September 6, 2016

The Honorable Secretary Pete K. Rahn
State of Maryland Department of Transportation
7201 Corporate Center Drive
Hanover, MD 21076

RE: 2016 Annual MDOT Tour Meeting
        Town of Boonsboro Priorities

Dear Secretary Smith:

The Mayor and Council of the Town of Boonsboro look forward to your visit on October 6, 2016 to consider and discuss transportation priorities for Washington County and its municipalities, including the Town of Boonsboro. Below please find a list of priority items for the Town, as recommended by the Mayor and Council:

1. **US Alternate 40/Maryland Route 34 Intersection**: The US Alternate 40/Maryland Route 34 intersection experiences frequent congestion during peak times due to the lack of a left hand turn signal for westbound traffic. We respectfully request consideration of a left hand turn signal to be installed without a designated turn lane on Westbound US Alternate 40 or signal phasing to be considered during peak times.

2. **US Alternate 40/Maryland Route 66 Intersection:** The US Alternate 40/Maryland Route 66 intersection is another highly congested intersection within Town. We respectfully request consideration of a left hand turn signal, signal phasing during peak times, and/or a dedicated left turn lane to alleviate the congestion. In addition, the westbound right hand turn lane at the intersection encourages vehicles to continually pass through the intersection without yielding for pedestrians. We respectfully request for better signage at this intersection.

3. **Speed Limit:** Both US Alternate 40 or North and South Main Street and Maryland Route 66 or Maple Avenue/Mapleville Road, which abuts the Boonsboro Educational Complex, range from speeds of 50 mph to 30 mph. Both of these roads serve an abundant amount of traffic and individual residences and driveways. We respectfully request for the following changes to the speed limits through Town:
    i. From 7700 Old National Pike to the Maryland Route 66 intersection changed from 40 and 30 MPH to 30 MPH
    ii. From the Maryland Route 66 intersection to the 300 block of South Main Street changed from 30 MPH to 25 MPH
    iii. From the 7500 block of Maryland Route 66 to the intersection of US Alternate 40 from 40 and 30 MPH

4. **Crosswalk:** The crosswalks at the US Alternate 40/Maryland Route 34 Intersection are frequently used and designate the "Square" of Boonsboro. We respectfully request for the crosswalks to be repainted, the brick façade to be repaired, and the crosswalks to be painted diagonally across the intersection.

5. **Sidewalks and Trails**: The Town of Boonsboro thanks MDOT and SHA for providing programs and funding for sidewalks and trails. We respectfully request for consideration for grant funding is granted to Boonsboro to extend trails, sidewalks, and implement the Safe Routes To School program.

6. **Transit Program:** The Town of Boonsboro supports the County's request for additional transit funding to serve its municipalities. Boonsboro, the county's second largest municipality, is not currently served by the County's bus system. In 2010, a Transit Development Plan was approved which included providing a rural transit route to Boonsboro as a priority. At the time the plan was prepared, the route had an estimated operating cost of $56,987 per year. We respectfully request Washington County is considered for additional transit funding to implement the rural transit service, as recommended by the Transit Development Plan.

On behalf of the Mayor and Council, I would like to express our sincere appreciation for your consideration of our priorities. If you have any questions or require additional information before the tour meeting date, please feel free to contact Town Manager Megan Clark at 301-432-5141 or town.manager@myactv.net.

Sincerely,

Howard W. Long., Mayor
Town of Boonsboro

CC: Board of County Commissioners
       Washington County Delegation Members
       Anthony Crawford, District Engineer, MDSHA