

November 10, 2008

The Honorable Isiah Leggett
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The Honorable Michael Knapp
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Subject: Consolidated Transportation Program Priorities (CTP)

Dear Mr. Leggett and Mr. Knapp:

This letter provides the City of Rockville's Transportation priorities for funding by the Maryland Department of Transportation's Consolidated Transportation Program (CTP). The City of Rockville respectfully requests the following projects be included in the County's CTP priorities:

1. A grade-separated interchange at I-270 and West Gude Drive.

By providing additional access to I-270, this project would relieve congestion at the MD 28 interchange, as well as on MD 28 between the Rockville Town Center to the east and Hurley Avenue to the west. This project will also allow Gude Drive to act as a bypass of the Rockville Town Center. The project was ranked 11th in the latest County Transportation priorities for the Development and Evaluation program.

2. A grade-separated intersection at MD 355 and Gude Drive.

This project would be a companion to the I-270 Gude Drive interchange to provide an effective bypass of the Rockville Town Center for across-City traffic. In conjunction with these two projects, the MD 28 designation should be transferred from West Montgomery Avenue/Jefferson Street to West and East Gude Drive. The project was ranked 3rd in the latest County Transportation priorities for the Development and Evaluation program.

3. Initiate a Study for Increase Pedestrian Safety at MD 355 and the Twinbrook Metro Station.

A study would help bring pedestrian safety improvements to the intersections of MD 355 at Halpine Road and Bouic Avenue that would encourage more commuters to take the Metro. This stretch of MD 355 is dangerous and unfriendly to pedestrians.

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4. Corridor Cities Transitway

This project will bring a pedestrian-friendly light rail system that will connect Shady Grove and Clarksburg. Eighty-percent of the right of way has been secured. It should be built as soon as possible.

Your favorable consideration of the City of Rockville's requests for inclusion in the County's CTP priorities will be greatly appreciated. We look forward to working with you to advocate these essential projects. Please contact me if you need any clarification about these recommendations.

Sincerely,

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Mayor

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