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The Honorable Edward J. Kasemeyer  
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The Honorable Norman Conway  
Chairman, House Appropriations Committee  
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The Honorable Peter A. Hammen  
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821 South Grundy Street  
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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."*

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 December 1, 2011 through May 31, 2012. If you have additional questions or concerns, please do not hesitate to contact Ms. Melinda Peters, SHA's Administrator at 410-545-0400. Of course, you should always feel free to contact me directly.

Sincerely,

Beverley K. Swaim-Staley  
Secretary

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