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The Honorable Paul Wiedefeld Maryland Secretary of Transportation 7201 Corporate Center Drive Hanover, Maryland, 21076

Dear Secretary Wiedefeld:

Thank you for visiting Baltimore County as part of the Consolidated Transportation Program (CTP) tour. I wanted to highlight some of the transportation issues that are important to my district on the Eastside.

First, the construction of an eastbound connection from Philadelphia Road to White Marsh Boulevard is critically important. Every day, there are bottlenecks in this area because this vital connection was never constructed when White Marsh Boulevard was extended in 2006. The White Marsh Volunteer Fire Company considers the completion of this project of vital importance in providing emergency services.

Second, we support funding to improve safety on Belair Road in Kingsville near New Cut Road. A citizens' task force worked with the State Highway Administration (SHA) to identify improvements that should be advanced in the CTP. We also urge SHA to continue to work to improve safety on this route.

Third, we implore SHA to continue to work toward improvements along the Eastern Avenue corridor. This has been a top priority also for Senator Jennings and Delegates Nawrocki and Szeliga. The future of Martin State Airport is also important to the region

I also ask for the Maryland Department of Transportation to allocate funding to complete the Northeast Trail, a project first identified as a county priority more than a decade ago.

Thank you for your service on behalf of the citizens of Maryland, and for the responsiveness of your staff on many issues.

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