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Dover/Kent Metropolitan Planning Organization  
850 South State Street  
Dover, DE 19901

Dear Members of the Dover/Kent Metropolitan Planning Organization,

I am writing to respectfully request that the Trapshooters Road/SR-1 interchange improvement project be prioritized for inclusion and advancement within the upcoming Capital Transportation Program (CTP) process.

As you are aware, the Trapshooters Road interchange has been the subject of ongoing public concern and prior planning discussions due to documented safety issues and traffic concerns in the area. According to DelDOT crash data referenced during prior public workshops and planning efforts, this section of SR-1 has experienced crash rates significantly higher than comparable roadways throughout Delaware. Constituents and local stakeholders continue to express serious concerns regarding the dangerous conditions at this interchange and the urgent need for corrective action.

We understand that preliminary concepts and planning studies have already been completed in coordination with Century Engineering, DelDOT, and the Dover/Kent MPO. However, despite the extensive discussion and analysis conducted over the past several years, the project has not yet been included in the current FY27-32 Capital Transportation Program.

Given the demonstrated public safety concerns, continued traffic growth in the surrounding area, and the potential economic and community impacts associated with further delay, we respectfully request that the Dover/Kent MPO consider formally nominating and prioritizing this project during the upcoming FY29-34 CTP process.

We also ask that the MPO work collaboratively with DelDOT and local stakeholders to evaluate any interim or short-term safety improvements that may help reduce risks at the interchange while the long-term project advances through the planning and NEPA processes.

Thank you for your continued work on transportation planning and public safety initiatives throughout Kent County. We appreciate your consideration of this request and look forward to continued collaboration on efforts to improve safety and mobility along the SR-1 corridor.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Eric Buckson'.

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