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December 2, 2013

The Honorable Edward J. Kasemeyer
Chairman, Senate Budget and Taxation Committee
5205 East Drive, Suite H
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The Honorable Norman Conway
Chairman, House Appropriations Committee
120 House Office Building
6 Bladen Street
Annapolis MD 21401

The Honorable Peter A. Hammen
Chairman, House Health and Government
Operations Committee
6228 Eastern Avenue
Baltimore MD 21224

Dear Chairmen:

As required by House Bill 1262, Chapter 592, Section 2, Acts of 1995, 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 June 1, 2013 through November 30, 2013.

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If you have additional questions or concerns, please do not hesitate to contact Ms. Melinda Peters, SHA 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 "James T. Smith, Jr.", with a large, stylized loop at the beginning and a cross-like flourish at the end.

James T. Smith, Jr.
Secretary

cc: Ms. Melinda B. Peters, Administrator, SHA