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STATE CLEARINGHOUSE RECOMMENDATION

State Application Identifier: **MD20201026-0935**
Applicant: Harford County Department of Public Works
Project Description: Proposed Closure of Old Mountain Road in Conjunction with the Construction of the MD 152 Interchange
Project Location: County(ies) of Harford
Approving Authority: Maryland Department of Transportation/Maryland Transportation Authority (MDOT/MDTA)
Recommendation: **Consistent with Qualifying Comments and Contingent Upon Certain Actions**

Dear Mr. Baumgardner:

In accordance with Presidential Executive Order 12372 and Code of Maryland Regulation 34.02.01.04-.06, the State Clearinghouse has coordinated the intergovernmental review of the referenced project. This letter, with attachments, constitutes the State process review and recommendation. This recommendation is valid for a period of three years from the date of this letter.

Review comments were requested from the Maryland Department(s) of Natural Resources, Transportation, the Environment; and the Maryland Department of Planning, including the Maryland Historical Trust.

The Maryland Department of Natural Resources; and the Maryland Department of Planning, including the Maryland Historical Trust found this project to be consistent with their plans, programs, and objectives.

The Maryland Historical Trust (MHT) has determined that the proposed action is part of MDTA's I-95 Express Toll Lane (ETL) Project. MHT has previously determined that MDTA's undertaking will have No Adverse Effect on historic properties.

Maryland Department of Transportation found this project to be generally consistent with their plans, programs, and objectives, but included certain qualifying comments summarized below:

The Maryland Department of Transportation (MDOT), State Highway Administration/Regional and Intermodal Planning Division (SHA/RIPD) stated that the applicant should "please ensure continued coordination with MDOT SHA concerning maintenance of traffic associated with these improvements and the closure of Old Mountain Road and potential impacts to MD 152 (Mountain Road). Coordinate with Erin Kuhn, P.E., MDOT SHA Assistant District 4 Engineer-Traffic, at 410-229-2381 or via email ekuhn@mdot.maryland.gov."

The Maryland Department of Environment (MDE) stated that their finding of consistency is contingent upon the applicant taking the action(s) summarized below:

1. If the proposed project involves demolition – Any above ground or underground petroleum storage tanks that may be on site must have contents and tanks along with any contamination removed. Please contact the Oil Control Program at (410) 537-3442 for additional information.

2. Any solid waste including construction, demolition and land clearing debris, generated from the subject project, must be properly disposed of at a permitted solid waste acceptance facility, or recycled if possible. Contact the Solid Waste Program at (410) 537-3315 for additional information regarding solid waste activities and contact the Resource Management Program at (410) 537-3314 for additional information regarding recycling activities.

3. The Resource Management Program should be contacted directly at (410) 537-3314 by those facilities which generate or propose to generate or handle hazardous wastes to ensure these activities are being conducted in compliance with applicable State and federal laws and regulations. The Program should also be contacted prior to construction activities to ensure that the treatment, storage or disposal of hazardous wastes and low-level radioactive wastes at the facility will be conducted in compliance with applicable State and federal laws and regulations.

4. The proposed project may involve rehabilitation, redevelopment, revitalization, or property acquisition of commercial, industrial property. Accordingly, MDE's Brownfields Site Assessment and Voluntary Cleanup Programs (VCP) may provide valuable assistance to you in this project. These programs involve environmental site assessment in accordance with accepted industry and financial institution standards for property transfer. For specific information about these programs and eligibility, please Land Restoration Program at (410) 537-3437.

5. Borrow areas used to provide clean earth back fill material may require a surface mine permit. Disposal of excess cut material at a surface mine may requires site approval. Contact the Mining Program at (410) 537-3557 for further details.

6. Additional comments from the Water and Science Administration are attached.

Any statement of consideration given to the comments should be submitted to the approving authority, with a copy to the State Clearinghouse. The State Application Identifier Number must be placed on any correspondence pertaining to this project. The State Clearinghouse must be kept informed if the approving authority cannot accommodate the recommendation.

Please remember, you must comply with all applicable state and local laws and regulations. If you need assistance or have questions, contact the State Clearinghouse staff person noted above at 410-767-4490 or through e-mail at myra.barnes@maryland.gov. **Also please complete the attached form and return it to the State Clearinghouse as soon as the status of the project is known.** ***Any substitutions of this form must include the State Application Identifier Number.*** **This will ensure that our files are complete.**

Thank you for your cooperation with the MIRC process.

Sincerely,

Myra Barnes, Lead Clearinghouse Coordinator

MB:MB
Enclosure(s)
cc: Jennifer Freeman - HRFD
Tony Redman - DNR
Amanda Redmiles - MDE
Ian Beam - MDOT
Bihui Xu - MDPI-T
Joseph Griffiths - MDPL
Beth Cole - MHT

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PROJECT STATUS FORM

Please complete this form and return it to the State Clearinghouse upon receipt of notification that the project has been approved or not approved by the approving authority.

TO: **Maryland State Clearinghouse**
Maryland Department of Planning
301 West Preston Street
Room 1104
Baltimore, MD 21201-2305

DATE: _____
(Please fill in the date form completed)

FROM: _____
(Name of person completing this form.)

PHONE: _____-____-_____
(Area Code & Phone number)

RE: **State Application Identifier:** **MD20201026-0935**
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PROJECT APPROVAL

This project/plan was: ☐ **Approved** ☐ **Approved with Modification** ☐ **Disapproved**

Name of Approving Authority: _____

Date Approved: _____

FUNDING APPROVAL

The funding (if applicable) has been approved for the period of:

_____, 201____ to _____, 201____ as follows:

Federal $:	Local $:	State $:	Other $:
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☐ *Further comment or explanation is attached*

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