

October 11, 2018

The Honorable Steven R. Schuh
County Executive
Anne Arundel County
44 Calvert Street
Annapolis MD 21404

Dear County Executive  Schuh:

Thank you for your letter regarding congestion bottlenecks in Anne Arundel County. The Maryland Department of Transportation (MDOT) is committed to working with Anne Arundel County to improve safety and operations in both the MD 2 and MD 3 corridors.

The MDOT State Highway Administration (MDOT SHA) has initiated a high-level feasibility study to determine preliminary costs and impacts of widening MD 2 to provide a consistent three through lane section in each direction from the Baltimore City line to US 50/US 301. We are also reviewing the bicycle and pedestrian facilities that exist today to identify gaps that may exist within the recommended improvements in the Anne Arundel County planning documents.

Similarly, MDOT SHA has initiated a high-level feasibility study of MD 3, from the Prince George's Line to MD 32, to determine the preliminary costs and impacts of providing an additional through lane in each direction. We will also identify gaps that may exist in the bicycle and pedestrian infrastructure based upon Anne Arundel County planning documents. In both studies, the concept that MDOT SHA is developing will focus on widening that can occur within the existing roadway footprint and MDOT SHA right-of-way to reduce both costs and impacts to surrounding businesses and communities. The MDOT SHA anticipates completing both studies by August 2019.

Thank you again for your cooperation and partnership in these efforts to improve congestion and safety in the MD 2 and MD 3 corridors. If you have additional questions or concerns, please contact C. Scott Pomento, P.E., MDOT SHA Planning and Preliminary Engineering Director, at 410-545-0411, toll-free 1-888-204-4828, or via email at spomento@mdot.state.md.us. Mr. Pomento will be happy to assist you.

Sincerely,



Pete K. Rahn
Secretary

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Mr. Gregory Slater, Administrator, MDOT SHA