



Board of Carroll County Commissioners

County Office Building
Westminster, MD 21157

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Annual Meeting

~ Minutes ~

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Thursday, November 3, 2016

2:30 PM

County Office Building Reagan Room

I. Call to Order

Attendee Name	Organization	Title	Status	Arrived
Stephen Wantz	Board of Carroll County Commissioners	President	Present	
Richard Weaver	Board of Carroll County Commissioners	Vice-President	Present	
Dennis Frazier	Board of Carroll County Commissioners	Secretary	Present	
Richard Rothschild	Board of Carroll County Commissioners	Commissioner	Present	
Doug Howard	Board of Carroll County Commissioners	Commissioner	Present	

II. Maryland Department of Transportation ~ Annual Consolidated Transportation Plan Tour

Welcome

The Board met with Deputy Secretary James Ports from the Maryland Department of Transportation (MDOT). Mr. Ports thanked the Board for inviting them to Carroll County. An overview of the draft six-year CTP, which covers Fiscal Years 2017 - 2022. Copies of the draft six-year CTP were distributed to the Board. Mr. Ports introduced the MDOT Team: Secretary's Office, Regional Planner Tyson; State Highway Administration, Greg Johnson and District Engineer Mark Crampton; MVA - Administrator Chrissy Nizer; and; Local Transit Support Director Beth Kreider.

Mr. Forbes thanked the Board for their input at MACo, MDOT has already addressed some of Carroll County's key concerns.

- work with Carroll County to advance the MD 97 project from South of Airport Drive to Pleasant Valley Road. The project will advertise in April of 2017.
- will review the MD 140 and MD 26 projects from a practical design approach.

The Board of Commissioners and MDOT have a great partnership with Carroll County working together on the MD 32 Planning and Environment Linkage (PEL) and the MD 32 and MD 26 Intersection.

~The final report will recommend:

- improvements to the section by the new National Guard Armory, which was funded at the same time as the PEL, and further analysis of MD 26/MD 32 intersection.

~Another hot topic at MACo was Chapter 36 that requires the scoring and ranking of major construction projects before they are added to the CTP. Mr. Forbes urged the

Commissioners to talk to their legislators; working with the MML; MACo and the Chamber of Commerce about how this bill would impact Carroll County.

Governor Hogan is committed to building the best transportation network in the nation. In the FY2017 to FY2022 CTP, the Hogan Administration is investing \$14.4 billion in Maryland's transportation network with 53% of the budget going to Maryland's roads and bridges. Unfortunately, with gas prices going down that leaves less funds in the budget.

~MDOT has come up with a new Performance Management Program called "The Excellerator" that will help deliver projects quicker and provide better customer service.

~State Highway Administration (SHA):

The Governor has announced his commitment to fix every single existing structurally deficient state-owned bridge in Maryland. Progress is being made on fixing the 69 structurally deficient bridges identified at that time. In Carroll County, SHA will replace the structurally deficient MD 496 (Bachmans Valley Road) Bridge over Big Pipe Creek, west of Manchester. Next Spring, the \$20 million streetscape project on Maryland 30 will begin. SHA will work closely with the Town of Hampstead on plans to reduce traffic impacts and keep Main Street open for business during construction. For local projects, the State will be providing Carroll County and its municipalities with \$10.9 million in Highway User Revenues over the next six (6) years.

~Motor Vehicle Administration (MVA):

The State of Maryland has provided the most secure driver's license in the nation along with a beautifully redesigned new license plate. Both new products proudly feature the Maryland Flag and the new license finally gives Veterans the respect they deserve by proudly displaying the Veteran's designation on the front of the card! In 2015 there were 421 roadway fatalities with the most common causes of roadway fatalities in Maryland: impaired driving; speeding; seat belts; distracted driving; and not using crosswalks. Highway safety plans are key to the safety of your family and friends. MVA encouraged Carroll County to develop it's own Highway Safety Plan or adopt Maryland's Strategic Highway Safety Plan.

~Maryland Transit Administration (MTA):

\$1.57M has been provided to Carroll County in operating and capital grants to support the local transit system. This includes funds for the top three (3) transit priorities: a transit hub feasibility study; ongoing preventative maintenance funds and replacement of six additional buses.

~Port of Baltimore:

In 2016, the Port handled over 5 million tons of cargo, from autos and heavy machinery to containers. The Port remains the number one port in the U.S. for autos and roll on/roll off machinery. Also, contracts have been signed by Royal Caribbean Cruise Lines for an additional four (4) more years and with Carnival Cruise Lines for two (2) more years. Here in Carroll County businesses count on the Port: Random House, Lehigh Cement, and Elite Screens.

~Baltimore Washington International Airport (BWI):

In 2015 was a new all time annual record for passenger traffic with nearly 24 million passengers with strong growth so far in 2016. The D/E Connector is a major capital project and is on the fast track for International capacity.

It was stated that they can't do anything about things they don't know about so please pick up the phone and call and let them know. The best person to contact is Mark Crampton, District Engineer. Always start with Mark Crampton and if he can't help you he can help you find the appropriate office that can.

Commissioner Rothschild expressed his concern regarding traffic signage at Route 27 and Gillis Falls Road. Commissioner Wantz and Delegate Shoemaker expressed their concern about an ongoing problem with the right hand turn lane (school area). Commissioner Frazier expressed his concerns regarding last year Carroll County was promised buses and now again this year 6 buses. Beth Kreider (MDOT) stated good news, the buses are not so far off, goes to Department of Public Works - 16 buses are coming.

III. Adjourn ~ 4:05 P.M.

1. **Motion To:** adjourn

RESULT:	ADOPTED [UNANIMOUS]
MOVER:	Richard Weaver, Vice-President
SECONDER:	Dennis Frazier, Secretary
AYES:	Wantz, Weaver, Frazier, Rothschild, Howard