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January 15, 2016

Saint Mary's County
General Assembly Delegation
% The Honorable Stephen Waugh
Senate Chair
Miller Senate Office Building, 2 West Wing
11 Bladen Street
Annapolis MD 21401

Commissioners of Saint Mary's County
P. O. Box 653
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41770 Baldrige Street
Leonardtown MD 20650

Dear Senator, Delegates, and Commissioners:

Thank you for attending the January 7, 2016 Calvert-Saint Mary's Metropolitan Planning Organization's board meeting. I understand a transportation improvement program (TIP) amendment raised concerns regarding the Maryland Department of Transportation (MDOT) MD 5 corridor study in Great Mills. I appreciate the opportunity to address your concerns.

This project remains on schedule. The TIP amendment in question reallocated design funding to the planning phase; it did not allocate new funding. In 2013, MDOT allocated \$5 million toward project development. To determine improvements' scope, MDOT used \$300,000 of this funding to conduct a feasibility study. Upon feasibility study completion in 2015, MDOT determined that the project required additional environmental analyses, including socioeconomic, hydraulic, historic resources, and wetland analyses, and alternatives development to meet National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) requirements. These analyses contribute to both the planning and design phases. The reallocation of funds allows MDOT to complete these analyses and maintain the project's schedule.

At 7:00 p.m., March 15, 2016, MDOT is hosting a purpose and need/alternatives public workshop at Great Mills High School to which you are invited. MDOT will send a newsletter to stakeholders in February 2016. MDOT remains on schedule to complete planning and design in the Spring of 2018.

Thank you again for your attendance and continuing interest. If you have additional questions or concerns, please contact Mr. Barrett Kiedrowski, State Highway Administration (SHA) Project Management Chief, at 410-545-8769, toll-free 1-888-204-4828, or via email at bkiedrowski@sha.state.md.us. Mr. Kiedrowski will be happy to assist you.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Gregory I. Slater', is written over the word 'Sincerely,'.

Gregory I. Slater
Acting Deputy Administrator/Chief Engineer
for Planning, Engineering, Real Estate, and Environment

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cc: The Honorable Matt Morgan, Maryland House of Delegates
The Honorable Anthony O'Donnell, Maryland House of Delegates
The Honorable Deborah Rey, Maryland House of Delegates
The Honorable Steven Weems, Calvert County Board of County Commissioners
Mr. William Hunt, Deputy Director, Saint Mary's County Department of Land Use and
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Ms. Ashley Renshaw, Senior Administrative Coordinator, Saint Mary's County Department
of Land Use and Growth Management
Mr. Phillip Shire, Director, Saint Mary's County Department of Land Use and Growth
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Mr. Barrett Kiedrowski, Chief, Project Management Division, SHA