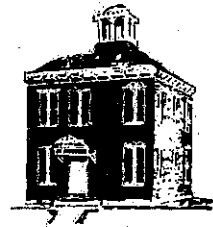


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July 28, 2016

Brian K. Grim, Mayor
City of Cumberland
57 North Liberty Street
Cumberland, Maryland 21502

Dear Mayor Grim:

The Allegany County Chamber of Commerce supports Option 3a-1 of the Baltimore Street Preferred Alternative Investigation as recommended by the team of Sage Policy Group, Inc. and McCormick Taylor, Inc.

As the Baltimore Street project moves to the design phase, the Allegany County Chamber of Commerce respectfully requests that the final design stay as close to the recommended concept of Option 3a-1 as possible. Option 3a-1 is the result of considerable public input and compromise and is ultimately the recommendation of respected professionals. Option 3a-1 also appears to reasonably satisfy the needs and concerns of Allegany County Chamber of Commerce members who are directly affected by the outcome of this significant project.

The Allegany County Chamber of Commerce commends the Cumberland Economic Development Corporation and Mayor and City Council for diligently working through challenging initiatives as outlined in the 2014 Strategic Economic Development Plan for the City of Cumberland.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

Stuart C. Czapski
Executive Director

Cc: Honorable Seth Bernard, Cumberland City Council
Honorable David Caporale, Cumberland City Council
Honorable Richard Cioni, Cumberland City Council
Honorable Nicole Myers, Cumberland City Council
Shawn Hershberger, Cumberland Economic Development Corporation