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John D. Porcari, Secretary
Maryland Department of Transportation
7201 Corporate Center Drive
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Dear Secretary Porcari: *[Signature]*

I want to express my sincere appreciation for the opportunity given to Montgomery County's Department of Transportation Director, Arthur Holmes, Jr., and Deputy Director, Edgar Gonzalez, to discuss the "American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009" (AARA) with Mr. Don Halligan and his staff and to present Montgomery County's priorities for the second phase of the Economic Stimulus process in the State of Maryland. My staff found the exchange very helpful and I appreciate both the courtesy and the information provided to them.

We are mindful of the demands on a limited amount of federal resources by the local jurisdictions. As you are aware, the transportation needs in Montgomery County alone run into the billions. As presented to your staff, however, I want to reiterate the major priorities that we see for use of the federal money. We have taken into consideration that any money provided directly to the County, or used by the State in Montgomery County, will have to meet all federal requirements. The list below takes those requirements into consideration.

This is the list Montgomery County has presented to Mr. Halligan and his staff:

1. State Projects in Montgomery County
 - a. MD 355 at Montrose Parkway – Phase 2 – Design
 - b. Intersection Improvements for Walter Reed BRAC
 - c. Miscellaneous Intersection Improvements to match County money.
 - d. Streetlights for MD 124 and for phase 1 of the MD 355 at Montrose Parkway Interchange (now under construction).
2. Montgomery County Projects flowing through MD DOT
 - a. Highway Resurfacing - Arterials, Primary, Residential and Rural Roads
 - b. Watkins Mill Road - from future Interchange at I-270 to MD 355.
 - c. Transit related projects.
 - d. Traffic Signal Modernization.
 - e. Takoma Park Bridges (2)

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3. Projects County plans to apply for direct grants from Federal Government
 - a. Pedestrian Tunnel under Md 355 – from Medical Center Metro Station to Walter Reed – Navy Medical Center (BRAC). (Title XII).
 - b. Bikeway and Sidewalk Network around NIH and Walter Reed – Navy Medical Center.

The list is consistent with the Joint Priority letter the County sends to our Delegation, but it has been augmented by projects that are associated with the maintenance and protection of the existing infrastructure and the expedient implementation of projects envisioned in the ARRA Bill, which are not addressed in the Joint letter.

Again, I appreciate the courtesy extended to my senior staff by Mr. Halligan and his staff, and hope that our project candidates will be included in your final list as it moves to the Governor's Office.

Sincerely,



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