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**Sent:** Thursday, March 15, 2018 2:52 PM  
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**Subject:** NRHF Lease Agreement

Bruce,

Please provide a time slot for me to represent the National Road Heritage Foundation's request for an extension of the lease agreement for the November 19 Mayor and Council Workshop session. This in reference to the buildings for the National Road Museum located at 214 N. Main Street and the Boonsboro Trolley Station Museum at 220 N. Main Street. The current lease agreement is for 10 years and was renewed from 2014 to 2024. Our request is for a 15 year lease agreement. The reasons for this request are about current and future grant applications:

- \* Most grants on state, national level, national foundations and the private sector are requiring long term lease agreements with a minimum of 15 years.
- \* It assures a long term investment with the state of Maryland's vested interest.
- \* In Maryland, some grants are more favorable to the nonprofit sector over requests from municipalities in regard to matching requirements and non-matching requirements.
- \* Inspection audits by the state of Maryland are being conducted to verify project development, completion for the intended, continued and current use of the facilities.
- \* It is a requirement for most grants for Preservation Maryland.

Sincerely,

George Messner  
President  
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