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The Honorable Peter A. Hammen Chairman, House Health and Government Operations Committee 821 South Grundy Street Baltimore, MD 21224

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:

"...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."

Section 8-309(e) of the Transportation Article pertains to exchanging land for land of equal value and is rarely used. The Maryland Department of Transportation hereby reports that there were no dispositions of land under Section 8-309(e) for the period of June 1, 2009 through November 30, 2009.

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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,

Beverley K. Swaim-Staley

Secretary

cc: Members of the Senate Budget and Taxation Committee

Members of the House Appropriations Committee

Members of the House Health and Government Operations Committee

Mr. Neil Pedersen, Administrator, State Highway Administration