provide secure transportation infrastructure, assets and operations for the safe movement of people and goods.

If checked, please describe how the project supports the goal and objectives: The project will improve the horizontal and vertical alignment of the existing road. It would also provide improved intersection safety and access to adjacent land uses in the corridor. Bicycle and pedestrian facilities would provide improved safety for all roadway users.

Goal: System Preservation: *Preserve and maintain the State's existing transportation systems and assets.*

Objective: Preserve and maintain State-owned or supported roadways, bridges, public transit, rail, bicycle and pedestrian facilities, ports, airports and other facilities in a state of good repair.

If checked, please describe how the project supports the goal and objectives: _____

Goal: Quality of Service. *Maintain and enhance the quality of service experienced by users of Maryland's transportation system.*

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Objective: Maintain and enhance customer satisfaction with transportation services across modes.

Objective: Seek to maintain or improve travel reliability for key transportation corridors and services.

Objective: Continue to apply enhanced technologies to improve the transportation system and communicate with the traveling public.

If checked, please describe how the project supports the goal and objectives: This project would accommodate travel safety along the MD 28 corridor between MD 97 and MD 182. This project would also provide relief to present and future traffic congestion and improve traffic operations.

Goal: Environmental Stewardship: *Ensure that the delivery of the State's transportation infrastructure program conserves and enhances Maryland's natural, historic and cultural resources.*

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If checked, please describe how the project supports the goal and objectives: _____

Goal: Community Vitality: *Provide options for the movement of people and goods that support communities and quality of life.*

Objective: Better coordinate transportation investments and land use planning to support the environmental, social and economic sustainability of Maryland's existing communities and planned growth areas.

Objective: Enhance transportation networks and choices to improve mobility and accessibility, and to better integrate with land use.

Objective: Increase and enhance transportation connections to move people and goods within and between activity centers.

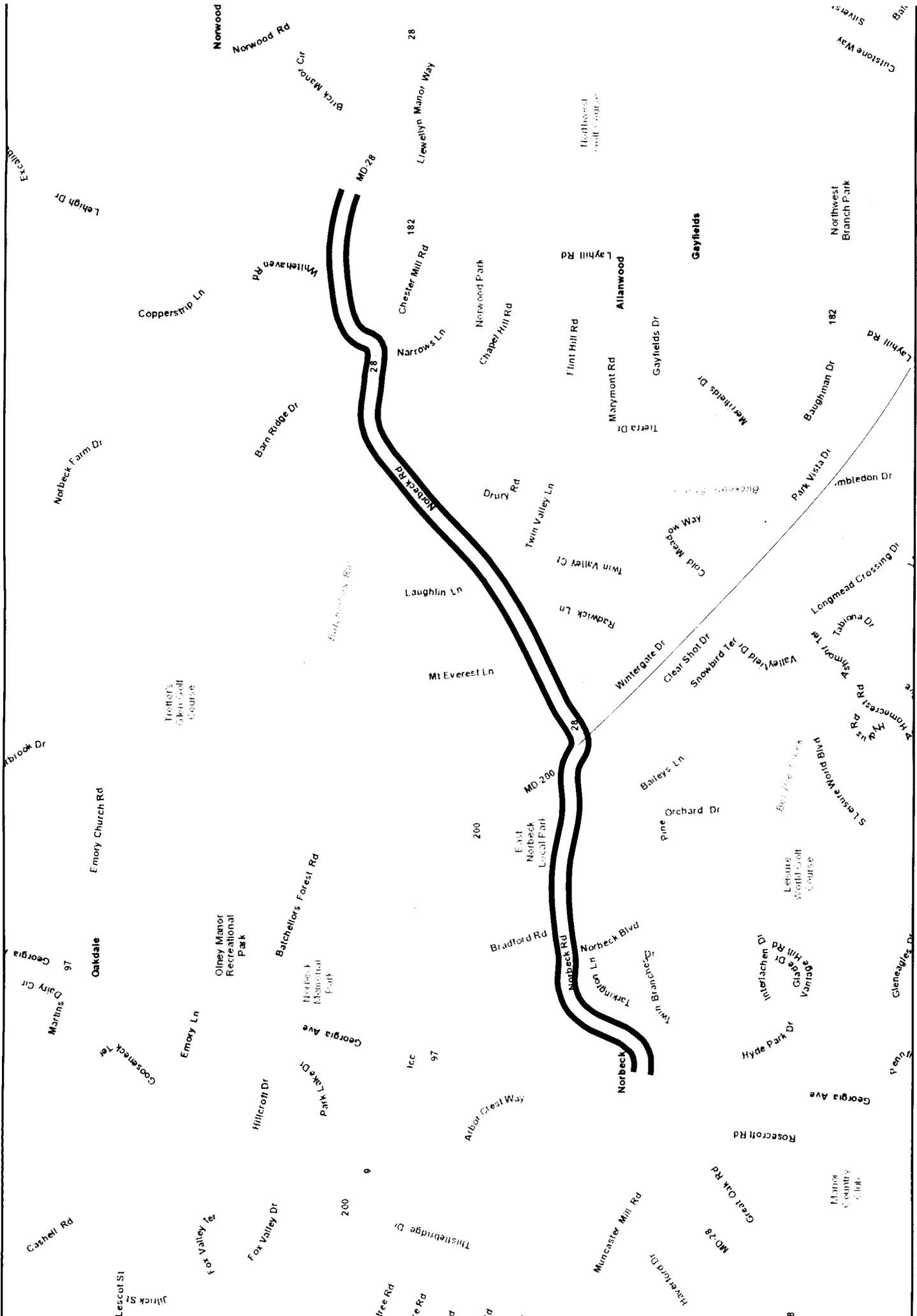
Goal: Economic Prosperity: *Support a healthy and competitive Maryland economy.*

Objective: Improve the movement of freight and support growth in the flow of goods within and through Maryland.

Objective: Facilitate opportunities for growth in jobs and business across the State.

If checked, please describe how the project supports the goal and objectives: _____

12) Additional Comments/Explanation: _____



MD 28 - Georgia Ave to Layhill Road

Project Questionnaire: Annual Request to Maryland DOT for Project Funding

Please provide the following information for *each* major capital project priority identified

FY: FY15 to FY: FY20 CTP

- 1) Name of Project: Veirs Mill Road (MD 586) Bus Rapid Transit
- 2) Submitting Jurisdiction/Modal Agency: Montgomery County; SHA; MTA; WMATA
- 3) Project Jurisdiction/County: _Montgomery County
- 4) Project limits (attach map if available and applicable): Rockville Metro Station to Wheaton Metro Station
- 5) Anticipated cost and funding source (approximate if available): \$324 Million
- 6) Description of project purpose and need (up to one paragraph): A bus rapid transit line with a dedicated bus lane between the Wheaton and Rockville Metro Stations. It would also connect directly to five other planned BRT lines. Bicycle and pedestrian accommodations will be provided where appropriate.
- 7) Is the project contained within the local Metropolitan Planning Organization's fiscally constrained long-range transportation plan? Yes No
Project located outside of MPO boundaries: _____
- 8) Is the project consistent with the local land use plans? Yes No Describe specifics on how the project supports the local land use plan goals, objectives and/or policies: The project is included in the Master Plan of Highways and Transitways and the 2012 Wheaton Central Business District & Vicinity Sector Plan.
- 9) In county priority letter? Yes No
- 10) Smart Growth status and explanation: The entire project corridor is inside the designated PFA.
- 11) Please indicate which of the following Maryland Transportation Plan goals and objectives are served by the requested project investment (mark each goal served by the project and relevant objectives within each goal)

Goal: Safety and Security: *Enhance the safety of transportation system users and develop a transportation system that is resilient to natural or man-made hazards.*

Objective: Reduce the number of lives lost and injuries sustained on Maryland's transportation system.

Objective: Provide secure transportation infrastructure, assets and operations for the safe movement of people and goods.

If checked, please describe how the project supports the goal and objectives: By drawing some drivers to transit, the propensity for motor vehicle fatalities and injuries will be reduced.

Goal: System Preservation: *Preserve and maintain the State's existing transportation systems and assets.*

Objective: Preserve and maintain State-owned or supported roadways, bridges, public transit, rail, bicycle and pedestrian facilities, ports, airports and other facilities in a state of good repair.

If checked, please describe how the project supports the goal and objectives: _____

Goal: Quality of Service. *Maintain and enhance the quality of service experienced by users of Maryland's transportation system.*

Objective: Increase the efficiency of transportation service delivery through the use of systems, processes, partnerships, technologies and service delivery methods.

Objective: Maintain and enhance customer satisfaction with transportation services across modes.

Objective: Seek to maintain or improve travel reliability for key transportation corridors and services.

Objective: Continue to apply enhanced technologies to improve the transportation system and communicate with the traveling public.

If checked, please describe how the project supports the goal and objectives: The project is needed to provide system connectivity to enhance transit convenience and reliability, and to improve mobility and accessibility along the MD 586 corridor. In addition to a dedicated bus lane, queue jumps and transit signal priority system applications will be explored and implemented where feasible.

Goal: Environmental Stewardship: *Ensure that the delivery of the State's transportation infrastructure program conserves and enhances Maryland's natural, historic and cultural resources.*

Objective: Limit the impacts of transportation on Maryland's natural environment through impact avoidance, minimization and mitigation.

Objective: Employ resource protection and conservation practices in project development, construction, operations, and maintenance of transportation assets.

Objective: Implement transportation initiatives to mitigate the impacts of climate change and improve air quality.

Objective: Support broader efforts to improve the health of the Chesapeake Bay, protect wildlife, conserve energy, and address the impacts of climate change.

If checked, please describe how the project supports the goal and objectives: Project implementation will result in diversion of some auto trips to transit, thus reducing emissions.

Goal: Community Vitality: *Provide options for the movement of people and goods that support communities and quality of life.*

Objective: Better coordinate transportation investments and land use planning to support the environmental, social and economic sustainability of Maryland's existing communities and planned growth areas.

Objective: Enhance transportation networks and choices to improve mobility and accessibility, and to better integrate with land use.

Objective: Increase and enhance transportation connections to move people and goods within and between activity centers.

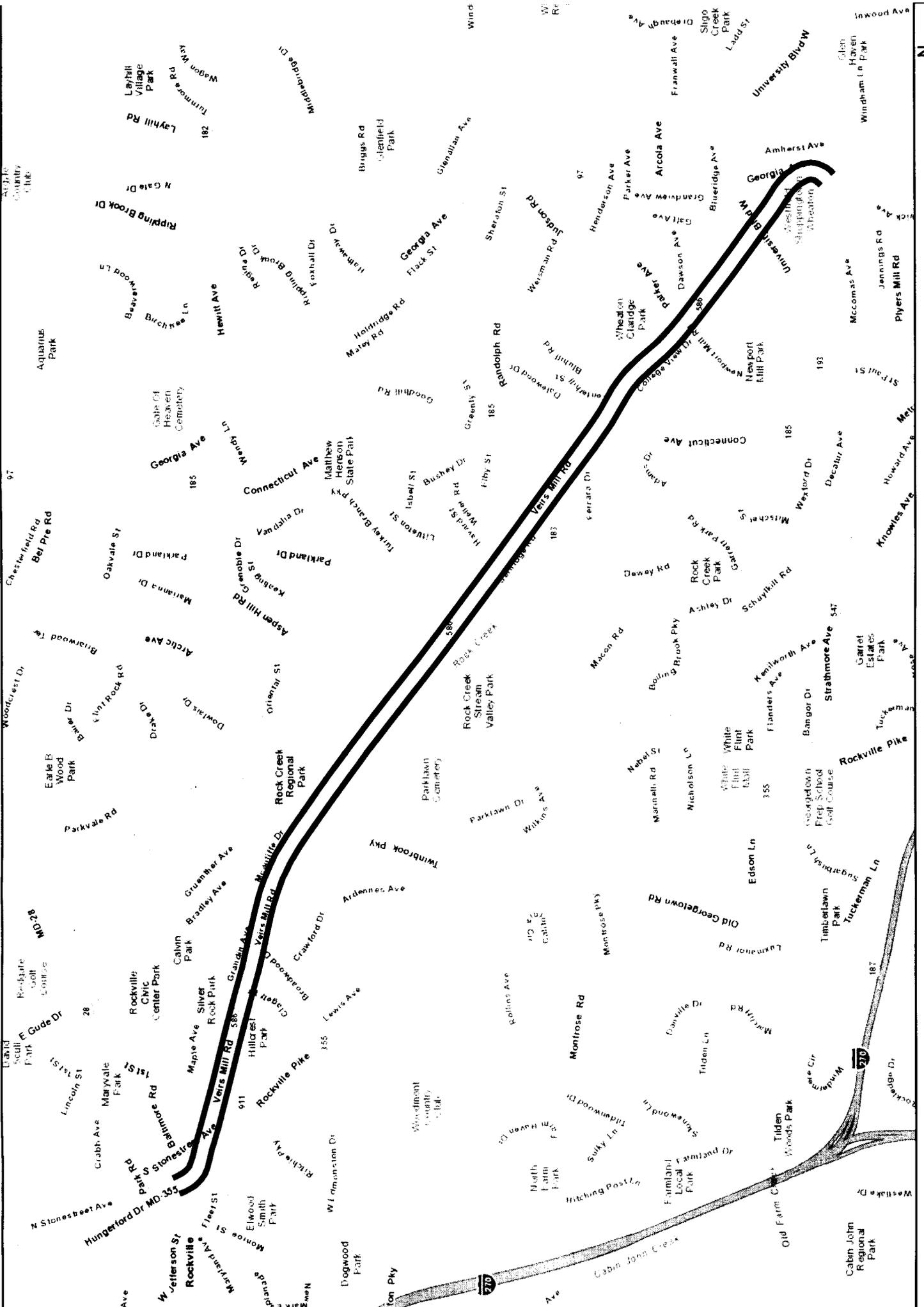
Goal: Economic Prosperity: *Support a healthy and competitive Maryland economy.*

Objective: Improve the movement of freight and support growth in the flow of goods within and through Maryland.

Objective: Facilitate opportunities for growth in jobs and business across the State.

If checked, please describe how the project supports the goal and objectives: The project will contribute to reaching non-auto-driver mode goals in Wheaton and Rockville, allowing planned development there to proceed.

12) Additional Comments/Explanation: _____

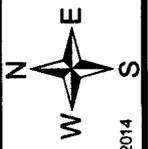


MD 586 Veirs Mill Road BRT

2 Miles

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Project Questionnaire: Annual Request to Maryland DOT for Project Funding

Please provide the following information for *each* major capital project priority identified

FY: FY15 to FY: FY20 CTP

- 1) Name of Project: Forest Glen Metro Pedestrian Underpass
- 2) Submitting Jurisdiction/Modal Agency: Montgomery County; SHA
- 3) Project Jurisdiction/County: _Montgomery County
- 4) Project limits (attach map if available and applicable): Pedestrian/bicyclist underpass from the east side of MD 97 to the west side of MD 97 where the Forest Glen Metro Station is located.
- 5) Anticipated cost and funding source (approximate if available): \$18 Million
Description of project purpose and need (up to one paragraph): Construct a pedestrian/bicyclist underpass underneath Georgia Avenue (MD 97) linking Forest Glen Metrorail Station to the sidewalk serving Holy Cross Hospital; construct one elevator to connect the street level directly to the Forest Glen Metrorail Station mezzanine; and establish bikeshare stations at the Forest Glen Metrorail Station, Holy Cross Hospital and the surrounding area.
- 6) Is the project contained within the local Metropolitan Planning Organization's fiscally constrained long-range transportation plan? Yes No
Project located outside of MPO boundaries: _____
- 7) Is the project consistent with the local land use plans? Yes No Describe specifics on how the project supports the local land use plan goals, objectives and/or policies: The project is included within Forest Glen Sector Plan and North and West Silver Spring Master Plan.
- 8) In county priority letter? Yes No
- 9) Smart Growth status and explanation: Inside PFA
- 10) Please indicate which of the following Maryland Transportation Plan goals and objectives are served by the requested project investment (mark each goal served by the project and relevant objectives within each goal)

Goal: Safety and Security: *Enhance the safety of transportation system users and develop a transportation system that is resilient to natural or man-made hazards.*

Objective: Reduce the number of lives lost and injuries sustained on Maryland's transportation system.

Objective: Provide secure transportation infrastructure, assets and operations for the safe movement of people and goods.

If checked, please describe how the project supports the goal and objectives: This project would remove the at-grade pedestrian crossing of Georgia Avenue for pedestrians and bikers accessing the Metrorail station increasing pedestrian safety.

Goal: System Preservation: *Preserve and maintain the State's existing transportation systems and assets.*

Objective: Preserve and maintain State-owned or supported roadways, bridges, public transit, rail, bicycle and pedestrian facilities, ports, airports and other facilities in a state of good repair.

If checked, please describe how the project supports the goal and objectives: _____

Goal: Quality of Service. *Maintain and enhance the quality of service experienced by users of Maryland's transportation system.*

Objective: Increase the efficiency of transportation service delivery through the use of systems, processes, partnerships, technologies and service delivery methods.

Objective: Maintain and enhance customer satisfaction with transportation services across modes.

Objective: Seek to maintain or improve travel reliability for key transportation corridors and services.

Objective: Continue to apply enhanced technologies to improve the transportation system and communicate with the traveling public.

If checked, please describe how the project supports the goal and objectives: The intersection of Georgia Avenue and Forest Glen Road is one of the most congested intersections located adjacent to a WMATA subway station in the Washington metropolitan area and presents challenges for pedestrians to safely cross MD 97. The project will enhance the safe access to the Metro Station for area residents as well as employees/visitors of the Holy Cross Hospital.

Goal: Environmental Stewardship: *Ensure that the delivery of the State's transportation infrastructure program conserves and enhances Maryland's natural, historic and cultural resources.*

Objective: Limit the impacts of transportation on Maryland's natural environment through impact avoidance, minimization and mitigation.

Objective: Employ resource protection and conservation practices in project development, construction, operations, and maintenance of transportation assets.

Objective: Implement transportation initiatives to mitigate the impacts of climate change and improve air quality.

Objective: Support broader efforts to improve the health of the Chesapeake Bay, protect wildlife, conserve energy, and address the impacts of climate change.

If checked, please describe how the project supports the goal and objectives: Providing a safe crossing for pedestrians and bikers will encourage more Metrorail users and thus fewer auto commuters.

Goal: Community Vitality: *Provide options for the movement of people and goods that support communities and quality of life.*

Objective: Better coordinate transportation investments and land use planning to support the environmental, social and economic sustainability of Maryland's existing communities and planned growth areas.

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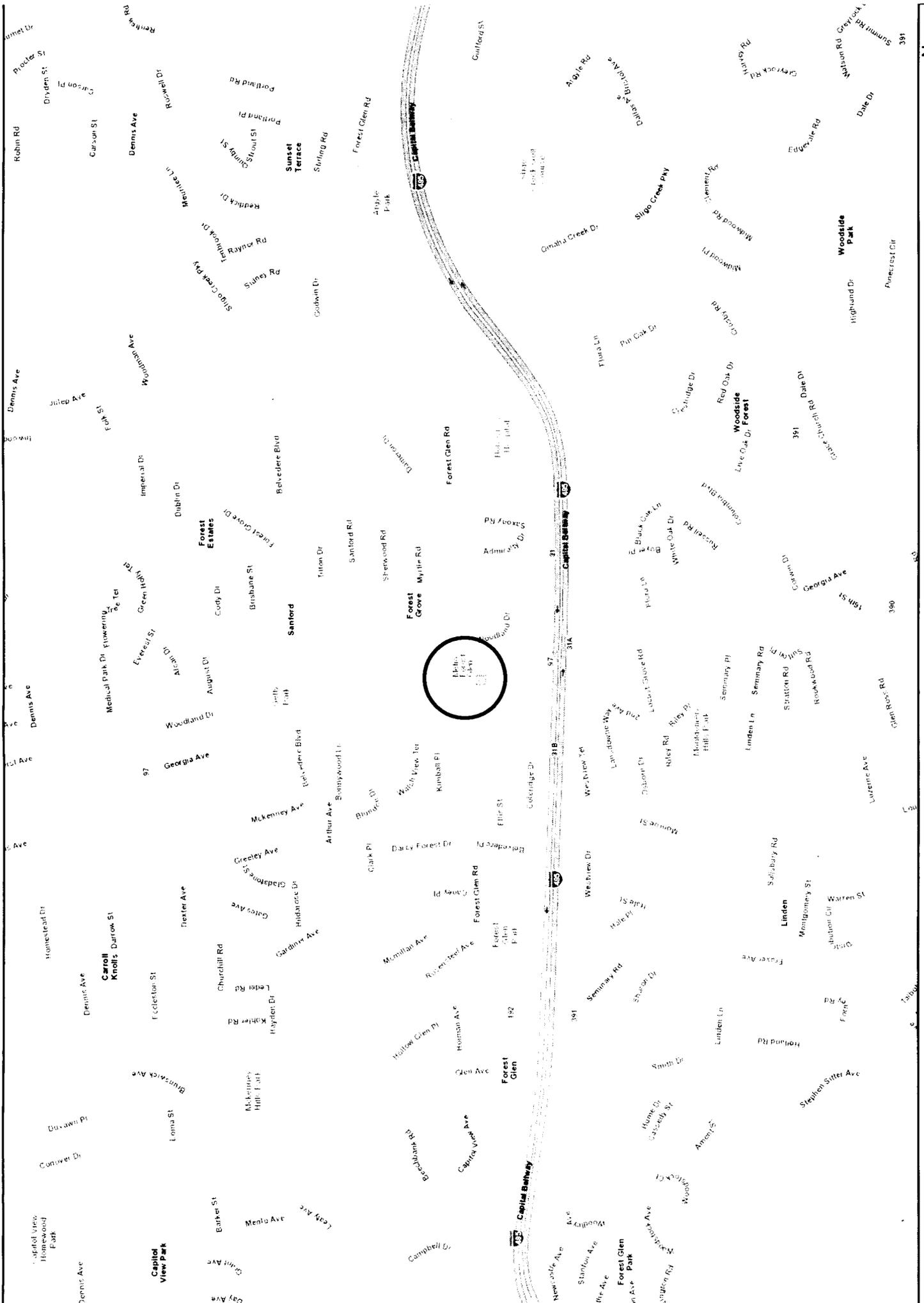
Goal: Economic Prosperity: *Support a healthy and competitive Maryland economy.*

Objective: Improve the movement of freight and support growth in the flow of goods within and through Maryland.

Objective: Facilitate opportunities for growth in jobs and business across the State.

If checked, please describe how the project supports the goal and objectives: _____

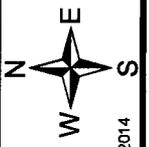
11) Additional Comments/Explanation: _____



Forest Glen Pedestrian Underpass

0 0.25 0.5 Mile

March, 2014



Project Questionnaire: Annual Request to Maryland DOT for Project Funding

Please provide the following information for *each* major capital project priority identified

FY: FY15 to FY: FY20 CTP

- 1) Name of Project: MD 124, Midcounty Highway to Airpark Drive
- 2) Submitting Jurisdiction/Modal Agency: Montgomery County; SHA
- 3) Project Jurisdiction/County: _Montgomery County
- 4) Project limits (attach map if available and applicable): Midcounty Highway to Airpark Drive
- 5) Anticipated cost and funding source (approximate if available): \$91 Million
- 6) Description of project purpose and need (up to one paragraph): This project will provide operational , safety and intersection capacity improvements on MD 124 between Midcounty Highway and Airpark Drive. Bicycle and pedestrian improvements will be included.
- 7) Is the project contained within the local Metropolitan Planning Organization's fiscally constrained long-range transportation plan? Yes No
Project located outside of MPO boundaries: _____
- 8) Is the project consistent with the local land use plans? Yes No Describe specifics on how the project supports the local land use plan goals, objectives and/or policies: The roadway improvements are included in the 2010 Montgomery County Master Plan of Highways and Transitways and the Upper Rock Creek Area Master Plan
- 9) In county priority letter? Yes No
- 10) Smart Growth status and explanation: Inside PFA
- 11) Please indicate which of the following Maryland Transportation Plan goals and objectives are served by the requested project investment (mark each goal served by the project and relevant objectives within each goal)

Goal: Safety and Security: *Enhance the safety of transportation system users and develop a transportation system that is resilient to natural or man-made hazards.*

Objective: Reduce the number of lives lost and injuries sustained on Maryland's transportation system.

Objective: Provide secure transportation infrastructure, assets and operations for the safe movement of people and goods.

If checked, please describe how the project supports the goal and objectives: _____

Goal: System Preservation: *Preserve and maintain the State's existing transportation systems and assets.*

Objective: Preserve and maintain State-owned or supported roadways, bridges, public transit, rail, bicycle and pedestrian facilities, ports, airports and other facilities in a state of good repair.

If checked, please describe how the project supports the goal and objectives: _____

Goal: Quality of Service. *Maintain and enhance the quality of service experienced by users of Maryland's transportation system.*

Objective: Increase the efficiency of transportation service delivery through the use of systems, processes, partnerships, technologies and service delivery methods.

Objective: Maintain and enhance customer satisfaction with transportation services across modes.

Objective: Seek to maintain or improve travel reliability for key transportation corridors and services.

Objective: Continue to apply enhanced technologies to improve the transportation system and communicate with the traveling public.

If checked, please describe how the project supports the goal and objectives: MD 124 is a heavily traveled commuter route from northern Montgomery County to the Rockville-Gaithersburg area which experiences capacity and sight distance problems.

Goal: Environmental Stewardship: *Ensure that the delivery of the State's transportation infrastructure program conserves and enhances Maryland's natural, historic and cultural resources.*

Objective: Limit the impacts of transportation on Maryland's natural environment through impact avoidance, minimization and mitigation.

Objective: Employ resource protection and conservation practices in project development, construction, operations, and maintenance of transportation assets.

Objective: Implement transportation initiatives to mitigate the impacts of climate change and improve air quality.

Objective: Support broader efforts to improve the health of the Chesapeake Bay, protect wildlife, conserve energy, and address the impacts of climate change.

If checked, please describe how the project supports the goal and objectives: _____

Goal: Community Vitality: *Provide options for the movement of people and goods that support communities and quality of life.*

Objective: Better coordinate transportation investments and land use planning to support the environmental, social and economic sustainability of Maryland's existing communities and planned growth areas.

Objective: Enhance transportation networks and choices to improve mobility and accessibility, and to better integrate with land use.

Objective: Increase and enhance transportation connections to move people and goods within and between activity centers.

Goal: Economic Prosperity: *Support a healthy and competitive Maryland economy.*

Objective: Improve the movement of freight and support growth in the flow of goods within and through Maryland.

Objective: Facilitate opportunities for growth in jobs and business across the State.

If checked, please describe how the project supports the goal and objectives: The project will provide sufficient caapcity to allow economic growth in the vicinity of the Montgomery County Airpark.

12) Additional Comments/Explanation: _____

Project Questionnaire: Annual Request to Maryland DOT for Project Funding

Please provide the following information for *each* major capital project priority identified

FY: FY15 to FY: FY20 CTP

- 1) Name of Project: MD 117
- 2) Submitting Jurisdiction/Modal Agency: Montgomery County; SHA
- 3) Project Jurisdiction/County: _Montgomery County; City of Gaithersburg
- 4) Project limits (attach map if available and applicable): Seneca Creek State Park / Game Preserve Road to I-270
- 5) Anticipated cost and funding source (approximate if available): \$61 Million
Description of project purpose and need (up to one paragraph): Construct roadway intersection operational, safety and capacity improvements from west of Game Preserve Road to I-270 (1.73 miles). Bicycle and pedestrian facilities will be included, including multi-use pathway on the south side.
- 6) Is the project contained within the local Metropolitan Planning Organization's fiscally constrained long-range transportation plan? Yes No
Project located outside of MPO boundaries: _____
- 7) Is the project consistent with the local land use plans? Yes No Describe specifics on how the project supports the local land use plan goals, objectives and/or policies: The project is included in the Montgomery County Master Plan of Highways and Transitways.
- 8) In county priority letter? Yes No
- 9) Smart Growth status and explanation: The entire corridor is inside of the designated PFA except for approximately 500' between Game Preserve Road and the Seneca Creek State Park entrance.
- 10) Please indicate which of the following Maryland Transportation Plan goals and objectives are served by the requested project investment (mark each goal served by the project and relevant objectives within each goal)

Goal: Safety and Security: *Enhance the safety of transportation system users and develop a transportation system that is resilient to natural or man-made hazards.*

Objective: Reduce the number of lives lost and injuries sustained on Maryland's transportation system.

Objective: Provide secure transportation infrastructure, assets and operations for the safe movement of people and goods.

If checked, please describe how the project supports the goal and objectives: _____

Goal: System Preservation: *Preserve and maintain the State's existing transportation systems and assets.*

Objective: Preserve and maintain State-owned or supported roadways, bridges, public transit, rail, bicycle and pedestrian facilities, ports, airports and other facilities in a state of good repair.

If checked, please describe how the project supports the goal and objectives: _____

Goal: Quality of Service. *Maintain and enhance the quality of service experienced by users of Maryland's transportation system.*

Objective: Increase the efficiency of transportation service delivery through the use of systems, processes, partnerships, technologies and service delivery methods.

Objective: Maintain and enhance customer satisfaction with transportation services across modes.

Objective: Seek to maintain or improve travel reliability for key transportation corridors and services.

Objective: Continue to apply enhanced technologies to improve the transportation system and communicate with the traveling public.

If checked, please describe how the project supports the goal and objectives: MD 117 is a heavily traveled commuter route. Capacity improvements are needed to relieve existing and future congestion associated with planned and approved development in Germantown and Gaithersburg that will exceed the current capacity of the highway.

Goal: Environmental Stewardship: *Ensure that the delivery of the State's transportation infrastructure program conserves and enhances Maryland's natural, historic and cultural resources.*

Objective: Limit the impacts of transportation on Maryland's natural environment through impact avoidance, minimization and mitigation.

Objective: Employ resource protection and conservation practices in project development, construction, operations, and maintenance of transportation assets.

Objective: Implement transportation initiatives to mitigate the impacts of climate change and improve air quality.

Objective: Support broader efforts to improve the health of the Chesapeake Bay, protect wildlife, conserve energy, and address the impacts of climate change.

If checked, please describe how the project supports the goal and objectives: Improved travel conditions will result in a reduction of emissions and improved air quality. Access to the Metropolitan Grove MARC Station and the future Corridor Cities Transitway station there will be improved.

Goal: Community Vitality: *Provide options for the movement of people and goods that support communities and quality of life.*

Objective: Better coordinate transportation investments and land use planning to support the environmental, social and economic sustainability of Maryland's existing communities and planned growth areas.

Objective: Enhance transportation networks and choices to improve mobility and accessibility, and to better integrate with land use.

Objective: Increase and enhance transportation connections to move people and goods within and between activity centers.

Goal: Economic Prosperity: *Support a healthy and competitive Maryland economy.*

Objective: Improve the movement of freight and support growth in the flow of goods within and through Maryland.

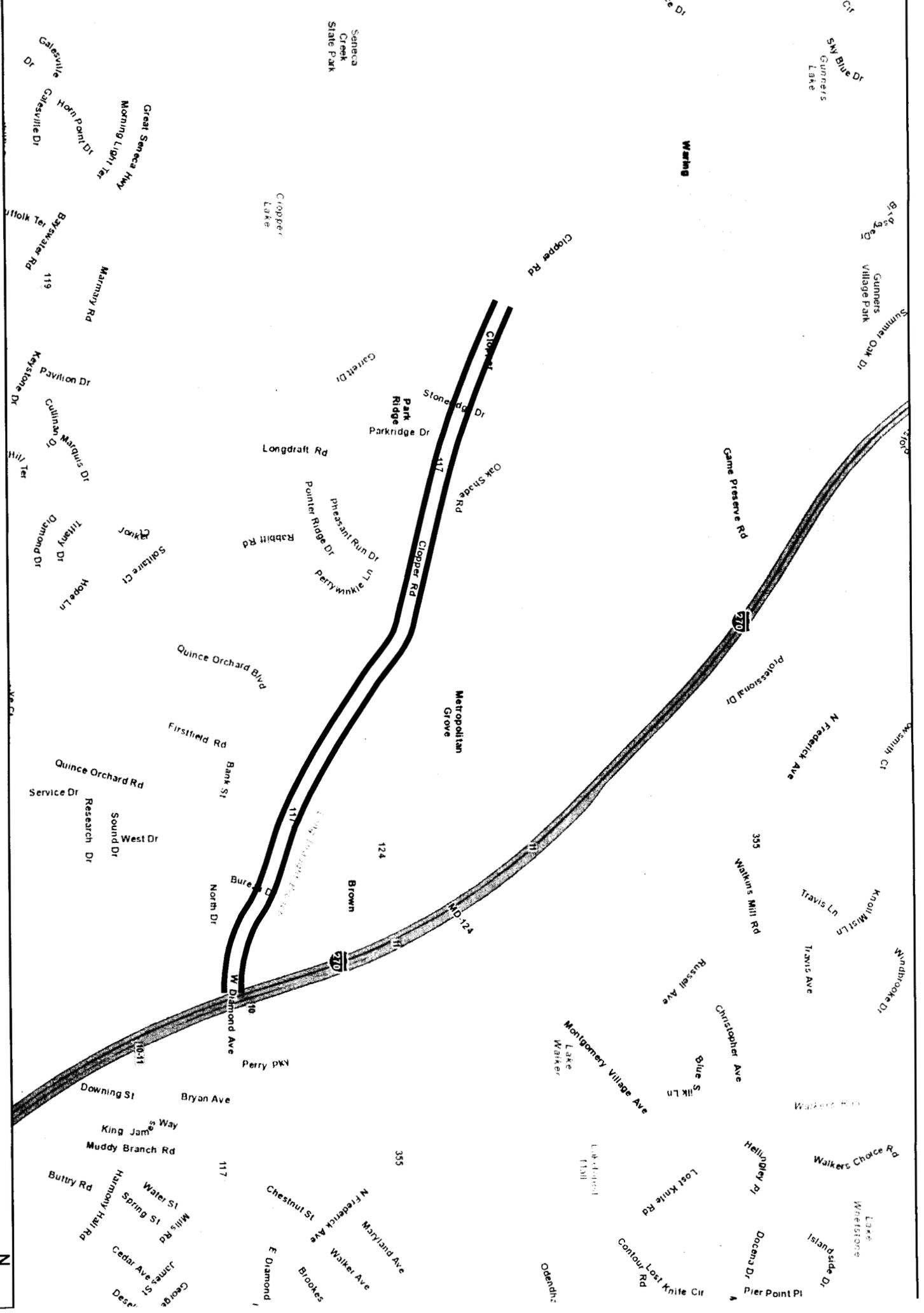
Objective: Facilitate opportunities for growth in jobs and business across the State.

If checked, please describe how the project supports the goal and objectives: The project will provide sufficient capacity to allow for economic growth in the Gaithersburg and Quince Orchard areas.

11) Additional Comments/Explanation:

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MD 117 - I-270 to Seneca Creek State Park



Project Questionnaire: Annual Request to Maryland DOT for Project Funding

Please provide the following information for *each* major capital project priority identified

FY: FY15 to FY: FY20 CTP

- 1) Name of Project: I-270 at Newcut Road Interchange
- 2) Submitting Jurisdiction/Modal Agency: SHA; Montgomery County
- 3) Project Jurisdiction/County: _Montgomery County
- 4) Project limits (attach map if available and applicable): Construct a partial grade-separate interchange at the proposed intersection of the proposed Newcut Road (Little Seneca Parkway) and I-270.
- 5) Anticipated cost and funding source (approximate if available): \$120 Million
- 6) Description of project purpose and need (up to one paragraph): The Newcut Road interchange would provide additional access to and from I-270 south of Newcut Road to existing and approved land uses between MD 121 and Father Hurley Boulevard / Ridge Road (MD 27). Bicycle and pedestrian improvements will be included.
- 7) Is the project contained within the local Metropolitan Planning Organization's fiscally constrained long-range transportation plan? Yes No
Project located outside of MPO boundaries: _____
- 8) Is the project consistent with the local land use plans? Yes No Describe specifics on how the project supports the local land use plan goals, objectives and/or policies: The interchange and roadway connections are included both the Countywide Master Plan of Highways and Transitways and the Clarksburg Master Plan. New access to I-270 will improve traffic flow in the area in support of the development already approved through the subdivision process.
- 9) In county priority letter? Yes No
- 10) Smart Growth status and explanation: Inside PFA
- 11) Please indicate which of the following Maryland Transportation Plan goals and objectives are served by the requested project investment (mark each goal served by the project and relevant objectives within each goal)

Goal: Safety and Security: *Enhance the safety of transportation system users and develop a transportation system that is resilient to natural or man-made hazards.*

Objective: Reduce the number of lives lost and injuries sustained on Maryland's transportation system.

Objective: Provide secure transportation infrastructure, assets and operations for the safe movement of people and goods.

If checked, please describe how the project supports the goal and objectives: Construction of the partial interchange will divert new traffic from existing two-lane roads built many years ago with horizontal and vertical alignments inconsistent with modern codes.

Goal: System Preservation: *Preserve and maintain the State's existing transportation systems and assets.*

Objective: Preserve and maintain State-owned or supported roadways, bridges, public transit, rail, bicycle and pedestrian facilities, ports, airports and other facilities in a state of good repair.

If checked, please describe how the project supports the goal and objectives: _____

Goal: Quality of Service. *Maintain and enhance the quality of service experienced by users of Maryland's transportation system.*

Objective: Increase the efficiency of transportation service delivery through the use of systems, processes, partnerships, technologies and service delivery methods.

Objective: Maintain and enhance customer satisfaction with transportation services across modes.

Objective: Seek to maintain or improve travel reliability for key transportation corridors and services.

Objective: Continue to apply enhanced technologies to improve the transportation system and communicate with the traveling public.

If checked, please describe how the project supports the goal and objectives: This project would support approved development and relieve existing congestion at the interchange of I-270 and MD 121 and the interchange of I-270 at Father Hurley Boulevard. It would provide access from I-270 to a proposed Corridor Cities Transitway Station.

Goal: Environmental Stewardship: *Ensure that the delivery of the State's transportation infrastructure program conserves and enhances Maryland's natural, historic and cultural resources.*

Objective: Limit the impacts of transportation on Maryland's natural environment through impact avoidance, minimization and mitigation.

Objective: Employ resource protection and conservation practices in project development, construction, operations, and maintenance of transportation assets.

Objective: Implement transportation initiatives to mitigate the impacts of climate change and improve air quality.

Objective: Support broader efforts to improve the health of the Chesapeake Bay, protect wildlife, conserve energy, and address the impacts of climate change.

If checked, please describe how the project supports the goal and objectives: If the interchange is not built, the County would be forced to look at additional transportation capacity in the area. Without the interchange, any new road could have significant negative impacts in an area of sensitive water quality, designated by the County as a Special Protection Area.

Goal: Community Vitality: *Provide options for the movement of people and goods that support communities and quality of life.*

Objective: Better coordinate transportation investments and land use planning to support the environmental, social and economic sustainability of Maryland's existing communities and planned growth areas.

Objective: Enhance transportation networks and choices to improve mobility and accessibility, and to better integrate with land use.

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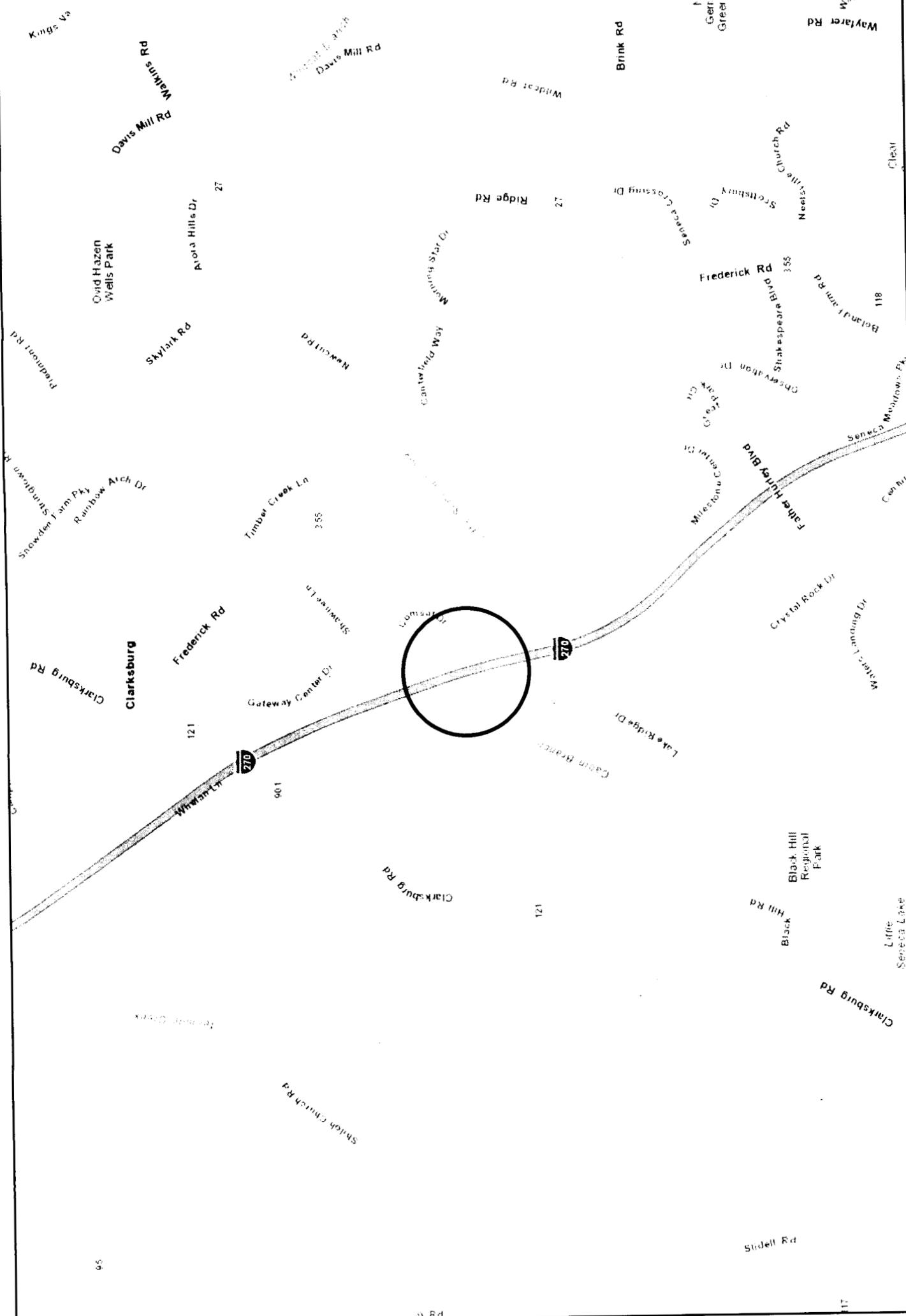
Goal: Economic Prosperity: *Support a healthy and competitive Maryland economy.*

Objective: Improve the movement of freight and support growth in the flow of goods within and through Maryland.

Objective: Facilitate opportunities for growth in jobs and business across the State.

If checked, please describe how the project supports the goal and objectives: The Newcut Road interchange would provide additional access to and from I-270 to existing and proposed land uses between MD 121 and Father Hurley Boulevard / Ridge Road (MD 27). The project will permit the orderly growth in the Cabin Branch development, consisting of over two million square feet of business and commercial development and over two thousand new residential units.

12) Additional Comments/Explanation: _____

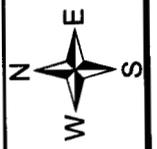


I-270 at Newcut Road Interchange

2 Miles

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Project Questionnaire: Annual Request to Maryland DOT for Project Funding

Please provide the following information for *each* major capital project priority identified

FY: FY15 to FY: FY20 CTP

- 1) Name of Project: MD 97 Montgomery Hills Safety & Accessibility Improvements
- 2) Submitting Jurisdiction/Modal Agency: Montgomery County; SHA
- 3) Project Jurisdiction/County: _ Montgomery County
- 4) Project limits (attach map if available and applicable): Forest Glen Road (MD 192) to 16th Street (MD 390)
- 5) Anticipated cost and funding source (approximate if available): \$45 Million

Description of project purpose and need (up to one paragraph): The MD 97 Montgomery Hills project will address safety and accessibility issues on MD 97. Sidewalks and wide curb lanes to accommodate bicycles will be included where appropriate. The purpose of the MD 97 Montgomery Hills project is to establish a balanced approach to transportation within the MD 97 corridor that equally addresses existing vehicular, pedestrian, and bicyclist mobility and safety, while accommodating proposed transit enhancements and establishing a sense of place within the Montgomery Hills business district.

- 6) Is the project contained within the local Metropolitan Planning Organization's fiscally constrained long-range transportation plan? Yes No

Project located outside of MPO boundaries: _____

- 7) Is the project consistent with the local land use plans? Yes No Describe specifics on how the project supports the local land use plan goals, objectives and/or policies: These roadway improvements are consistent with the 1996 Forest Glen Sector Plan and the 2000 North & West Silver Spring Master Plan.

- 8) In county priority letter? Yes No

- 9) Smart Growth status and explanation: Inside PFA

- 10) Please indicate which of the following Maryland Transportation Plan goals and objectives are served by the requested project investment (mark each goal served by the project and relevant objectives within each goal)

Goal: Safety and Security: *Enhance the safety of transportation system users and develop a transportation system that is resilient to natural or man-made hazards.*

Objective: Reduce the number of lives lost and injuries sustained on Maryland's transportation system.

Objective: Provide secure transportation infrastructure, assets and operations for the safe movement of people and goods.

If checked, please describe how the project supports the goal and objectives: From 2007-2009, rear-end, sideswipe, left-turn, angle, truck-related, and pedestrian crashes occurred at a rate significantly higher than the statewide average for crashes on similar types of roadways. This project will provide improved safety for motorists, cyclists, pedestrians and transit users.

Goal: System Preservation: *Preserve and maintain the State's existing transportation systems and assets.*

Objective: Preserve and maintain State-owned or supported roadways, bridges, public transit, rail, bicycle and pedestrian facilities, ports, airports and other facilities in a state of good repair.

If checked, please describe how the project supports the goal and objectives: _____

Goal: Quality of Service. *Maintain and enhance the quality of service experienced by users of Maryland's transportation system.*

Objective: Increase the efficiency of transportation service delivery through the use of systems, processes, partnerships, technologies and service delivery methods.

Objective: Maintain and enhance customer satisfaction with transportation services across modes.

Objective: Seek to maintain or improve travel reliability for key transportation corridors and services.

Objective: Continue to apply enhanced technologies to improve the transportation system and communicate with the traveling public.

If checked, please describe how the project supports the goal and objectives: The mix of local and regional (commuter) traffic, coupled with the existing roadway design and sidewalk conditions, creates an automobile-dominated environment that is not conducive to other modes of transportation. As a result, local business accessibility, pedestrian accessibility, bicycle connectivity, and transit use have become major challenges within the project area.

Goal: Environmental Stewardship: *Ensure that the delivery of the State's transportation infrastructure program conserves and enhances Maryland's natural, historic and cultural resources.*

Objective: Limit the impacts of transportation on Maryland's natural environment through impact avoidance, minimization and mitigation.

Objective: Employ resource protection and conservation practices in project development, construction, operations, and maintenance of transportation assets.

Objective: Implement transportation initiatives to mitigate the impacts of climate change and improve air quality.

Objective: Support broader efforts to improve the health of the Chesapeake Bay, protect wildlife, conserve energy, and address the impacts of climate change.

If checked, please describe how the project supports the goal and objectives: _____

Goal: Community Vitality: *Provide options for the movement of people and goods that support communities and quality of life.*

Objective: Better coordinate transportation investments and land use planning to support the environmental, social and economic sustainability of Maryland's existing communities and planned growth areas.

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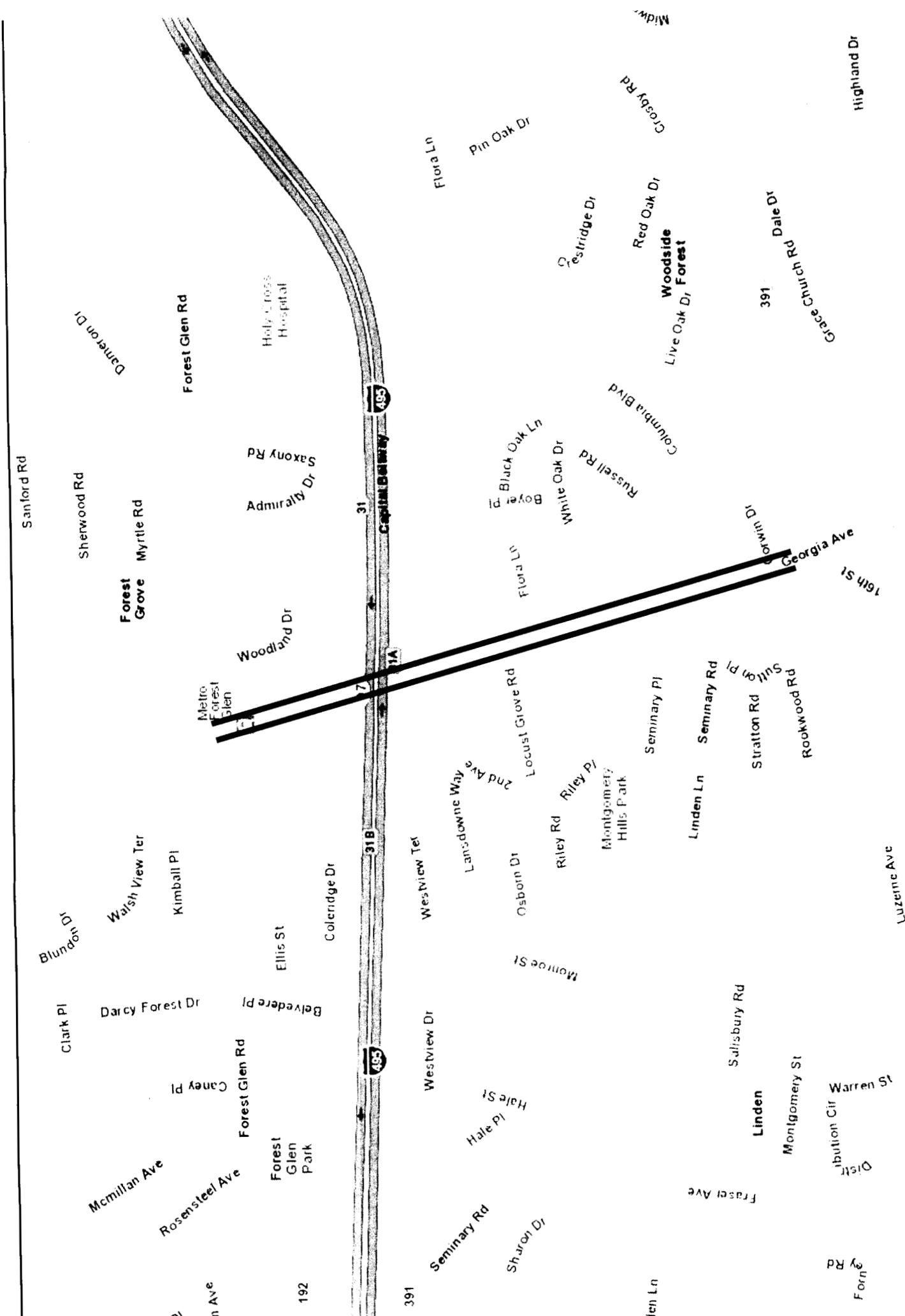
Goal: Economic Prosperity: *Support a healthy and competitive Maryland economy.*

Objective: Improve the movement of freight and support growth in the flow of goods within and through Maryland.

Objective: Facilitate opportunities for growth in jobs and business across the State.

If checked, please describe how the project supports the goal and objectives: _____

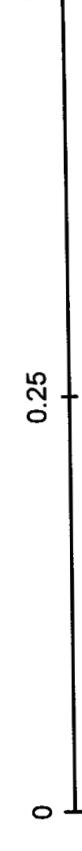
11) Additional Comments/Explanation: _____



MD 97 - Forest Glen Rd to 16th St



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March, 2014

Project Questionnaire: Annual Request to Maryland DOT for Project Funding

Please provide the following information for *each* major capital project priority identified

FY: FY15 to FY: FY20 CTP

- 1) Name of Project: Georgia Avenue (MD 97) Bus Rapid Transit
- 2) Submitting Jurisdiction/Modal Agency: Montgomery County; SHA; MTA; WMATA
- 3) Project Jurisdiction/County: _Montgomery County
- 4) Project limits (attach map if available and applicable): Montgomery Medstar Hospital in Olney to Wheaton Metro Station
- 5) Anticipated cost and funding source (approximate if available): \$437 Million
- 6) Description of project purpose and need (up to one paragraph): A bus rapid transit line with a dedicated bus lane between Olney and the Wheaton Metro Station. It would also connect directly to three other planned BRT lines. Bicycle and pedestrian accomodations will be provided where appropriate.
- 7) Is the project contained within the local Metropolitan Planning Organization's fiscally constrained long-range transportation plan? Yes No
Project located outside of MPO boundaries: _____
- 8) Is the project consistent with the local land use plans? Yes No Describe specifics on how the project supports the local land use plan goals, objectives and/or policies: The project is included in the Montgomery County Master Plan of Highways and Transitways as well as the 2005 Olney Master Plan, the 1994 Aspen Hill Master Plan, the 2013 Glenmont Sector Plan, and the 2012 Wheaton Central Business District & Vicinity Sector Plan.
- 9) In county priority letter? Yes No
- 10) Smart Growth status and explanation: The majority of the project corridor is inside a designated PFA. There are segments between MD 28; MD 200 and Emory Lane are outside the designated PFA boundary.
- 11) Please indicate which of the following Maryland Transportation Plan goals and objectives are served by the requested project investment (mark each goal served by the project and relevant objectives within each goal)

Goal: Safety and Security: *Enhance the safety of transportation system users and develop a transportation system that is resilient to natural or man-made hazards.*

Objective: Reduce the number of lives lost and injuries sustained on Maryland's transportation system.

Objective: Provide secure transportation infrastructure, assets and operations for the safe movement of people and goods.

If checked, please describe how the project supports the goal and objectives: By drawing some drivers to transit, the propensity for motor vehicle fatalities and injuries will be reduced.

Goal: System Preservation: *Preserve and maintain the State's existing transportation systems and assets.*

Objective: Preserve and maintain State-owned or supported roadways, bridges, public transit, rail, bicycle and pedestrian facilities, ports, airports and other facilities in a state of good repair.

If checked, please describe how the project supports the goal and objectives: _____

Goal: Quality of Service. *Maintain and enhance the quality of service experienced by users of Maryland's transportation system.*

Objective: Increase the efficiency of transportation service delivery through the use of systems, processes, partnerships, technologies and service delivery methods.

Objective: Maintain and enhance customer satisfaction with transportation services across modes.

Objective: Seek to maintain or improve travel reliability for key transportation corridors and services.

Objective: Continue to apply enhanced technologies to improve the transportation system and communicate with the traveling public.

If checked, please describe how the project supports the goal and objectives: The project is needed to provide system connectivity to enhance transit convenience and reliability, and to improve mobility and accessibility along the MD 97 corridor.

Goal: Environmental Stewardship: *Ensure that the delivery of the State's transportation infrastructure program conserves and enhances Maryland's natural, historic and cultural resources.*

Objective: Limit the impacts of transportation on Maryland's natural environment through impact avoidance, minimization and mitigation.

Objective: Employ resource protection and conservation practices in project development, construction, operations, and maintenance of transportation assets.

Objective: Implement transportation initiatives to mitigate the impacts of climate change and improve air quality.

Objective: Support broader efforts to improve the health of the Chesapeake Bay, protect wildlife, conserve energy, and address the impacts of climate change.

If checked, please describe how the project supports the goal and objectives: Reduction in emissions and improved air quality will result from the diversion of trips from the automobile to transit.

Goal: Community Vitality: *Provide options for the movement of people and goods that support communities and quality of life.*

Objective: Better coordinate transportation investments and land use planning to support the environmental, social and economic sustainability of Maryland's existing communities and planned growth areas.

Objective: Enhance transportation networks and choices to improve mobility and accessibility, and to better integrate with land use.

Objective: Increase and enhance transportation connections to move people and goods within and between activity centers.

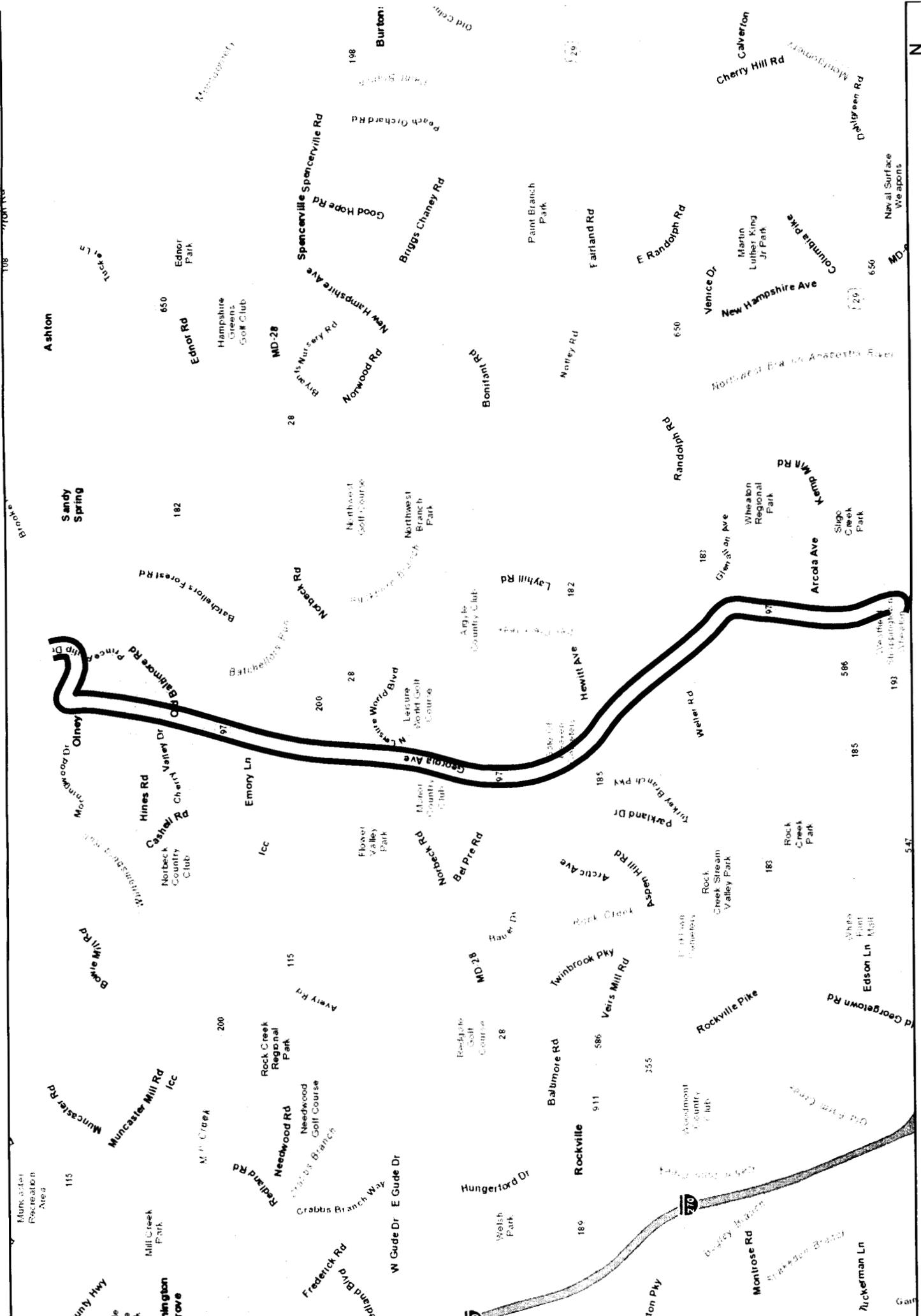
Goal: Economic Prosperity: *Support a healthy and competitive Maryland economy.*

Objective: Improve the movement of freight and support growth in the flow of goods within and through Maryland.

Objective: Facilitate opportunities for growth in jobs and business across the State.

If checked, please describe how the project supports the goal and objectives: The project will contribute to reaching non-auto-driver mode goals in Wheaton and Glenmont, allowing planned development there to proceed.

12) Additional Comments/Explanation: _____



MD 97 Georgia Ave BRT

5 Miles

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January 17, 2014

The Honorable Craig Rice
Council Office Building
100 Maryland Avenue
Rockville, Maryland 20850

Dear Council President Rice,

Staff would like to take this opportunity to communicate the City of Gaithersburg's transportation funding priorities for the Maryland Department of Transportation's Consolidated Transportation Program. The City respectfully requests that our suggestions be incorporated into the final letters submitted to the Montgomery County Delegation Chairs.

We would like to express our tremendous appreciation for the County and State's effort to fully fund the Watkins Mill Road Interchange. We ask that design begin as expeditiously as possible and look forward to its completion in 2016.

Gaithersburg strongly supports the furthering of efforts on a County-wide BRT system. Of particular importance to the City is the proposed MD 355 Route that will run from Germantown to Bethesda. Once completed, this transit network and MD 355 in particular will provide an effective and sustainable alternative mode of transportation for our burgeoning community. As this route has developed, City staff has worked closely with our colleagues in Montgomery County, and we will continue be cooperative partners as it moves forward.

The City of Gaithersburg has been extremely supportive of the Corridor Cities Transitway and it remains a key transportation priority. We are pleased that design for Stage 1 is proceeding and request that the construction of Stage 1, from Shady Grove to Metropolitan Grove, be designated the County's top transportation priority. All land use approvals in the western portion of Gaithersburg for the last 40 years have been influenced by this planned transit project.

We would also like express our support of the MD 117, I-270 to Seneca Creek State Park, intersection improvements. While traffic has dropped off slightly and the State Project has been on hold for years, improvements are critical in order to address safety and alleviate heavy congestion. The City requests that this project remain a construction priority.

The City is opposed to the inclusion of MD 119 (Great Seneca Highway)/ Muddy Branch Road grade separated interchanges in the development and evaluation program. The City has voiced its

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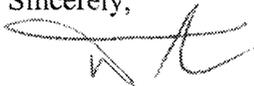
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concerns and stated the following in Gaithersburg's adopted 2009 Transportation Element: "The City does not support any grade separated interchanges within the City limits such as the proposed MD 124 and MD 119 interchange that may impede the implementation of the recommendations in the adopted City Master Plan, preclude the Kentlands CCT Realignment, or conflict with any approved development site plans." We respectfully request that the County recommend a more viable, beneficial project in its place.

We appreciate the work that County staff puts into compiling the respective list of priorities and look forward to working closely with you and your colleagues as we continue to advocate for these projects. Please feel free to contact me should you have any questions.

Sincerely,



Tony Tomasello
City Manager

cc: Mayor and City Council