

HOWARD COUNTY'S TRANSPORTATION OPEN HOUSE

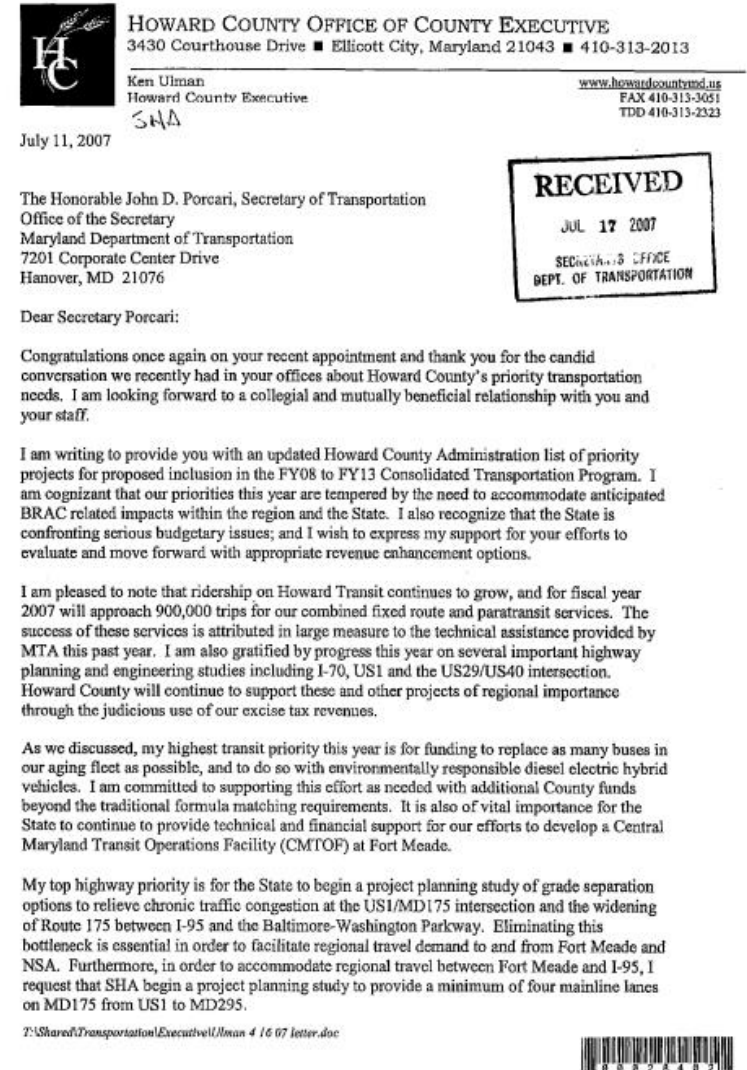
Congestion Management Process (CMP) Committee
March 4, 2025

David Cookson, Deputy Administrator, Office of Transportation
Allison Calkins, Planning Supervisor, Office of Transportation



Howard County's Priority Letter Process

- Internally Focused
- Planning Documents
 - Dated?
 - Alignment with current priorities?
- 2016-Change



Previous Public Meetings and Open Houses

**HOWARD COUNTY
FY2024 TRANSPORTATION PRIORITIES
OPEN HOUSE**

**THURSDAY, MARCH 2, 2023 -- 6-8PM
ELLCOTT CITY**

Howard County
Office of Transportation

**Active Transportation
Open House 2023**

Tuesday, February 21, 5 p.m. - 8 p.m.
Elkridge Branch, Howard County Library

Topics include: Biking, Walking, Complete Streets and Shared Micromobility

For more information, please visit: howardcountymd.gov/ATOH
Questions? Contact us at transportation@howardcountymd.gov

Howard County Executive
Calvin Ball invites you to a

**TRANSPORTATION
TOWN HALL**

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| BRUCE GARTNER Administrator Office of Transportation | TOM MEUNIER, PE Director Department of Public Works | CHRIS EATOUGH Bike & Pedestrian Coordinator Office of Transportation | KRIS JAGARAPU, PE Chief DPW - Bureau of Highways |
| JUSTIN BAKER Captain Howard County Police Department | JASON QUAN Transit Manager Office of Transportation | CRISTIN TOLEN General Manager Regional Transportation Agency | DAVID COOKSON Transportation Planning Manager Office of Transportation |

Give the People What They Deserve



BRACING NEWS:
STOP FOR PEDESTRIANS.

Howard County
Office of Transportation

**Transportation
Open House**

MDOT Howard County Department of Public Works

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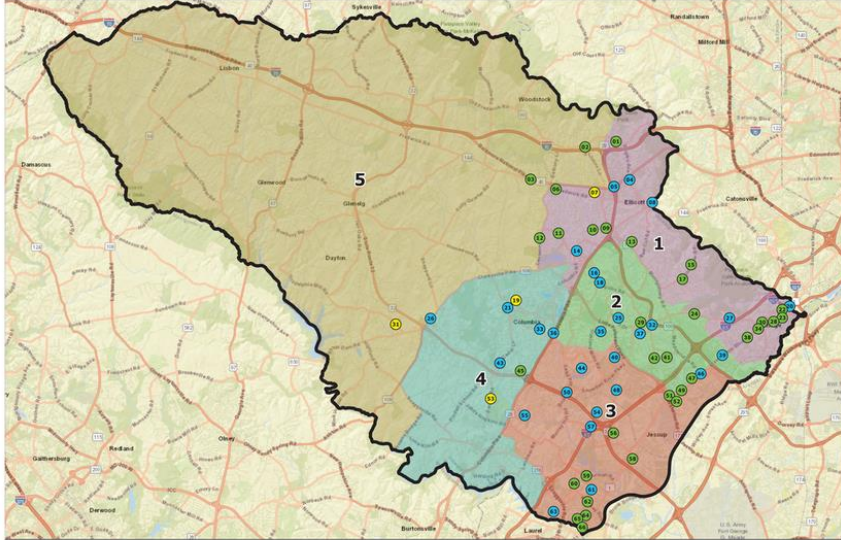
Howard County Police Department

FLASH

The graphic features five circular images: a transit bus, a car on a road, a person holding a stop sign, a road with green-painted crosswalks, and a person on a bicycle. The Howard County Office of Transportation logo is prominently displayed in the center.

Open House Materials

Bike and Pedestrian Planning Projects **Public Transit** **Road Safety** **Local Transportation Planning & Policy** **Regional Transportation Planning & Priorities** **Department of Public Works**



Howard County, Maryland
In-Progress and Upcoming Bike/Pedestrian Projects

0 1.25 2.5 5 Miles Created January 2025

County Boundary Projects

- Bike
- Bike and Ped
- Ped

County Council Districts

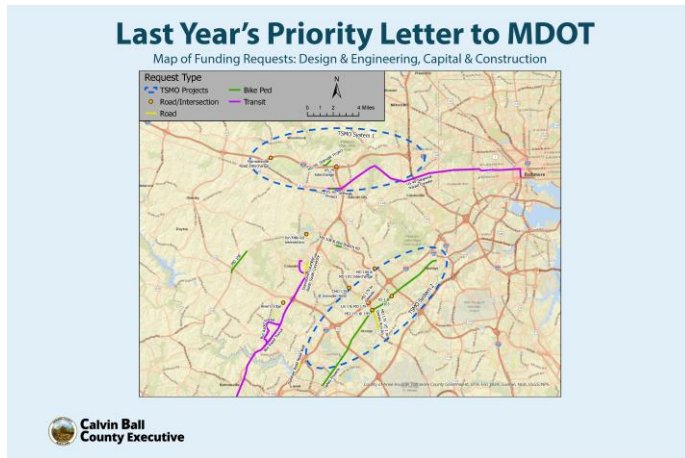
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County Executive

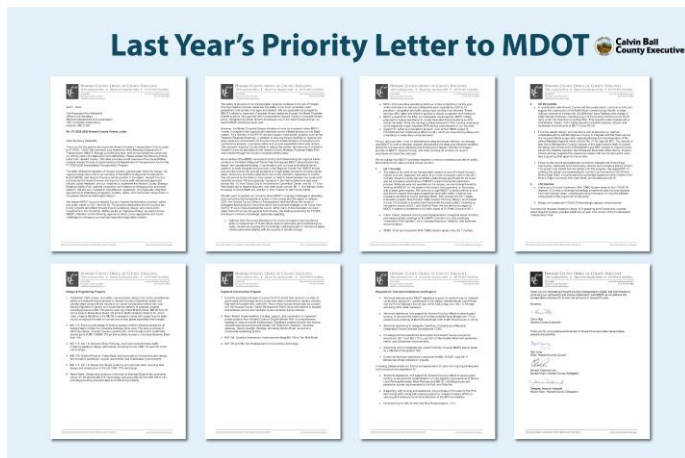
The map shows five numbered districts (1-5) across Howard County, Maryland. District 1 is purple, 2 is green, 3 is red, 4 is blue, and 5 is yellow. Various colored circles (yellow, blue, green) are scattered across the map, representing bike, bike/pedestrian, and pedestrian projects. A scale bar and legend are provided at the bottom.

[CLICK HERE](#) for full resolution image.

Current Priority Letter Process



Display Boards



2025 Transportation Open House

Introduction

The 2025 Transportation Open House is intended to provide the public with the opportunity to meet with representatives from the Office of Transportation, other County departments and offices, state and local agencies, and their partners to learn more about the planning, design, operations, and maintenance of the County's transportation systems. The Open House also provides an opportunity for the public to comment on the County's overall transportation priorities, approaches to solving common transportation challenges, and specific projects.

This survey will help inform our work over the next year, including how we prioritize our regional transportation goals and objectives, and how we move forward with specific projects. The survey will take approximately 4 minutes to complete.

*If you are taking this survey after the Open House has ended, the materials can be found [HERE](#).











Survey is open for one month after the TOH

Goal and Changes

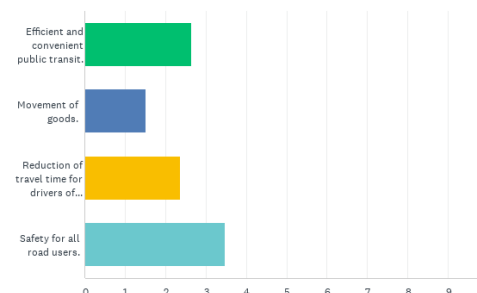
- Goal is to be open and transparent
- Survey-Specific and General
- Conversations with stakeholders
- How have we changed
 - Bike and ped projects
 - Safety
 - Corridors

What are Your Priorities?

Please consider the project types indicated on this board for each transportation mode. On a comment card, indicate the order in which you would prioritize project types within each transportation mode (1 being the highest priority). **Please do not duplicate priority levels.** This input will inform Howard County's transportation priorities as we evaluate previous years' Priority Letter projects and consider whether to add new projects. Thank you for your participation!

| Motor Vehicle Projects focused on: | Transit Projects focused on: | Bicycle and Pedestrian Projects that enhance access to: |
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|  <p>Capacity, such as roadway widening, smart signals, or upgraded interchanges</p> |  <p>Enhancements to existing service, such as more frequent and reliable service, expanded Saturday and Sunday service, and shorter ride times from more direct routings</p> |  <p>Schools and Neighborhoods, such as Safe Routes to School projects to add sidewalks, school crosswalks, or pathway connections</p> |
|  <p>Safety, such as speed management, intersection improvements, addition of acceleration/deceleration lanes, or sight distance improvements</p> |  <p>Improved local service, such as new routes in Howard County to connect unserved areas to the existing transit network</p> |  <p>Retail Areas, such as Dobbin Road, Snowden Square, the US 40 corridor, the US 1 corridor, or the Clarksville/River Hill MD 108 commercial area</p> |
| |  <p>Improved regional service, such as new bus rapid transit (BRT) and regional routes to connect with A, WMATA, and Ride-On to access destinations such as Baltimore and Washington</p> |  <p>Employment, such as Downtown Columbia, Columbia Gateway, Patuxent Woods, or APL</p> |
| |  <p>Enhancements to facilities or infrastructure, such as bus shelters, seating, sidewalk connections, paved waiting areas, or mobile ticketing</p> |  <p>Recreation, such as Patuxent State Park, the Middle Patuxent Environmental Area, or Western Howard County</p> |

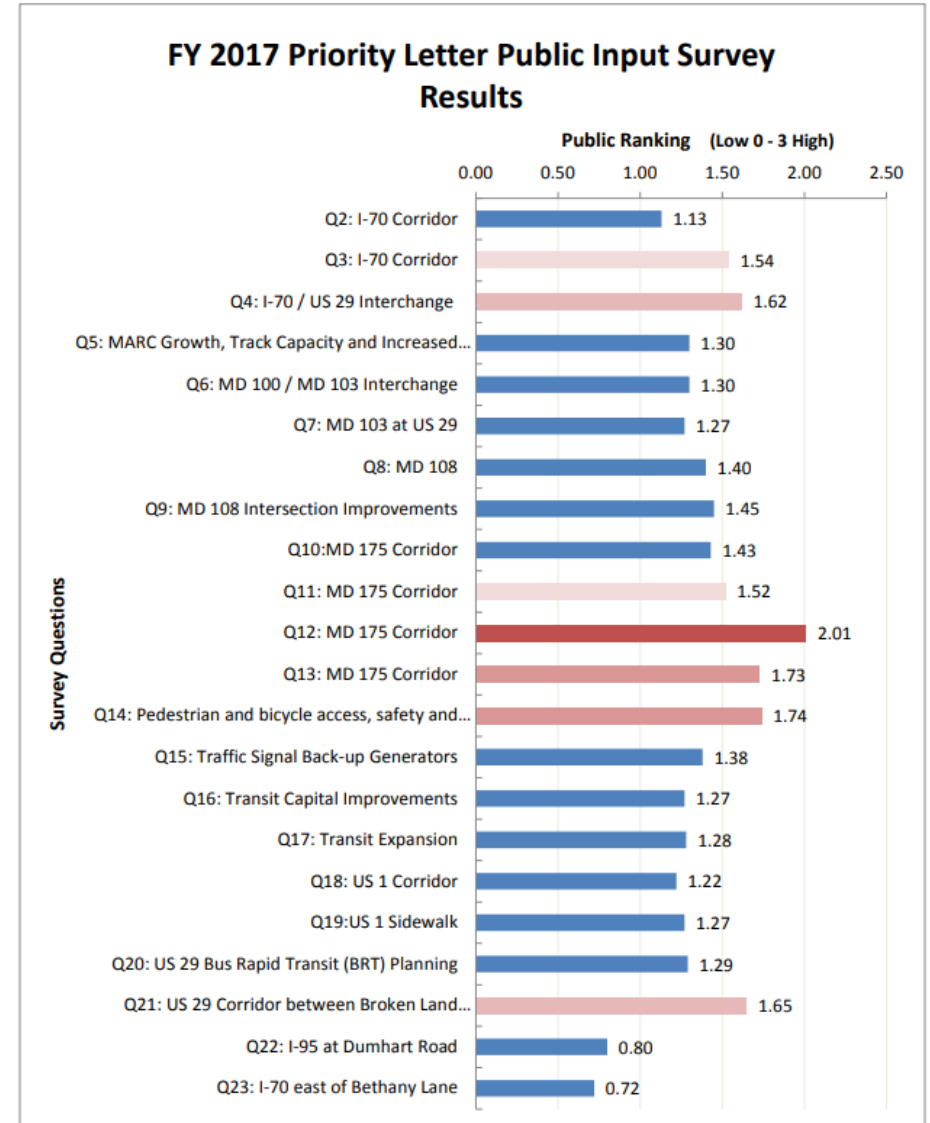
Q3 What should the County focus on for it's long-term, regional transportation priorities? Please rank the following choices from 1 (highest priority) to 4 (lowest priority).



Chapter 30 – Changing?

Figure 1 – Public Priority Rankings

- Historically, HC has submitted the same four projects on an annual basis
- MDOT is deciding to change the process this year
 - Biennial Process
 - NEW prioritization process
- Comprehensive Package of Bike/Ped Improvements



Questions?

Links to relevant pages:

- [Transportation Priorities Letter | Howard County](#)
- [2025 Transportation Open House Materials | Howard County](#)

