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The Honorable Norman Conway
Chairman, House Appropriations Committee
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The Honorable Peter A. Hammen
Chairman, House Health & Government
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Dear Chairmen:

As required by HB 1262, Chapter 592, Section 2, Acts 1995 (MSAR #715), the State Highway Administration (SHA) is to report, semi-annually, on all parcels obtained and disposed of under Section 8-309(e) of the Transportation Article. The Editor's note immediately subsequent to this section of law directs that:

"...the Maryland Department of Transportation shall, in accordance with §2-1312 [now §2-1246] of the State Government Article, submit a report to the House Commerce and Government Matters Committee, the House Appropriations Committee, and the Senate Budget and Taxation Committee every 6 months, beginning December 1, 1995, that lists the parcels that have been obtained and disposed of through the process established under §8-309(e) of the Transportation Article as enacted by this Act. The report shall identify the value of and include a description of each parcel that has been exchanged between the State Highway Administration and any other public or private entities."

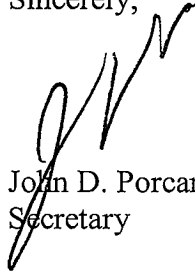
This section of law pertains to exchanging land for land of equal value and is rarely used. Please let this letter serve as notice that there have been no dispositions of property under this section of law to report since the Department's report dated December 1, 2000. At that time the State Highway Administration conveyed a portion of the right-of-way of existing Maryland Route 713 to Piney 100 LLP. This land exchange was necessary to accommodate transportation infrastructure largely for the Arundel Mills Mall in Anne Arundel County. It was the first and only transaction of its kind since the bi-annual reporting requirement was instituted by the General Assembly.

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If you have additional questions or concerns, please do not hesitate to contact Mr. Neil Pedersen, SHA's Administrator at 410-545-0400. Of course, you should always feel free to contact me directly.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'John D. Porcari', written over the printed name.

John D. Porcari
Secretary

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