



FREDERICK COUNTY GOVERNMENT
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TO: Frederick County Planning Commission

FROM: Jim Gugel, Planning Director

DATE: February 25, 2016

RE: Annual Transportation Priorities Review - 2016

ISSUE

Staff presents the Annual Transportation Priorities Report for 2016 to the Frederick County Planning Commission (FcPc) for review and comment to the County Executive.

BACKGROUND

The summary of priorities from the County's Annual Transportation Priorities Review is used by the Maryland Department of Transportation (MDOT) in the preparation of the annual update to the State's Consolidated Transportation Program (CTP). The report includes a summary of priorities for State primary and secondary highways, local & regional transit, bicycle and pedestrian facilities, and the Frederick Municipal Airport.

A joint letter from the County Executive and the County's State Delegation to MDOT identifies the top highway priority projects culled from the priorities report.

The following projects have received new funding in the current CTP:

MD 85/I-270 Interchange – Added to secondary highway construction program and fully funded (\$100.3 million) for construction. Reconstruction of interchange and widening of MD 85 from Crestwood Blvd to Spectrum Dr.

MD 180: Solarex Court to Relocated Butterfly Lane – Added to the secondary construction program. Widen to a 4 lane divided section with expanded bridge over US 340/15. Facilitated through a multi party agreement between AstraZeneca/MedImmune, the City of Frederick, and the state.

Middletown Streetscape Project – Funded for construction (\$10,459,000) and added to the Secondary highway construction program.

I-270 Innovative Congestion Management Project – To be funded as a design-build project, with a \$100 million budget, to address congestion and reliability along I-270. Project limits have been extended to include the northern portion of I-270 all the way through Frederick County. Limits extend from I-495 to I-70. Project is currently in a Request for Information stage.



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RECOMMENDATION

The following projects are recommended as the top three overall priorities to be forwarded to MDOT.

- 1. Construction Funding – US 15: I-70 to MD 26**
This improvement would eliminate the only segment within the US 15/I-270 Multimodal Study that is over capacity in both directions in both peaks, improving access to jobs in the region, including the County's top employer - Fort Detrick.
- 2. Project Planning Funding – MD 194: MD 26 to Devilbiss Bridge Road**
This project proposes the widening from a 2-lane to a 4-lane divided roadway, addressing both capacity and safety issues. Right-of-way has essentially been acquired for the majority of the project.
- 3. Design Funding – MD 85 Phase II: Spectrum Dr. to Guilford Dr.**
This project proposes improvements to widen/reconstruct to a 6-lane divided roadway with bicycle and pedestrian improvements. These improvements can help in supporting redevelopment opportunities in this area.

Attachment: Annual Transportation Priorities Report