

## SECTION 4 (f) STATEMENT



F O R
Contract No. AA 739-001-571 H0 292-000-771
F.A.P, No, 915-1(1-4)

Relocated Maryland Route 32 Maryland Route 108 to the Baltimore/Nashington Parkway
In Anne Arunjel and Howard Counties. Maryland

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Contract No. HO 292-043-774 Patuxent Freeway

Attention: Mr. Frank J. Roller, Jr.

Please refer to your July 9,1974 memo regarding revisions to line and grade, and possible changes in the impact upon Noise Sensitive areas 1-6. The only significant change would be that the design noise level at area no. 4 would be reduced from 73 to 69dBA. Even though this brings the design level below FHWh standards, the earth mound contemplated should still be constructed due to the large increase in ambient noise levels which will occur. The other areas will not be affected by the line shifts to a degree where change would be significant.

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## MEMORANDUM



We are transmitting to you 1 print of the revised line and grade on this project. The major revisions horizontally include moving the center line $100^{\prime}$ south of the original alignment from Station 540 to 600 ; 100' Forth of the original center line from Station 620 to 665 and excluding the Trotter Road Relocation and Interchange from the Study.

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We are presently writing the Location Study Report and would appreciate any information you can give us, as soon as possible.

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Mr. Charles R. Anderson, Chief Bureau of Lands moe Architecture Attention: Mr. Charles Adams
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Re: Village of Kings Contrivance
Section 1 Area 1
Reference is made to your memos dated May 9, 1.974 and Jume 5, 1974 transmitting for our review copies of the final development plan of the captioned subdivision for our review.

We have previously reviewed thase plans and proposed record plats for right of way requirements and adivised you of the absence of conflict thereby allowing your letter response to the County of July 10, 1974.

Our comments on the construction plans follow:
Sheet 1. Suggest the proposed extension of Carlinda Avenue across Beaver Run Creek by this Adminiatration be shown.

Sheat 2. We quote from your letter of April 30, 1974 to the County. Shaker Drive:"encroaches upon part of the Atholton Village Shopping Center parking lot north of the subdivision boundary. The alignment of this relocation should be reviewed for compliance with County Standards. As this developer also owns the Athoiton Village Shopping Center, it is recommended that the tie-in to 0ld U . S. Route 29 north of the aubdivision boundary be included as incideatal to subdivision development." These recontmendations have not yet been adopted.

We again recommend that Shaker Drive be constructed to its ultimate tiem in with old U. S. Route 29 in front of the Atholton Village Shopping Center. The temporary roadway should be realigned to connect at right angle to Shaker Drive. This arrangement would result in less disruption to increased volunes of local traffic when the interchange is constructed by this Administration.

There should be reference to sheet 35 for grading and drainage construction.
The adjusted location of interchange Ramp ' $D$ ' is indicated on the returned plans.

The vertical alignment of Shaker Drive appears to be unecessarily abrupt at Donleigh Drive. Sinply leagthaning the crest vertioni curve Sta. $3+25$ can achileve a stopping sight distance in excase of 40 M. P. H .

Sheet 3. Inlet I-L4A is to be relocated closer to Shaker Drive.
Sheet 11. See comanta contained in your letter dated April 30, 1974, page 2, para. 4.

Sheet 24. See retarned plans for shortening of $24^{\circ \prime}$ RcF between falets 14 and 14 and corrected idantifieation of end wails and inlets.

The location of our proposed sight of tayl Line of Through Highway is rubricated on pertiment sheets.

Your lettex to Howard Comaty dated April. 30, 1974 contained a discuselon of probable acoustic impact to the abdivision and the proposed method of attemuation selected by the Adroinistration, nanely an eacthon mound with a precast panel wall up to $8^{\prime}$ In height along the outer perimeter of Ramp $D$ together with a general lowertigg of grades aloug che Patuxent Freeway and mounding a minimum helght of $12^{*}$ above the roadway. This remaing the intent of tha Acminiatration; We reiterate our recommendation that buildiage and eite should be acoustically designed with the predicted axterior L10 noise levels of 66 dBA and 62 dBA at distaneas of 200 and 400 feat from the pavement, reapectively, in order that interiot L10 noise levalo cannot exceed the Federal gtandard of 55 abA.

Subnitted plans are returned herewith.

Attachment
cel Mr. C. R. Anderson


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To. Mra Charles Lee, Chief VAl April 16, 1974
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From: Mr. William F. Ling, Jr., Chief
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subject.
Contract No. HO-292-34-771
Patuxent Freeway
West of U. S. Route 29 to I-95
Re: Village of Kings Contrivance - Section I, Area I

Reference is made to your memo dated October 17, 1973, transmitting two (2) copies of a sketch plan of the proposed subdivision as located east of U. S. Route 29 and along the north side of the proposed Patuxent Freeway (Relocated Maryland Route 32), your second transmittal of February 6, 1974 of a preliminary plan of the same subdivision and your third transmittal of March 21,1974 of a revised preliminary plan of same.

Status of State Highway Administration Plans: -Preliminary field investigation with $30 \%$ complete plans was conducted in the Spring of 1969, and a combined-corridor design public hearing was held August 15, 1973. Plans remain at $30 \%$. A Final Environmental Statement must be prepared together with a Location/Design Study Report which is to recommend design details to be incorporated in the contract drawings; these recommendations would not become effective until issuance of a formal design approval by the Federal Highway Administration. Neither the Final Environmental Statement nor the Location/Design Study Report have yet been initiated. Studies have been made since the public hearing for a) accommodation of the ultimate highway facility including inter= change in the vicinity of $U$ 。 So Route 29 , b) grade adjustments to obtain better earthwork balance, c) noise attenuation measures and storm water management in the Beaver Run Creek watershed (see memo 4-23-74).

Coordination: -Meetings were conducted between the State Highway Administration's staff and the Howard Research and Development Corporation, February 21, March 5, and April. 3, 1974 in attempt to achieve compatibility between our proposed highway improvements and the captioned development.

The subdivision plans as received for review have been found to be inaccurate (grids don't match, etc.) 。 The Final Development Plan should include accurate location of State Highway Administration base lines to facilitate final review.

Mr．Charles Lee，Chief

We have indicated the proposed Right of Way Line of Through Highway in red on one（1）copy of the revised preliminary subdivision plan which is returned herewith．This line represents requirements for the State Highway including noise attenuation measures，assuming grading to have occurred within the subdivision in accordance with information furnished by the developer．

Acoustics：－Should the development of this residential subdivision precede Federal Highway Administration location approval of the proposed Patuxent Freeway（Relocated Maryland Route 32），which we anticipate to be the case，it is required to apply acoustic analysis as required by Federal Highway Administration＇s Policy and Procedure Memorandum 90－2 to assure that exterior $L_{10}$ noise levels do not exceed the Federal Standard of 70 dBA ．Predicted design hour（1994） $\mathrm{L}_{10}$ noise levels to be generated by vehicles using this highway range from 74 to 78 dBA along the mainline $200^{\prime}$ from the pavement and ranging from 70 to 74 dBA along Ramp＇$D^{\prime}$ of the $U$ 。S．Route 29 interchange $200^{\prime}$ from the pavement， thus requiring either a）attenuation devices such as mounds，walls， barriers，etco，b）acquisition of additional right of way width until 70 dBA is not exceeded at the Right of Way line or $c$ ）granting of an exception to the standards on the part of the Federal Highway Administration． An effective earthen mound，which is the usually favored attenuation method，generally requires additional right of way up to $75^{\prime}$ in width． Earth mounding a minimum height of $12^{\prime}$ above the proposed Patuxent Freeway mainline roadway simulating a continuous cut condition in conjunction with a general lowering of grades has been determined to be the method of noise attenuation between the subdivision and the proposed state highway．Due to the embankment height required to support Ramp＇D＇ of the U．S．Route 29 Interchange the mounding has been reduced in height to minimize right of way requirements and the mound is to be supplemented by an acoustic wall of precast panels varying in height up to 8 feet． These measures are expected to reduce $\mathrm{L}_{10}$ noise levels to 66 dBA at a distance of $200^{\prime}$ from the pavement and 62 dBA at a distance of 400 feet．Buildings and site should be acoustically designed with the predicted exterior noise levels in view so that interior $\mathrm{L}_{10}$ noise levels cannot exceed the Federal standard of 55 dBA ．

Median drainage to be outletted from the Patuxent Freeway left of Station 744 （Road＂$A^{\prime \prime}$ Station $16+$ ）must be received by the subdivision drainage system．

Service Road＇D＇（Road＇A＇on developers plan）encroaches upon part of the Atholton Village Shopping Center parking lot north of the subdivision boundary．The alignment of this relocation should be reviewed for compliance with County Standards．As this developer also owns the Atholton Village Shopping Center，it is recommended that the tiewin to Old U。S。Route 29 north of the subdivision boundary be included as incidental to subdivision

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development．In the interest of a safer approach to the Kings Contrivance interchange an $8^{\circ} 10^{\prime}$ curve is recommended in lieu of the $10^{\circ} 25^{\prime}$ curve now slown．

Road＇B＇is shown as a＂Proposed Temporary Access Road＂crossing the proposed Patuxent Freeway just east of an area now used for embankment storage．Contour elevations appearing on the submitted development plans do not indicate this storage area。 If constructed，this road should be removed within the proposed State Highway Administration＇s right of way at the expense of others，including replacement of embankment，prior to State Highway Administration construction．

State Highway Administration public hearing exhibits proposed a southerly extension of Carlinda Avenue from Allview Drive into Service Road＇D＇ （developers Road＇A＇）at a point approximately 900 ＇north of the Patuxent Freeway．Developer indicates Carlinda Ave。intersecting Service Road＇D＇ at a point approximately $1050^{\prime}$ north of the Patuxent Freeway；this point of intersection appears better in all respects for highway safety and economical property development．The State Highway Administration proposes a multi span bridge across Beaver Run Creek and approach roadways in conjunction with the Patuxent Freeway．The alignment of Carlinda Avenue should be adjusted slightly in the vicinity of Beaver Run Creek to conform to the surveyed centerline established by State Highway Administra－ tion．The profile of Garlinda Avenue will be established by the State Highway Administration between stations 11 and $16+$（Allview Drive）；profile should be adjusted to tie to point of vertical intersection station $11+75$ at elevation 288.39 ．We will furnish details as required to effect coordination in this area．The limit of construction proposed by developer at station 11 appears acceptable．The State Highway Administra－ tion will perform construction of Carlinda Avenue south from Allview Drive across Beaver Run Creek to station 11，a distance of approximately 470 linear feet．

Please advise if any additional information is required．

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ADMINISTRATIVE ACTION

FINAL ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT STATEMENT
Section 4 (f)
U.S. DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

Federal Highway Administration
State of Maryland
Department of Transportation
State Highway Administration

Submitted pursuant to 42 U.S.C. $4332(2)$ (C), 23 U.S.C. $128(\mathrm{a})$, and 49 U.S.C. $1653(\mathrm{f})$

Bernard M. Evans State Highway Administrator

by :



Date
by:
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## SUMMARY SHEET

(1) Check Appropriate Box (es)

Administrative Action
( ) Draft (x) Final
( ) Environmental Statement
(x) Combination Environmental/Section 4(f) Statement
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## (3)

## Brief Description of Highway Improvements

The construction of the initial two lane/four lane dual roadways of the ultimate four lane/ six lane/ 8 lane dual freeway Relocated Maryland Route 32 and six lane Relocated Maryland Route 32 Spur, a controlled access arterial highway, for a distance of approximately 10.4 miles beginning at Maryland Route 108 at Clarksville in Howard County to the BaltimoreWashington Parkway near Fort George G. Meade in Anne Arundel County, Maryland. Ultimate construction is not planned until the year 2000.

The expected impact is the acquisition of existing resiclential and undeveloped lands and the conversion to highway purposes. Traffic using the new facility will be given the opportunity to use a faster, safer, more efficient route on new locition with access controls. The displacement of residents appears to be a major adverse environmental effect. Relocation assistance services and payments will be provided in accordance with established procedures. The adoption of erosion and sediment control measures and careful attention to detail drainage design assure minimum affects to water resources.

The study area will realize increased levels of air poilution and ambient noise levels due to the roadway.

The roadway will also speed the current conversion of land to more intensive use. Relocated Maryland Route 32 is depicted in the General Plan for Howard County (adopted December 6, 1971) and the General Development Plan for Anne Arundel County (adopted 1968). Local authorities have planned for the implementation of this facility and its subsequent impacts in their development of county land use plans.

Two historical properties will be affected by this action; yet neither are considered eligible for the National Register of Historic places. The appropriate $4(f)$ statement has been included in this document for the significant property.

## Alternatives Considered

The alternatives evaluated for this project fall into two categories. The first category would be the "Construct Freeway"
alternatives, which would involve an eight lane freeway for the study area. Alternatives one through four are in this category, and differ only slightly from the alignment of the roadway.

The other category of alternative considered is the "No Build" Alternative 5. In this alternative, evaluation was based on the assumption that no construction on new alignment would be undertaken. An analysis was also made to determine if adequate improvements could be made within the existing right-of-way of Guilford and Annapolis Junction Roads.
(6) Comments have been Requested from the Following:
U. S. Department of the Interior*
U. S. Department of Housing and Urban Development
U. S. Department of Health, Education, and Welfare
U. S. Department of Commerce
U. S. Department of Defense*
U. S. Department of Agriculture*
U. S. Environmental Protection Agency*

State Clearinghouse*
Regional Planning Council*
Anne Arundel County*
Howard County*
Local Elected Officials

* denotes written response.

A detailed distribution list for the Draft Environmental Impact Statement is presented in Appendix "E" of this report.
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May 24, 1972-A supplement $4(f)$ statement was mailed to CEQ on April 27, 1976.
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## DESCRIPTION OF THE PROPOSED ACTION

## Proposed Project

The proposed Relocated Maryland Route 32 (Patuxent Freeway) is designed to stretch from I-70 near Cooksville in Howard County to the City of Annapolis, the State Capital, in Anne Arundel County, a total distance of approximately 40 miles (see Location Map). The purpose of this high volume expressway is to provide a safe, fast, and efficient route between the Eastern Shore and Western Maryland, which bypasses the more densely populated areas of Baltimore and Washington, D.C.

This project is concerned with a 10.4 mile segment of Relocated Maryland Route 32 between the logical termini of Maryland Route 108 near Clarksville in Howard County and the BaltimoreWashington Parkway near Fort George G. Meade in Anne Arundel County (see Plate 1). Maryland Route 32 between I-70 and Maryland Route 108 has previsouly been reconstructed to a two lane facility with adequate design standards for anticipated traffic demand to the year 2000. Additional construction will not be completed until after the year 2000 .

The exhibits and discussion in this Final Environmental Impact Statement reflect that Relocated Maryland Route 32 may be relocated south of existing Maryland Route 32 beginning at a point between U.S. 1 and the Baltimore-Washington Parkway. Until separate corridor studies in Anne Arundel County are completed, the future location of Relocated Maryland Route 32 east of U.S. 1 cannot be determined. The Maryland Route 32 Spur as shown between U.S. 1 and the Baltimore-Washington Parkway is essential in the future and to the Phase I construction do to the conditions of existing Maryland Route 32 and traffic demands.

The segment of Relocated Maryland Route 32 would serve important local traffic meovements in Howard and Anne Arundel Counties in the interim period before the entire freeway is completed. The
completion of this freeway segment would connect the principal north-south arterials (U.S. 29, I-95, U.S. 1, and the BaltimoreWashington Parkway) within the Baltimore-Washington Corridor, with the City of Columbia, Fort George G. Meade, the industrial areas along U.S. 1 , and various commuter communities in both counties. The access created by this roadway would be useful for the transportation of goods to the Port of Baltimore, to airport facilities, and to the resale market in general. In addition, local commuter traffic would have an efficient tie-in to these north-south arterials leading to the major employment centers of Baltimore, Maryland and Washington, D.C.

The schedule for completion of the various segments of Relocated Maryland Route 32 is shown below:

## Segment

Interstate Route 70 to Maryland Route 108

Pindell School Road to Baltimore-
Washington Parkway - Phase I Washington Parkway - Phase I

Maryland Route 108 to BaltimoreWashington Parkway - Phase II

Baltimore-Washington Parkway to Maryland Route 175

Maryland Route 175 to Discus Mill Road
Discus Mill Road to Maryland Route 3
Maryland Route 3 to Maryland Route 178
Maryland Route 178 to Annapolis (Maryland Route 665)

Estimated Completion Date
After 2000

1980

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1990
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For study purposes, the estimated time of completion (ETC) for this project is the year 1980. The design year is then the year 2000 or ETC +20 .

The entire Relocated Maryland Route 32 is designed for the tranic conditions expected through the year 2000 or $E T C+20$. Thus, it will be able to accommodate these projected traffic flows efficiently. The full right-of-way (approximately 400 feet in width) for the project will be acquired initially. However, only those lanes and interchanges needed in the near future will be constructed initially, then as traffic demand increases, additional lanes will be added to bring the facility to full capacity. These lanes will not be added on a year to year basis, but rather this construction will take place in two phases during the
project. See page 6 for a more detailed description of the construction phasing and number of lanes.

The existing Maryland Route 32 (Guilford Road and Annapolis Junco tron Road), which Relocated Maryland Route 32 will replace, is an important arterial road serving both local and through east-west traffic. This existing roadway is a sub-standard two-lane facility varying in width from 18 to 24 feet, with uncontrolled access. Except for an 0.83 mile segment, which was constructed as a part of the interchange with Interstate 95 , the existing roadway is generally contained within a 30 foot wide uncontrolled right-of-way.

Adjacent industrial, commercial, and residential properties have created numerous entrances along the route, and together with the poor horizontal and vertical alignments have constrained the posted speed limits to 15 to 50 mph . However, during peak hours portions of the roadway operate under unstable flow conditions. A small, one lane bridge on Guilford Road near Berger Road furthe disrupts the normal flow of traffic, causing some delays during peak hours.

## Alternatives Considered

Several alternatives were considered and evaluated in the planming of this project. Basically, the alternatives fall into two categories: "Construct a New Facility" or "No Build". These alternatives are defined as follows:

1. No Build - This alternative assumes that the existing roadway characteristics would be maintained through the year 2000, including the performance of necessary maintenance services.
2. Construct New Facility - A new facility would be constructed as a freeway between Maryland Route 108 and the Anne Arundel County Line, and as a controlled-access arterial highway from west of the Anne Arundel County Line to the Baltimore-Washington Parkway. Modifications to the alignments and access roads constitute some of the four alternatives falling into this classification.

For a detailed discussion of all alternatives considered and the ameliorative and adverse impact of each, see the section entitled "Alternatives".

As a result of the planning process and environmental review of this project, the Construct Facility or Freeway Alternative has been selected for implementation. The decision variables and selection process is discussed in a later section of this report, entitled "Current Status of the Project".

Plate 2 shows the plan of the selected alternative. This project is known as Relocated Maryland Route 32. At a point near Dorsey Run Road, Relocated Maryland Route 32 and Relocated Maryland Route 32 Spur split, with Relocated Maryland Route 32 Spur terminating at the interchange with the Baltimore-Washington Parkway. Relocated Maryland Route 32 will deflect in a southeasterly direction; eventually passing through the southern portion of Fort Meade. As noted on page 1 , the future location of Relocated Maryland Route 32 from a terminus between U.S. 1 and the Baltimore-Washington Parkway to Maryland Route 75 is being considered under a separate study.


## Traffic

The volume of traffic using Guilford and Annapolis Junction Roads is limited by the size of the roadways, their poor alignment, and uncontrolled access. The 1973 traffic volumes on Guilford and Annapolis Junction Roads are shown on Plate 3.

Traffic projections for 1980 (ETC) and 2000 (ETC + 20) have been made by the Maryland State Highway Administration. The following two alternates are considered:

1. No Build - This alternate assumes the existing roadway characteristics to remain through the year 2000. The traffic volumes are presented as predicted Average Daily Traffic (ADT) for the year 1980 (ETC) and 2000 (ETC +20 ), and are shown on Plate 3. Trucks constitute seven (7\%) percent of the daily volumes. The average speeds during the peak hour are shown on Plate 4. These average speeds were derived from the manual, "A Policy On Design of Urban Highways and Arterial Streets" by American Association of State Highway and Transportation Officials. Peak hour speeds were based on peak hour traffic; calculated as 10 percent of ADT.

This existing two-lane roadway will not be able to accommodate the projected traffic volume, as shown by the levels of traffic service during peak hours given on Plate 5. The definitions of the level of service are given in Appendix "A".

## AVERAGE DAILY TRAFFIC NO BUILD

| YEAR | 2500 | 3750 | 6000 | 7000 | 4800 | 5300 | 4850 | 4700 |  |
| :--- | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| ETC | 3240 | -4890 | 7840 | 9340 | 6410 | 7080 | 6470 | 6300 |  |
| ETC <br> +20 | 6850 | 10,250 | 16,400 | 19,100 | 13,100 | 14,400 | 13,150 | 12,800 |  |



## PEAK HOUR VEHICLE SPEEDS NO BUILD

| ETC | 36 | 36 | 34 | 32 | 27 | 26 | 27 | 27 |  |
| :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- |
| ETC <br> +20 | 35 | 32 | 30 | 30 | 24 | 24 | 24 | 24 |  |



## PEAK HOUR LEVEL OF SERVICE NO BUILD

| ETC | D | D | D-E | D-E | D | D-E | D-E | D |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| $\begin{array}{r}\text { ETC } \\ +20 \\ \hline\end{array}$ | D | D-E | EXCEED CAPACITY | $\begin{aligned} & \text { EXCEED } \\ & \text { CAPACITY } \\ & \hline \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{aligned} & \text { EXCEED } \\ & \text { CAPACITY } \end{aligned}$ | EXCEED CAPACITY | $\begin{aligned} & \text { EXCEED } \\ & \text { CAPACTY } \end{aligned}$ | E |  | FOR EXPLANATION OF LEVEL OF SERVICE, SEE DEFINITION IN APPENDIX "A".


2. Construct New Facility - The proposed facility is designed as a freeway between Maryland Route 108 and the Anne Arundel County line, and as a controlled access arterial highway from west of the Anne Arundel County line to the Baltimore-Washington Parkway.

The construction of the new facility is proposed in two phases. Phase $I$ construction is expected to be completed by the year 1980, and the number of lanes for each segment will be:
a. Pindell School Road to west of U. S. Rte. 29 two lanes.
b. West of U. S. Rte. 29 to I-95 - Utilizing Col-lector-Distributor Roads - four lanes divided.
C. I-95 to U. S. Route l -four lanes divided.
d. U. S. Rte. 1 to Anne Arundel County Line * Main Roadway - four lanes divided;

* Annapolis Junction Road (Frontage Road - two lanes).
e. Anne Arundel County line to Baltimore-Washington Parkway - four lanes divided.

Phase II Construction--to be operational by the year 2000-will consist of the following number of lanes:
a. Maryland Route 108 to U. S. Route 29 - four
lanes divided.
b. U. S. Route 29 to I-95.

* Main Roadway - six lanes divided.

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            * Collector-Distributor - one lane in each
    direction.
c. I-95 to U. S. Route l m six lanes divided.
d. U. S. Route l to west of the Anne Arundel
                County line.
                    * Main Roadway - six lanes.
                    * Annapolis Junction Road (Frontage Road) -
        two lanes.
e. West of the Anne Arundel County Line to Balti-
more/Washington Parkway - four lanes.
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The sequenced addition to the number of lanes of the freeway would insure that a "C" level of traffic service can be maintaine along the route as the traffic volumes grow. See definitions of level of service in Appendix "A"。

The traffic volumes for the Construct Alternate are shown as preddicted Average Daily Traffic (ADT) for the year 1980 (ETC) and 2000 (ETC +20 ) on Plate 6. These volumes represent both local and through traffic, with trucks constituting seven (7\%) percent of the daily volumes. The design speeds on the main roadway and the collector-distributor road will be 70 and 50 mph respectively, although current maximum speed limits are 55 mph . The average speeds during the peak hour are shown on Plate 7. These average speeds were also derived from the charts in "A Policy on Design of Urban Highways and Arterial Streets", by the American Association of State Highway and Transportation Officials. Peak hour traffic was calculated as 10 percent of ADT. The levels of service of the new roadway during peak hours are shown on Plate 8. See definitions in Appendix "A".

## AVERAGE DAILY TRAFFIC CONSTRUCT

| ETC | 10,988 | 12,050 | 14,031 | 20,681 | 22,439 | 28,161 | 23,411 | 37,088 | 19,422 | 17,600 | 17,111 |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| ETC+20 | 19,100 | 20,800 | 24,250 | 35,650 | 38,650 | 48,650 | 40,400 | 66,100 | 33,500 | 30,600 | 30,600 |



## PEAK HOUR VEHICLE SPEEDS CONSTRUCT

| ETC | 32 | 31 | 50 | 41 | 41 | 41 | 54 | 54 | 50 | 50 | 50 |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| ETC+20 | 54 | 54 | 54 | 54 | 54 | 54 | 54 | 54 | 45 | 45 | 45 |



## PEAK HOUR LEVEL OF SERVICE CONSTRUCT

| ETC | D-E | E | C | C-D | C-D | C-D | B | B | B-C | B-C | B-C |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| $\begin{array}{r} \text { ETC } \\ +20 \\ \hline \end{array}$ | A | A | A | C | A | C | B | B | C-D | C-D | C-D |
|  | FREEWAY |  |  |  |  |  |  |  | COHTROLLED ACCESS |  |  |



Guilford and Annapolis Junction Roads are generally contained in a 30 foot wide right-ofmway. There is no control of access to this road throughout the corridor, with numerous entrances from industrial, commercial, and residential properties evident along the roadway.

The proposed Relocated Maryland Route 32 would have a right-of-way of approximately 400 feet, plus additional right-of-way for interchange areas. The only entrances to the freeway would be at designated interchanges with major crossroads (fully-controlled access). Grade separation structures would be provided along the roadway at these interchanges, and for any other crossroads. The facility design would provide for wide, level shoulders, adequate ramps for smooth traffic mix of both exiting and entering traffic, and would avoid the placement of any obstruction in close proximity to the roadway.

Some existing local roads would be severed by the new freeway as necessary to control access. In areas where severance of these roads may deny or impair access to properties or through traffic, additional access roads would be constructed. The location and extent of these access roads is shown on Plates 9A, 9B, and 9C. The State Highway Administration would petition the counties for the closure of these roads in accordance with local laws.

## Current Status of Project

Relocated Maryland Route 32 is a part of the proposed State Mrimary System as designated in the Maryland Department of Trans portation's 1976-1980 Consolidated Transportation Program: It is an ultimate six-lane/eight-lane dual highway.

A combined corridor design public hearing was conducted on October 19, 1970 at the Savage Elementary School for the segment of the project between I-95 and the Baltimore-Washington Parkway. A combined corridor-design public hearing for that portion of the project from I-95 to just west of U. S. 29, and a corridor locaLion public hearing for the segment from just west of U. S. 29 to Maryland Route 108 was held jointly at the Atholton High School on August 15, 1973. A more detailed discussion of these public hearings and the comments received is contained in the "Comments and Coordination" section of this report.

A Draft Environmental Impact Statement was completed and circulated on April 14, 1972. An Air Quality Analysis was circulated to the Environmental Protection Agency, and the Maryland Bureau of Air Quality and Noise Control on August 12,1975, A technical noise report was also completed on December 10 , 1975. Both of these reports are available at the State Highway Administration.

The comments resulting from the Draft Environmental Impact Statemont and the air and noise technical reports are addressed in a further section of this report entitled "Comments and CoordinaLion".

The proposed Relocated Maryland Route 32 has been incorporated into the General Plan of Highways for Howard County 1960, which was revised in 1966 and adopted in 1971, and also in the General Development Plan for Anne Arundel County, adopted in 1968.

The notification and review process for this project required by the Federal Office of Management and Budget (Circular A-95), was initiated in July 1968.

This project first appeared in 1952 in the State Highway Adminstration's Twelve Year Road Construction and Reconstruction Program for 1954 through 1965. At that time it was envisioned simply as a replacement of a typical rural highway to improve the poor geometrics. However, with the advent of more sophisticated planning techniques, and the rapid growth of the Baltimore and Washington metropolitan areas, the need was recognized for an east-west facility capable of connecting the eastern and western regions of the state.

The status of the various portions of the project to be construeted are shown in Table 1. The table shows when the construction was first listed in the State's fiscal program, the present status of design work, and the date when field reviews were conducted, with preliminary construction drawings (30\%).

It can be noted from Table 1 that the section of the project (Relocated Maryland Route 32 Spur) from the Anne Arundel County line to the Baltimore-Washington Parkway, was only listed in the fircal program in 1970, whereas the other sections had been placed in the program at earlier dates. This occurred due to a decision by the Federal Highway Administration in April 1967 that Annapolis Junction Road should be improved to serve the needs of Fort

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Table 1

## CURRENT STATUS OF PROJECT

Section
Maryland Rte. 108 to U. S. 29
U. S. 29 to I-95

I-95 to U. S. 1
U. S. 1 to Anne Arundel County

Anne Arundel County to Baltimore-Washington Parkway

Fiscal Year* Design**

1969-1970 Not Begun
1967-1968

1967-1968

1965-1966

1970

Initiated January 1969 1968 May 1969
Initiated March 1969 1968

Initiated March 1969 1968

Initiated February 1969 1968

Field Review***

First appeared in program for construction in this fiscal year.
** Preliminary Design initiated prior to the enactment of the National Environmental Policy Act of 1969.
*** Field Review undertaken with plans $30 \%$ complete.

Meade and the National Security Agency. Subsequently, this section was transferred to the state highway system in May, 1968, and placed in the fiscal proaram in 1970.

Additional local roadway development has occurred during the planning of Relocated Maryland Route 32. At the western terminus of this project near Clarksville, connection will be made to the existing single 24 -foot roadway of Relocated Maryland Route 32 , construction of which was completed in November 1964.
U. S. Route 29 through the proposed interchange area with Relocated Maryland Route 32 was reconstructed as a four lane, rural dual highway. This action was completed in September 1971.

Construction of Interstate Route 95 between the Baltimore Beltway (I-695) and the Washington Beltway (I-495) was completed as an eight lane expressway in July 1971. A complete interchange for Relocated Maryland Route 32 as an ultimate six-lane expressway (four lanes constructed) was included in this construction.

Currently, a study is under way by the State Highway Administration to determine the extent of the improvements that will be required on the Baltimore-Washington Parkway.

The rapid growth of the Baltimore-Washington area over the last two decades has spurred the expansion of these north-south transportation links, as well as creating a need for better access between these routes. Relocated Maryland Route 32 will provide a needed cross-link to these routes, at the same time assisting traffic movements between the Eastern Shore and the Western Maryland region.

On September 8, 1975, an administrative review session was held by the Maryland State Highway Administration to decide which alternative was to be selected for implementation in regard to the Relocated Maryland Route 32 project. At this meeting, the SHA staff members reviewed the various studies concerning this project and the comments from Federal, state, and local government agencies, as well as the general public. The decision was mace to build Relocated Maryland Route 32 , as described in the following section of this Statement ("Major Design Features").

Relocated Maryland Route 32 between the limits of Maryland Route 108 and the Baltimore-Washington Parkway would be constructed in two phases. Phase I would be completed by 1980, while Phase II development would not be finished until 2000. The design feartures of both phases are discussed in this section. (See Plates 9A, B, and C).

The roadway profiles and typical sections are shown in Appendix "B".

Beginning at the western terminus of the project, the freeway extends in a general southeasterly direction to the Balti-more-Washington Parkway. (See Plate 9A).

An interchange with Maryland Route 108 is currently being evaluated by the State Highway Administration in conjunction with their study of the relocation of Maryland Route 108. This relocation may involve bypassing Clarksville, and a final decision has not been reached at this time concerning the type and location of an interchange at Maryland Route 108. In any case, no construction would take place in this section of roadway before 1980. All impprovements programmed for the Relocated Maryland Route 32 and Maryland Route 108 interchange would occur during Phase II construction.

From Maryland Route 108 to Cedar Lane, the existing roadway characteristics (two lanes) will be maintained through 1.980. In the second phase of freeway development, a four lane, dual roadway on a new alignment would be completed through this section. These improvements would consist of dual 24 -foot roadways with a 112-foot median, ten foot outer shoulders, and four foot median shoulders.




Proposed Trotter Road Relocation and interchange is no longer being considered.

Phase I construction begins at Pindell School Road with an interir connection to the existing road. This connection would be a single $24^{\prime}$ roadway and includes an at-grade intersection at cedar Lane, using the northern ramps of the ultimate diamond interchange. The interim connection, on a new alignment, would be constructed as the westbound lane of Relocated Maryland Route 32 across the Middle Patuxent River. A bridge structure would cross the river, and just east of the river, the single roadway would split into dual 24 -foot roadways (one eastbound and one westbound). Also, a single $24^{\prime}$ roadway of Cedar Lane would be constructed from Sanner Road to existing Maryland Route 32. Newberry Drive, from the Holiday Hills subdivision, would be extended northward to Guilford Road to provide access to this community. It would be carried over Relocated Maryland Route 32 by a grade separation structure, consisting of two lanes.

The four lane Relocated Maryland Route 32 would proceed eastward to U. S. Route 29, where a cloverleaf interchange would be completed, consisting of four inner loops and four outer connecting ramps. Service Road "A" (two lanes) would be constructed in the northwest quadrant of the interchange, providing access from Martin Road to Guilford Road. Also, Service Road "C" (two lanes) would be completed to connect Old Columbia Pike with Guilford Road east of U. S. Route 29.

The Phase II Construction of Relocated Maryland Route 32 from Cedar Lane to U. S. Route 29 would include an additional 24-foot roadway to make the facility a four-lane dual roadway. This would involve the construction of a diamond interchange at Cedar Lane, and another bridge structure over the Middle Patuxent

River. As part of the construction of the Cedar Lane Interchange, portions of Pindell School Road and Sanner Road would be reconnected via a frontage road to existing Maryland Route 32 . Also, a two-lane frontage road would be provided to allow traffic movement from the Riverhill Game Farm and W. R. Grace Company to Cedar Lane.

Phase I Construction for Relocated Maryland Route 32 proposes a total of four lanes east of U. S. Route 29 to I-95. (See plate 9B). These lanes would be provided on the outer eastbound and westbound collector-distributor roadways. These collector-distributor roads would be 15 feet wide, having ten foot outer shoulders and four foot median shoulders. The paved shoulder areas would be utilized until Phase II is constructed to provide two traffic lanes. The collector-distributor roads would be separated from the outer lane of the ultimate eight lane patuxent Freeway by a 54 -foot buffer. Temporary at-grade access would be provided at Shaker Drive (King's Contrivance), but only the westbound lane would be accessible, since no median cross-over would be provided. Apart from the main roadway, a two lane bridge would be constructed over Beaver Run to extend Carlinda Avenue, thereby affording a southern connection to the freeway from the Allview Estates subdivision.

Bridges would be constructed to carry the eastbound and westbound collector-distributo: roads over the Little Patuxent River between the King's Contrivance and the Broken Land Parkway interchanges.

The extension of Carlinda Drive and the construction of a two-lane access road from Guilford Road in the vicinity of the southeast quadrant of Relocated Maryland Route 32 and U. S. Route 29 Interchange to Shaker Drive will be performed by others.

At Broken Land Parkway, only a single structure would be built over Relocated Maryland Route 32 during Phase I Construction. Phase II Construction would ultimately be a full cloverleaf interchange, but initially only the four outer ramps and the southwest inner ramp would be constructed. A temporary connedlion would be made from Broken Land Parkway south of Relocated Maryland Route 32 to Berger Road.

Just west of the I-95 Interchange, Guilford Road would be relocated and routed beneath Relocated Maryland Route 32 to afford continuity for local traffic.

The freeway would tie into the existing I-95 interchange which provides full access between Relocated Maryland Route 32 and I-95, with minimal disruption of traffic flow on either road.

Phase II Construction of Relocated Maryland Route 32 between $U$. S. Rolite 29 and I-95 would be as a six lane roadway with one lane collector-distributor roads for eastbound and westbound traffic.

In Phase II, a modified cloverleaf interchange would be provided at Shaker Drive (King's Contrivance) consisting of four inner loops with no outer ramps. A grade separation structure would be constructed to carry Shaker Drive over Relocated Maryland Route 32 to make this interchange fully operational.

During Phase II Construction at Broken Land Parkway, the full cloverleaf interchange would be completed and a second bridge (parallel to the first) would be constructed to enable all four lanes of Broken Land Parkway to pass over Relocated Maryland Route 32. Broken Land Parkway, in the vicinity of Snowden River Parkway, would be extended by others, to Relocated Maryland Route 32 and Guilford Road at this time.

Relocated Maryland Route 32 from $\operatorname{I-95}$ to $U$. S. Route 1 would be constructed as a four lane divided roadway by 1980.

East of I-95, Relocated Maryland Route 32 would pass under the recently constructed (August 1971) Vollmerhausen Road Bridge. Access Road "A" (two lanes) would be constructed north of the freeway off of Vollmerhausen Road, providing access to landlocked properties.

At U. S. Route 1, a modified cloverleaf interchange would provide access to and from the freeway. The construction of the U. S. Route 1 interchange would involve the relocation of Route 1 as a divided roadway for approximately 3,400 feet, and the use of grade separation structures to carry Relocated Maryland Route 32 over U. S. Route 1. (See Plate 9C). Approximately 700 linear feet of Baltimore Street, the main access route into the town of Savage, would be rebuilt as a result of involvement with ramp movements at the U. S. Route 1 interchange.

In Phase I, Relocated Maryland Route 32 would continue as a four lane divided roadway east of U. S. 1 , terminating at the existing Annapolis Junction Road interchange with the Baltimore-Washington Parkway. There are no plans under this project to modify this interchange either initially or ultimately. Access in this area would be provided by three (3) at-grade intersections: at new service road " $D$ ", located one-quarter mile west of the county line, at Brockbridge Road, and at Jolly Acres Road, as well as the existing Baltimore-Washington Parkway interchange. The Maryland Route 32 spur would be constructed as a controlled-access arterial highway.

Frontage Road "B" (two lanes) would be constructed south of and parallel to the freeway from Annapolis Junction Road through Hilda Avenue to the Howard/Anne Arundel County Line. Service Road "C" (two lanes) would extend from this frontage road in an eastward direction to provide access to the Annapolis Junction area. Also, Service Road "D" will connect Service Road "C" and existing Maryland Route 32 in a north-south direction across Relocated Maryland Route 32 Spur.

Phase II improvements for the portion of Relocated Maryland Route 32 between I-95 and the Baltimore-Washington Parkway call for a six lane divided roadway. From U. S. Route 1 east to the Howard/Anne Arundel County Line, the two lanes added under the second phase of construction would diverge from the main roadway, with a wye interchange near Hilda Avenue, and turn to the south. These lanes would constitute Relocated Maryland Route 32, while those lanes constructed under the initial phase to the Balti-more-Washington Parkway will be designated Relocated Maryland Route 32 Spur, a controlled access arterial highway.

Guilford and Annapolis Junction Roads would be maintained throughout the study area as local service roads, with minor impprovements as previously noted.

The design speeds for Relocated Maryland Route 32 and Relocated Maryland Route 32 Spur are 70 mph and 60 mph , respectively, although the current maximum speed limit in the State of Maryland is 55 mph . The maximum horizontal curvature of the roadway is three degrees, and the maximum gradient 3.8 percent.

Major waterway crossings occur near Trotter Road at the tributary of the Middle Patuxent River known as Cricket Creek, where a bridge is proposed; at the Middle Patuxent River where a bridge would be constructed, Guilford Branch approximately one-half mile
east of U. S. Route 1 , where a double cell box culvert is proposed, and at Dorsey Run, where a bridge is proposed. The Middle Patuxent River and Little Patuxent River crossings would provide for the initial roadways only, thus necessitating additional construction activities when the highway is ultimately expanded. The detail considerations of location and the dimensions of these structures during the design phase would include provisions to preserve the natural integrity of streams and river, and to perpetuate free passage of aquatic life at low water flow. These structures would be designed to accommodate the 100 year storm.

Relocated Maryland Route 32 would terminate at the Howard/Anne Arundel County Line under this action. However, at a future date, the freeway would be extended eastward to connect with those portions of the roadway already constructed near Annapolis. A discussion of the extension of this roadway into Anne Arundel County is given in the section entitled "Land Use Planning".

Currently, the Baltimore-Annapolis Transportation Corridor Study, which is investigating transportation problems between the Baltimore Beltway ( $I-695$ ) and the Annapolis area, is analyzing the requirements of Relocated Maryland Route 32 between Maryland Route 3 and the City of Annapolis. This study will recommend what action should be pursued in the Maryland Route 32 Corridor near Annapolis, pertaining to the size, type, and location of any improvements. It is expected that a public hearing will be held in early 1977, along with the completed Final Environmental statement.

A summary of the project costs is shown on Table 2. These cost estimates include only those items scheduled for Phase I Construction.

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PROJECT COST (PHASE I CONSTRUCTION ONLY)*

| Segment | Identifier | Construction | Engineering and Overhead | Right-of-Way | Total |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Pindell School Road to Interstate Rte. 95 | $\begin{aligned} & \text { HO 292-034-770 } \\ & \text { F.A.P. \#F-915-1-(4) } \end{aligned}$ | \$12,557,000 | \$ 3,595,300 | \$ 2,800,000 | \$18,952,30C |
| Interstate Rte. 95 to U. S. Rte. 1 | $\begin{aligned} & \text { Ho 292-33-771 } \\ & \text { F.A.P. \#F-915-1-(3) } \end{aligned}$ | 5,760,000 | 1,688,800 | 1,100,000 | 8,548,800 |
| U. S. Rte. 1 to Howard/Anne Arundel County Line | $\begin{aligned} & \text { Ho 292-027-770 } \\ & \text { F.A.P. \#F-915-1-(2) } \end{aligned}$ | 7,100,000 | 2,081,700 | 2,100,000 | 11,281,700 |
| Howard/Arne Arundel County Line to BaltimoreWashington Parkway | $\begin{aligned} & \text { AA } 739-1-571 \\ & \text { F.A.P. \#F-915-1-(1) } \end{aligned}$ | 2,000,000 | 586,000 | 520,000 | 3,106,006 |
| TOTAL |  |  |  |  | \$41,888,800 |

* Taken from the 1976-1980 Maryland Department of Transportation's "Consolidated Transportation Program" and modified to reflect current construction, engineering, and right-of-way cost estimates.


## Existing Deficiencies and Expected Benefits

Existing Maryland Route 32 (Guilford And Annapolis Junction Roads) from Maryland Route 108 to the Baltimore-Washington Parkway is a sub-standard highway with dangerous operating conditions caused by serious physical deficiencies at several locations. It is narrow in width (18 to 24 feet), has narrow -if any-mshoulders, poor sight distances caused by sharp horizontal curves and short vertical curves, and is bordered by numerous fixed objects such as bridge parapets, poles, trees, signs, and fence posts. The right-of-way width is 30 feet over most of its length. The portion between U. S. Route 29 and Interstate Route 95 and between U. S. Route 1 and the Baltimore-Washington Parkway are particularly unsafe, and provide very few passing opportunities. Although most of the existing road has a posted speed limit of 40 mph, there are five locations within this portion that have lower posted speeds. Portions of the highway are located within the Little and Middle Patuxent River floodplains, and are often flooded. During Hurricane Agnes (June 1972l, Guilford Road was under eleven feet of water in the vicinity of Berger Road. Dorsey Run also floods frequently, inundating the existing road at that crossing. Flooding has also been observed on Guilford Road at Cedar Lane, where the roadway crosses the Middle Patuxent River.

A narrow single lane bridge carries Guilford Road over the Little Patuxent River just west of Berger Road. This bridge, a bottleneck, is the scene of numerous accidents (twelve between 1970 and 1974), and will become an even more serious hazard when Hammond High School is completed in mid-1976. This new school will serve up to 1,200 students, commencing with approximately 125 to 150 daily school bus trips plus numerous other motor vehicles. A. similar bottleneck exists at the Middle Patuxent River Bridge near Cedar Lane.

Records maintained by the State Highway Administration reveal that the largest number of accidents occur on the segment of existing Maryland Route 32 between U. S. Route 29 and Interstate Route 95. The majority of these accidents occur during clear weather and under dry surface conditions. As traffic becomes more congested on Guilford and Annapolis Junction Roads, many motorists may switch to parallel secondary roads, causing similar problems on these roads.

The construction of Relocated Maryland Route 32 would alleviate the problems encountered on the existing road, and the even more serious future complications if no improvements are made. This accident rate (see "Safety Benefits") would be considerably reduce, providing far safer travel through the corridor. Traffic, both commuter and commercial, would flow more smoothly and rapidly without the delays presently caused by peak hour congertion, slow moving vehicles, school bus stops, and turning vehicles. Faster fire, ambulance and police emergency service would be available to many neighborhoods within the corridor.

While U. S. Route 29, Interstate 95, U. S. Route 1 , and the Baltimore-Washington Parkway all cross the area in a north-south direction, connecting Baltimore and the District of Columbia, there are no major east-west arteries through this portion of Howard County. Relocated Maryland Route 32, which would ultmately extend from Annapolis to Interstate Route 70 near Cooksville, would serve not only the southern portions of Howard County, but would also provide a connecting link between the state capital and the central and western parts of the state. It would accommodate planned growth in the project corridor, as set forth in the 1971 General Plan for Howard County. Residents of the new town of Columbia, a major population center, would have
safe and easy access to the commercial and industrial complexes planned for the U. S. Route 1 Corridor, and the National Security Agency and Fort Meade just east of the Baltimore-Washington Parkway. However, existing Route 32 would continue to serve local traffic within the corridor, without becoming overburdened by large movements of through traffic. The proposed Relocated Maryland Route 32 would help to facilitate the growth and development projected for Anne Arundel and Howard Counties.

## Safety Benefits

During the years of 1971, 1972, and 1973, the study section of Guilford and Annapolis Junction Roads experienced an average accident rate of 457.12 accidents per 100 million vehicle miles of travel, with the greatest number of accidents occurring between U. S. Route 29 and Interstate Route 95. This rate exceeds the calculated statewide rate of 320.50 accidents per 100 million vehicle miles for all rural two-lane highways, with no control of access, under state maintenance.

The State Highway Administration recorded the following number of injuries and fatalities on Guilford Road and Annapolis Junction during 1973 and 1974:

| Fatal Acciclents | 2 | 0 |
| :--- | ---: | ---: |
| Number of Fatalities | 2 | 0 |
| Injury Accidents | 29 | 36 |
| Number of Injured | 36 | 54 |
| Property Damage Accidents | 61 | 66 |
|  |  |  |
| Total Accidents | 92 | 102 |

If no improvements are made to the existing roadway, an increase can be expected in the vehicular conflicts which are normally associated with congestion of highways of this type, in addition to those caused by an increased amount of traffic. This rise in the accident rate will be accompanied by a corresponding increase in motor vehicle accident costs, exceeding the present rate of $\$ 1,887,484$ per 100 million vehicle miles traveled on this portion of Guilford Road.

However, according to state-wide studies, the proposed divided highway with full access controls would experience an accident rate of not more than 139.39 accidents per 100 million vehicle miles, resulting in an accident cost to the motorist of approximately $\$ 604,415$, or a net savings of $\$ 1,283,069$ per 100 million vehicle miles. More important than the monetary savings would be the decrease in lives lost and human misery brought about by a reduction of 317.73 accidents per 100 million vehicle miles traveled.

The accident costs indicated include present worth of future earning of persons killed, losses resulting from injury, and property losses. The unit cost used in the above computations was based upon figures--updated to 1973 prices-mobtained from three independent accident cost studies conducted in the District of Columbia, Illinois, and California. The full accident rate study for this project is available at the Maryland State Highway Administration Offices, 301 West Preston Street, Baltimore, Maryland, during normal business hours.

The topography along the Maryland Route 32 corridor grades from gently rolling plateau lands near Clarksville to the flatter Coastal Plain lands in the vicinity of the Baltimore-Washington Parkway. There are some areas of the Middle Patuxent River valley near Guilford Road and Cedar Lane where the ground slopes exseed 15 percent.

The study area lies within two physiographic provinces, the Piedmont Plateau in the western section and the Coastal Plain in the eastern section of the highway corridor. A transition zone, known as the Fall Line, separates the higher Piedmont from the low-lying Coastal Plain. The two physiographic provinces represented in the study area have very distinguishable characteristics. The Coastal plain, lying generally east of U. S. Route 1 , is below 500 feet in elevation, is very flat in topography, and has unconsolidated sedimentary deposits overlaying the crystalline bedrock formations. The Piedmont. Province is an uplifted geologic formation of metamorphic rocks that have been extensively folded and faulted, resulting in surface topography that has considerable relief.

Elevations above mean sea level range from almost 500 feet at the western edge of the study area near Clarksville, to 200-300 feet between Interstate Route 95 and U. S. Route 29 and drop down to less than 150 feet at the eastern end near Fort Meade.

The study area along the highway corridor is dissected by tribum taries of the Patuxent River system. Many of these are small, intermittent streams. Drainage is generally in a southeasterly direction, flowing toward the Chesapeake Bay,

The Soil Survey, Howard County, Maryland, conducted cooperatively by the U. S. Soil Conservation Service and the Maryland Agricultural Experiment Station, has classified and mapped all the soils found in Howard County. All of these have been grouped into eight major soil associations which re-occur throughout the county. Based upon this survey, there are five soil associations that would be encountered in the proposed Patuxent Freeway Corridor. These associations, as they occur from east to west, are Glenelg-Chester-Manor, Glenelg-Manor-Chester, Neshaminy-Montalto, Beltsville-Chil-lum-Sassafrass and Sassafrass-Chillum-Aura. (See Plate 10). In the same manner, seven (7) major soil associations have been identified in Anne Arundel County. Two of these, the Eves-boro-Rumford-Sassafras and the Muirkirk-Evesboro, are encountered in the study area.

Breaking these associations down into component soil series, they are generally acceptable for highway construction. There are, however, some limitations that must be considered during the design and construction processes. Seasonally high water tables may be encountered in Chillum, Sassafras and particularly Beltsville soils. The Beltsville, Chillum, and Sassafrass soils are Coastal plain deposits, and the depth to bedrock is usually great but difficult to determine. Corrosion potential of concrete and untreated steel structures is moderate in all but Beltsville, Chillum, and Sassafras soils, where it is high. Both Beltsville and Chillum soils are highly suscetible to frost action, which can result in road bed damage if not compensated for in structural design.

## GENERAL SOIL MAP

U.S. DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE<br>SOIL CONSERVATION SERVICE

## SOIL ASSOCIATIONS



Beltsville-Chillum-Sassafras association: Deep, moderately well drained and well drained, gently sloping to strongly sloping soils of the Coastal Plain


Sassafras-Chillum-Aura association: Deep, well-drained soils that have a moderately permeable subsoil, and moderately deep well-drained soils that have a compact subsoil or substratum

Glenelg-Chester-Manor association: Deep, well-drained, gently sloping and sloping soils


Evesboro-Rumford-Sassafras association: Gently sloping to moderately steep, excessively drained and well-drained, sandy
Mnytum) Glenelg-Manor-Chester association: Deep, well-drained, moderately steep and steep soils

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and loamy soils
Loamy and clayey land-Muirkirk-Evesboro association: early level to steep, well-drained, loamy and clayey
$\square$ Neshaminy-Montalto association: Deep; well-drained. moderately slowly permeable, gently sloping to steep soils

The most serious limitation is the moderate to high erosion potential of these soils. The probability of severe erosion is increased by the steep slopes and hilly terrain that comprise the western portion of the study area. Several agencies have expressed concern over the threat to water quality and aquatic life due to erosion and sedimentation. Particular care would have to be exercised to avoid this problem (see "Stream Modification and Water Quality").

The soils in the study area are well-suited for agriculture and residential and commercial development. Many rural areas are being subdivided for residential development and the soils are able to handle these demands as well as the attendant suburban facilities.

Near the Little Patuxent River and west of I-95 lie deposits of Guilford Granite which were quarried at one time. The quarries were of local economic significance and were served by a spur of the $B \& O$ Railroad. Several other granite quarries in the area of the Town of Savage have also been in operation from time to time.

Numerous streams and their headwater tributaries crisscross the study area, generally flowing in a southeasterly direction toward the Patuxent River and ultimately emptying into the Chesspeak Bay. Most notable are the Little and Middle Patuxent Rivers and Dorsey Run. Generally, the streams flow swiftly and are of the pool and riffle type in the piedmont, gradually becoming flatter and slower as they flow into and through the coastal plain. (See Plate ll).

The Fisheries Administration conducted a survey on Hammond Branch, a small stream in Howard County, just south of the study area, which is representative of many of the streams in the study area. While analyses were not performed for chemical parameters, the physical parameters (temperature, flow, volume, pool/riffle ratio, etc.) were noted and an extensive study of the aquatic life was made. Based upon the physical parameters, the stream rates a Code 4 classification according to the VanDeusen System. This classification, which is "fair" in terms of habitat/production for aquatic life, was further substantiate by the biological sampling. Both sedimentation and septic leaching were evident; consequently, the stream is considered to be "severely stressed". Increased siltation would place it dangerously close to ruination.

There are many manmade ponds and lakes in and near the Route 32 corridor. They range in size from farm ponds of an acre or less in size, to Lake Kittamaqundi, Lake Elkhorn, and Wilde Lake in Columbia, to the municipal water supply reservoirs of Tridelphia and Rocky Gorge.


Across Guilford Road from the W. R. Grace Company on the eastern edge of the Clarksville Ridge Subdivision is a large farm pond on the Stretmater property. As originally proposed, the highway would have infringed upon this pond. The alignment has since been shifted further to the north and would not disturb the pond.

While wettands are uncommon in the piedmont, they abound in the Coastal Plain. Both the Patuxent and Little Patuxent flow through extensive marshy areas after they cross into the Coastal plain. Dorsey Run flows through the only wetlands lying within the corridor. This area covers 119 acres, and has been designated by the Water Resources Administration of the Maryland Department of Natural Resources as Anne Arundel County Wetland Unit No. 1. (See "Wetlands Impact" for a more detailed discussion of this subject).

During 1968, the Soil Conservation Service developed a plan for the Little and Middle Patuxent Rivers which would have entailed the construction of ten flood control dams at various locations in the two watersheds. Site No. lA was on Cricket Creek, approximately 1,000 feet downstream from Guilford Road, and would have impounded a lake covering 125 acres. More recently, however, due to an unfavorable cost/benefit ratio, the proposed project at this site has been abandoned by the U. S. Soil Conservation Service.

Th Little and Middle Patuxent Rivers, along with their tributaries, are the predominant water resources in the study area. The study area itself lies wholly within the Patuxent River drainage area. The Patuxent River, including the Little and Middle Patuxent Rivers, was declared a Scenic River by the the Maryland General Assembly in 1972. This Act placed the river under the
auspices of the state, which monitors all modifications and construction in order to maintain the river in its natural state.

At present, the Little and Middle Patuxent River valleys are mainly in private ownership, and.remain relatively undeveloped. These valleys have become valuable natural areas which maintain a wide variety of flora and fauna.

The use of these water resources and the stream valleys has been limited because of private ownership. In order to overcome this limitation, and in keeping with the Maryland Scenic Rivers Act of 1972, Howard County has proposed an extensive park system for the stream valleys. The objective of this park system is to preserve these natural areas in the stream valleys, while allowing public access for hiking, horseback riding, and other activities which would be compatible with this unique environment.

The humid, temperate climate and accommodating topography of the study area favor high growth rates for a wide variety of vegetaltive cover types. The study area is composed of approximately 40 percent woodland, 20 percent agricultural or open land, 25 percent residential, and the remaining 15 percent a combination of commercial, industrial, and institutional.

Most of the woodland is of the central hardwood association, composed chiefly of oak, hickory, tulip, maple, walnut, locust, and beech. In the Coastal Plain region are some nearly pure stands of Virginia pine, a specie having the reputation of growing where nothing else will grow. The forest land is divided into four general categories: old growth hardwoods, cutover woodland, poorly-drained woods, and early serval stages in abandoned areas.

The agricultural areas are composed mainly of pasture, hay fields, and grain crops, with the emphasis on cash grains due to present high prices. There are also some truck farms, orchards, and nurseries in the project area.

Recent years have seen tremendous residential and commercial growth in the area, which has changed the vegetative character of much of the land. Though some of this has been left undisturbed, with its native trees, shrubs, and grasses, most of the area has been transformed into lawns and gardens, made up of grasses, ground covers, flowers, vegetables, and a wide variety of ornamental trees and shrubs.

The coralroot orchid, which is on the protected species list, was found growing in the wooded area immediately north of Heritage Heights subdivision.

## Birds

Due to the great variety of habitat types, the study area hosts a very diverse population of resident and migratory birds, matched by few other areas of the State. None of the habitat types are in extensive blocks, but rather in a diffuse array of woodland, brush, open grassland and tilled crops. This arrangement provides a considerable amount of "edge" effect between two or more cover types, greatly increasing its productivity as wildlife habitat. An "edge" habitat is created where two distinctly different ecosystems abut, such as a woodland and an open field. The "edge" or boundary between these ecosystems is highly desirable for wildlife habitat because it allows the wildlife to take advantage of the benefits of both ecosystems.

Records maintained at the Migratory Bird Population Station, U. S. Department of the Interior, in Laurel indicate that 167 different species of birds are known to use the Middle Patuxent River Valley. While no endangered species are known to nest within the area, several birds--rare in Maryland--such as the willow flycatcher, are known to nest here. A few of the upland game species, most notably quail and doves, are plentiful enough to provide good hunting. Other species of game and non-game birds occur in varying degrees of abundance.

## Mammals

The diverse habitat of the area provides an environment suitable to a great many mammals both large and small. Many of
these are nocturnal and therefore seldom seen. They range in size from the tiny pigmy shrew to the white-tailed deer. Most abundant are the smaller rodents such as mice and voles, while the river otter is probably the least plentiful mammal known to inhabit the area. Several small game species, such as rabbits, squirrels, raccoons, and opossums are reasonably abundant in the more rural areas and do afford some hunting opportunities. No endangered species are known to exist in the study area.

## Reptiles and Amphibians

The study area maintains a moderate population of both reptiles and amphibians, including snakes, turtles, lizards, salamenders, toads, and frogs. Many of these are most frequently found in and around streams, marshes, and ponds. Copperheads and possibly timber rattlesnakes are the only poisonous snakes that could be expected to be found in the more remote areas throughout the corridor. However, neither is plentiful. No known endangered species exist in the project area.

## Fish

The aquatic inventories that have been performed by the Maryland Fisheries Administration on the Little and Middle Patuxent Rivers and Hammond Branch indicate that dace, darters, shiners, and suckers are the predominant species inhabiting these streams, while lesser numbers of smallmouth bass, sunfish, and eels are also present in certain stretches. The lower reaches of the Little Patuxent probably contain a substantial carp population. The mary farm ponds located within the area have been stocked--primarily with largemouth bass and bluegills. No endangered fish species are known to exist in any of the waters within the corridor.

As the population of the area has risen, much new industry has been attracted to Howard and Anne Arundel Counties, creating a balanced community of businesses, farms, industries, and residences. Particularly in recent years, this has been in accordance with the General Plans of Howard and Anne Arundel Counties. Due to the new industry, increase in overall employment throughout the area has closely paralleled the population increase. According to the Maryland Department of State Planning, employment has risen from 20,410 in 1970 to 36,930 in 1975 for Howard County, and is expected to climb to 45,540 by 1980 . At the same time, employment in Anne Arundel County rose from 84,960 to. 101,730, and it is anticipated that this will increase to 118,430 by 1980. The present ratio of employment to total population is approximately 30 percent, and is predicted to remain relatively constant in the corridor through 1990.

The increase in employment in Howard County over the period 1970-1980 is predicted to be 123 percent, while Anne Arundel County employment will grow by 39 percent. For a similar period, employment growth projected for the entire State of Maryland is only 24 percent. This comparison points out the rapid developmont that is anticipated in the Howard/Anne Arundel County area.

With the influx of a large number of professionals and other white collar workers into Columbia and nearby suburbs, the median family income has risen well above the national, state, and regional levels. The Census Bureau reported that the Baltimore Standard Metropolitan Statistical Area had a median level of $\$ 14,700$ in 1975; 14.5 percent above the national level of \$12,836. This region includes Anne Arundel, Baltimore, Carroll,

Hanford and Howard Counties, plus Baltimore City. of these, Howard and Anne Arundel Counties had median family incomes of $\$ 19,850$ and $\$ 16,550$ respectively. These 1975 figures represent a 47.4 percent increase over the 1970 levels for Howard County, and a 44.2 percent increase for Anne Arundel County, which compare to a five year increase of 39.1 percent for the Baltimore Region, as a whole.

The property tax rate per $\$ 100$ of assessed value is $\$ 2.51$ in Anne Arundel County, and is approximately $\$ 3.00$ in Howard County, where it varies from district to district. In both counties, assessed values are 50 percent of fair market value.

Real estate values, and consequently the assessed values, have climbed sharply in recent years. This can be attributed not only to escalating land values, but also to the large amount of development that has taken place on previously undeveloped land. In 1960, the assessed value of $a 11$ land and buildings in Anne Arundel County was listed as $\$ 346,514,000$; by 1970 it had more than doubled, reaching $\$ 829,524,000$. By 1975 , it had again doubled, now totaling $\$ 1,685,973,000$. The increase in assessed values in Howard County has been even more dramatic, jumping from $\$ 78,698,000$ in 1960 , to $\$ 315,820,000$ in 1970 , and by 1975 climbing to $\$ 811,525,000$. Looking further back, Anne Arundel County land values have increased 780 percent from 1955 to 1975 , while those in Howard County increased 2,064 percent over the same period of time. These figures were provided by tax assessment offices in Anne Arundel and Howard Counties.

Lying within the fast-developing Baltimore-Washington corridor, the study area has experienced rapid growth since 1960, particularly in recent years. Large areas of agricultural land and woodlands have been developed for varying densities of residential usage. Additionally, many tracts have been developed into shopping centers and industrial parks. This transformation from an agricultural community into a suburban/urban complex is expetted to continue at a rapid rate in the foreseeable future.

In order to assure an orderly pattern of growth consistent with the needs and well-being of area residents, both Howard and Anne Arundel Counties have adopted General Development Plans (see "Land Use Planning"). These concepts not only delineate ultimate land uses, consisting of a balanced mixture of residential, commercial, industrial, institutional, and open space, but also to plan the development of the necessary transportation network, utilities and public services.

The major population center in the study area is the new town of Columbia, located along U. S. Route 29 just north of Guilford Road. This new town will provide housing, shopping, employment, recreation and educational facilities for its residents. Under current projections of the Regional Planning Council, Columbia will account for approximately 20 percent of the total growth for the two counties over the next 20 years. Other key population centers within the Guilford Road/Annapolis Junction Road corridor are Savage, Laurel, and Fort George G. Meade. These will also experience population increases, but not to the same degree as Columbia. The Regional Planning Council predicts a threefold population increase in Anne Arundel and Howard Counties from 1960 to 1990. Table 3 shows the present and projected populations for Howard and Anne Arundel Counties, as well as Columbia.

Columbia has concentrated much of the growth in Howard County within the limits of the new town, or in adjacent areas. This community has sparked a rapid growth of not only residential properties, but commercial and light industrial development as well. In the past, most of the industry has developed in the U. S. Route $l$ corridor because of access to both Baltimore and Washington via this arterial. Due to the completion of other major arterials, the development of industrial parks has begun in other areas. Most notable among these are the Oakland Mills Industrial Center, the General Electric Appliance Park, and the Guilford Industrial Park. Others are in various stages of planning and development.

The lack of a well-defined public transit system, combined with the relatively large distances between homes, jobs, schools, churches, and social functions, has necessitated a dependence on automobile transportation by local residents.

While the study area is comprised mainly of Caucasians, there are some members of minority groups within the two counties. The totale ethnic composition of Howard and Anne Arundel Counties, according to the U. S. Census Bureau, includes eleven percent Blacks, a few Spanish-Americans, and a small percentage of people of Oriental extraction. The highest concentration of Blacks is in the Fort Meade area, where many are either in military service or employed by various government agencies.

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Table 3

## POPULATION DATA

| Jurisdiction | $\underline{1970}$ | $\underline{1975}$ | $\underline{1980}$ | 1990 |
| :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- |
| Columbia | 13,288 | 35,900 | 83,300 | 110,000 |
| Howard County | 61,911 | 91,000 | 154,500 | 226,200 |
| Anne Arundel County | 297,539 | 345,000 | 411,000 | 529,000 |
| Baltimore Region | $2,070,670$ | $2,169,000$ | $2,425,600$ | $2,800,800$ |

Throughout the project area, there are several Protestant and Roman Catholic churches, providing a variety of religious services. In addition, St. Louis Roman Catholic Church, Clanksville, operates an elementary school. Most of the churches in the immediate vicinity of the proposed project are listed in the Air Quality Analysis as Sensitive Receptors. (See Plate D-20, Table D-21).

The project area is located in both Howard County and Anne Arundel County, and consequently is served by two county public school systems. The buses to these schools use the local highways. There are currently a number of public elementary, middle and high schools situated throughout the corridor, and a Vocational Technical Center is located near Clarksville. Other schools, including Hammond High School, are in various stages of planning and construction and will augment educational opportunities for the residents of the area. Higher educational facilities available include adult education curriculum, evening colleges and community colleges in addition to the many colleges and universities located in Baltimore, Annapolis and Washington. Antioch College, The Johns Hopkins University, Loyola College, and Howard Community College offer courses in Columbia.

Both Howard and Anne Arundel Counties provide police protection in their respective portions of the study area. Each maintains a fleet of patrol cars, and $K-9$ units, all of which are radio-equipped. Fire protection, rescue, and ambulance services are provided on a 24 -hour basis through a network of volunteer and paid fire departments, all linked by a central alarm system.

Throughout the corridor, regular trash collection services are provided in the residential areas. For the most part, commercial establishments must make arrangements with contract haulers for their refuse removal. presently, Howard County operates sanitary landfills at Carrs Mill and New Cut Roads.

Along with several health clinics, there are the Howard County General Hospital, North Arundel General Hospital and Anne Arundel General Hospital to serve the needs of the area residents.

Electricity is supplied throughout the project area by the Baltimore Gas and Electric Company, who also provides natural gas in a large part of the corridor. Outlying areas, however, are served with bottled gas available from local distributors. Telephone service from the Chesapeake and Potomac Telephone Company is available throughout the study area.

To comply with the Maryland State Department of Health Regulations, Water and Sewer plans for Howard County were formulated in 1970. These were based upon projected growth in the county to the year 2000. Both a Ten-Year (Initial) Plan and a Thirty-Year (Comprehensive) plan were developed and will be reviewed annually and modified where necessary to keep pace with the expanding population.

The Ten-Year (Initial) plan for both public water and sewage covers most of the eastern portion of the county, extending west to the vicinity of Clarksville. The Baltimore City Bureau of water supply serves most of the County's eastern area, while water from the Washington Suburban Sanitary Cormission is available near Laurel. Fort Meade operates its own filtration plant, drawing raw water from the Little patuxent River. This water
system also supplies the National Security Agency and the District of Columbia Childrens Center. In 1970, half of the water used in Howard County was still drawn from individual or community wells, one-quarter was supplied by surface water sources, and the remaining one-quarter was drawn from the Baltimore and Washington systems.

In 1970, one-quarter of Howard County's sewage was treated by public systems and remainder through private disposal systems. The Patapsco drainage and the upper portion of the Little Patuxent drainage areas are handled by Baltimore City, while the Savage Treatment Plant receives sewage from the Middle Patuxent, lower Little Patuxent and a small portion of the Main Patuxent. A sewage treatment plant at Jessup treats the effluent from the Perkins Hospital, the House of Correction, and the Reformatory for Women. Fort Meade operates its own treatment facilities, which serve the post, the National Security Agency and the District of Columbia Childrens Center.

Many public utilities are located within the highway rights-of-way, particularly in the north-south arterials of $U . S$. 1 and U. S. 29.

There are numerous shopping facilities available to the residents of the Guilford Road/Annapolis Junction Road corridor, ranging in size from large malls and shopping centers to small stores and specialty shops. The majority of these are located in the Columbia, Ellicott City and Laurel areas, while Baltimore and Washington furnish many additional shopping opporturities.

Located near the Chesapeake Bay and midway between the ocean and the mountains, the recreational opportunities for the area resi-
dents are many and varied. Water-oriented sports such as swimming, boating and fishing are popular activities on the Bay as well as the rivers and inland lakes and reservoirs in the area. Waterfowl hunting is unsurpassed on the Bay, while upland game is plentiful throughout much of the central part of the state. The River Hill Game Farm provides fee type hunting for pheasants, quail, mallards, and chukars for a large number of people. Gobfirs have their choice of a number of fine public and private courses close by, including Hobbit's Glen and Allview Golf Course in Columbia. Laurel, Bowie and Pimlico Race Tracks provide a long season of racing days for the horse race enthusiast. Both Baltimore and Washington host professional football and hockey teams, while Washington has a basketball team, and Baltimore has a baseball team. The study area is sandwiched between the Patapsco State Park and the Patuxent State Park, both of which furnish picnicking, hiking and camping areas. Planned development in these parks will ultimately expand the opportunities for other forms of family-oriented recreation.

Within the General Plan for Howard County is the Park and Open Space Plan, which will provide for a network of tot lots, neighborhood school-recreational centers, high school and middle school recreational areas, locality parks, area parks, and stream valley corridor parks. The eventual implementation of this plan will greatly increase the outdoor recreational facilities within the area.

Additional public facilities, as might be found in typical suburban areas, such as libraries, are provided by both Howard and Anne Arundel Counties.

The implementation of Relocated Maryland Route 32 is in accordance with all existing land use planning.

On a regional level, the Baltimore Regional Planning Council is the designated planning agency. The 1972 General Development Plan of the Regional Planning Council included Relocated Maryland Route 32 in the transportation needs in Howard and Anne Arundel Counties. However, it is considered of inter-regional significancer in providing an efficient route between western Maryland and the Eastern Shore region.

In Anne Arundel County, the concept of Relocated Maryland Route 32 has been incorporated in the County's General Development plan. This local plan for the organized growth and development of Anne Arundel County was adopted by the County Council on April 26, 1968. Plate 12 shows the land uses expected in the western portion of Anne Arundel County, adjacent to the Patuxent Freeway, as delineated by the General Development Plan. The land uses in this area of the County are primarily associated with Fort George G. Meade and consist of heavy industrial, commercial. open space, and mixed residential.

The alignment of this section of the proposed Relocated Maryland Route 32 through Anne Arundel County is in agreement with the General Development Plan. However, the future extention of the freeway eastward to the Baltimore-Washington Parkway has caused some disagreement. The Anne Arundel County Office of Planning \& Zoning has notified the State Highway Administration that they would like to have a Relocated Maryland Route $32 / \mathrm{B}-\mathrm{W}$ Parkway interchange. The State Highway Administration has reviewed the


Anne Arundel County comment, in light of previous alignment and traffic studies, and concluded that a Relocated Maryland Route 32/B-W Parkway interchange would result in three interchanges (Relocated Maryland Route 32, Relocated Maryland Route 32 Spur, and Md. Rte. 198) within a linear distance of approximately 1-1/2 miles, which would cause significant traffic disruptions on the Parkway.

As a result of the comment by Anne Arundel County, the State Highway Administration is currently reappraising the proposed interchanges along the Parkway in a separate study. This study has not been completed at this date, and several alternatives are under consideration for relocating interchanges along the Balti-more-Washington Parkway.

The current plans of the state are to initially provide access to Relocated Maryland Route 32 in this area by the existing Annapolis Junction Road interchange only. However, the ultimate development of Relocated Maryland Route 32 at the Baltim more-washington Parkway is pending the outcome of the Parkway study.

The Howard County portion of the Relocated Maryland Route 32 project has been incorporated into both the General Plan for Highways and the General Plan for Howard County, which were adopted by the County Council on December 6, 1971. The General Plan for Highways designates those roadways which are necessary to serve the needs of the County for the next 20 to 30 years. These roads are also necessary to facilitate the land uses proposed in tr:: General plan. The type of roadway and the location of Relocated Maryland Route 32 are in agreement with the Howard County Plan-
ming efforts. plate 13 shows the land uses as specified in Howard County General plan along Relocated Maryland Route 32 corm ridor from the County line to Clarksville.

The Howard County Office of Planning and Zoning has recently proposed a land use plan for the Guilford area; bounded by Berger Road on the west, the Baltimore and Ohio Railroad spur (Chessie System) on the north, U. S. 1 on the east, and proposed Relocated Maryland Route 32 on the south. This land use plan is still being formulated and would differ somewhat from the Howard County General Plan (1971). Basically, the new land use proposal would favor greater areas for open space, and medium and high density residential use. Smaller areas would be designated for low density and stable residential, and basic employment. The parpose of this revised land use plan is to protect the residential characteristics of the Guilford community, which is currently surrounded by a great deal of industrial development. The overall land use plan proposed for Guilford is still compatible with Relocated Maryland Route 32.

The current and proposed land uses along the freeway corridor are diversified, but generally follow a pattern of development. $U$. S. Route 1 was the original north-south arterial in this area, consequently many commercial and industrial land uses are located along this route. The next major road to be constructed was the Baltimore-Washington Parkway, parallel to U. S. Route l. Additional commercial and industrial development occurred adjacent to this roadway. Similar patterns have been evidenced since I-95 was opened to traffic in 1971.


The Washington Branch of the Baltimore and Ohio Railroad, now part of the Chessie System, crosses the study area enroute from Washington to Baltimore. Forming the Howard/Anne Arundel County line from Laurel to the vicinity of Dorsey, this railroad line has been a major factor in the industrial development throughout the Baltimore/Washington corridor. Its spurs have long served Fort George G. Meade and Savage, which was originally a mill town. Most of the recently developed industrial paris, such as the Guilford Industrial Center, the Corridor Industrial Park, and the G. E. Appliance Center, rely heavily upon this rail service.

Concentrations of industrial, institutional, and commercial land uses have developed in the eastern section of Howard County near the proposed Relocated Maryland Route 32, and near Fort George G. Meade in Anne Arundel County. These industrial land uses create a large number of jobs and attract workers from the surrounding area. The land uses west of I-95 in Howard County, and east of Fort Meade in Anne Arundel County are predominantly residential. These are the prime areas that supply the work force to the industrial/institutional land uses. Relocated Maryland Route 32 will help to transport these workers along the east-west corridor to their jobs and homes. The present north-south arterial (U. S. 29, I-95, U. S. 1 , and the B-W Parkway) provide excellent access to and from Baltimore and Washington.

Both Howard and Anne Arundel Counties have experienced rapid population growth in the last $10-20$ years as a result of their locations adjacent to the metropolitan areas of Baltimore and Washington. This development was primarily residential as residents from the city looked to the suburbs for less crowded and congested life styles. However, these counties are no longer considered bedroom communities, but are developing commercial,
institutional, and industrial land uses of their own. Formerly, it was sufficient to provide primary access to the Baltimore and Washington job market. Today and in the future, infra- and intercounty travel will become more important as a full range of land uses are developed locally. Relocated Maryland Route 32 is one of the roadways that will attend to these needs.

Land development along the proposed Relocated Maryland Route 32 has been progressing during the last few years, with the construction of many industrial parks and increased residential density. If Relocated Maryland Route 32 is built as proposed, it can be expected that a more rapid development of adjacent land will be realized. Land values should increase, providing more pressure to develop the parcels of land that are currently idle or being used for less intensive uses. However, this development will be in accordance with the general development and land use plans of both Howard and Anne Arundel Counties. These jurisdiction have anticipated this development and have planned sufficient support facilities to service these land uses. Both Counties have prepared water and sewer master plans, as well as implementing parks and recreation plans.

Natural, Ecological, and Scenic Resources Impact

Throughout most of its length, the proposed Patuxent Freeway traverses relatively undeveloped land. While much of the area is still fairly rural, this alignment purposely skirts developed areas to avoid relocating any more families or business than absolutely necessary. Consequently, with a right-of-way of approximately 400 feet, and several major interchanges, many hundreds of acres of wooded, fallow, and agricultural land would be required for the construction of this project.

While logging is not a major industry in this portion of Maryland, some timber is harvested periodically within the corridor, providing some income for woodlot owners. It is doubtful that the loss of these woodlands would have any significant effect upon the state's timber industry. From the standpoint of wildlife habitat, recreation and aesthetics, some of these wooded areas do have substantial value. Just north of Heritage Height subdivision is a tract of approximately 22 acres of woodland containing near record size hickories, very large black gums and the coralroot orchid, which is on the protected species list. If the alignment was moved to the north a much larger amount of acerage of woodland would be required. If the alignment was shifted to the south, there would be an impact on the Heritage Heights Subdivision. None of the woodlands affected are in public ownership.
An earlier proposal entailed the relocation of frotter Road and an interchange with Relocated Maryland Route 32. This would have destroyed a rather unique wooded area along Cri申kett Creek. Due to strong opposition, this proposal has been abandoned and this particular area will be unaffected by Relocated Maryland Route 32.

The Middle Patuxent River Valley has long been recognized as a unique natural area, characterized by a very wide variety of flora and fauna. Personnel from the Patuxent Research Center have for years conducted studies in this area, for it'has a diversity of bird life matched by few other areas in the state. Increasing development, and particularly the beginning of the new town of Columbia, has prompted studies of the valley by concerned groups, including Antioch College and the U. S. Fish and Wildlife Service. All concur that this area should be preserved as some form of a natural area.

While the entire Middle and Little Patuxent Rivers are shown as stream valley parks in the 1971 General Plan for Howard County, only recently did the Howard County Department of Recreation and Parks formulate specific plans for acquisition of the Little and Middle Patuxent River Valleys (see Plate li). Present plans for the park system call for land acquisition as shown on Plate 14.

Proposed Relocated Maryland Route 32 would adjoin the Middle Patuxent Environmental Area park between Trotter Road and Cedar Lane. The principal impacts would be traffic noise and the view of the highway from points within the park. Both impacts not only detract from an otherwise wilderness setting, but would also tend to reduce the usage of these areas by some more sensitive species of wildlife.

Relocated Maryland Route 32 would also cross the Little Patuxent, which is ultimately designated as park land. The section crossed would be within the flood plain management area, which is soon to be cleared of flow retarding vegetation (see "Flood Hazard Evaluation"). To be maintained in sod-forming grasses, this

stream valley would not be as unique a natrual area and consequently would not be as adversely affected as would the Middle Patuixent River Valley.

At the present time, the County owns only a few small parcels of the proposed park system, but have plans to acquire all the areas outlined on Plate 14 at some future date. The State Highway Administration is continuing to work with Howard County to resolve any potential conflicts that may arise between the proposed freeway and their eventual park system. (See memorandum from Howard County dated February 27, 1976 in Appendix "E".)

Another enviornmentally significant and highly vulnerable natural area is that portion of the Dorsey Run flood plain designated as Anne Arundel County Wetland Unit Numberl. This is discussed in greater depth in "Wetlands Impact".

The construction of the project will necessitate the acquisition of approximately 766 acres. About 616 acres of the total acreage consist of wildife habitat. The quality of the habitat ranges from good to rather marginal. Although some of this land is designated for residential and commercial development on the 1971 General Plans and would ultimately be lost as wildife habitat, many areas have been set aside as conservation areas. These at least would insure residual wildlife populations in the fast developing Baltìmore-Washington Corridor. Given sufficient areas of suitable habitat, many sensitive species such as the whitetail deer can exist surprisingly close to suburban areas. By severing these areas with freeways and breaking them down into land units of insufficient size, many of these species can no longer be expected to exist here. The reports by Antioch College (1971) and the U.S. Department of Agriculture, Soil Conservation (1968) on the Middle Patuxent River Valley stress the importance of maintaining the intergrity of this area as a balanced ecosystem.

The study area derives its esthetics from the natural surround-ings--the rolling hills, green trees, stream valleys, farm fields, and the wildlife. This area provides a "green" respite from the surrounding urban and suburban developments. The entire Little and Middle Patuxent Rivers are classified as scenic rivers by the state of Maryland. These two stream valleys represent quality environment for a wide spectrum of vegetation and wildlife.

The construction of the roadway itself would not significantly alter the esthetics of the study area, but the secondary development of residential, commercial, and industrial land uses expected to accompany the new roadway would eliminate many of the existing natural features. A conversion of the study area from largely rural to largely suburban would occur, resulting in loss of vegetation and wildlife in favor of paved surfaces.

However, this process of suburbanization does not have to be totally devastating to the esthetics of an area, as is demonstrated by the development of the new town of Columbia. This development was well-planned, and green space and open space were programmed as part of the overall plan, resulting in an appealing blend with and adaptation to the existing environment.

In recognition of the impending development of the study area, with or without the construction of Relocated Maryland Route 32, both Anne Arundel and Howard Counties enacted county-wide development plans to ensure that the esthetic quality of the environment could be maintained. As part of the Howard County plan, the Little and Middle Patuxent River valleys will be pereserved as park and recreation areas.

The proposed project would infringe upon one wetland area, Anne Arundel County Wetland Unit Number l. This freshwater wetlands lies along Dorsey Run from just downstream of Annapolis Junction Road to Maryland Route 198 east of the Baltimore/Washington Parkway. It encompasses a total area of 119 acres, all under private ownership (see Plate 11 in "Streams and Lakes" section of this report). Although much of the Dorsey Run floodplain between Brock Bridge Road and Annapolis Junction Road is wetland, it has not been officially designated as such by the Water Resources Administration. Wetland Unit Number 1 is classified on the Water Resources Administration's Wetland Habitat Data Inventory Sheet as "presently a wilderness" and as being highly vulnerable. The ultimate construction of Relocated Maryland Route 32 as described in "Major Design Features", for study purposes, would end at the Anne Arundel County Line, and would not intrude upon this area. While the exact alignment of the freeway from the Anne Arundel County line to Maryland Route 175 has not yet been determined, it would cross the wetland unit at some point between the Anne Arundel County line and Maryland Route 198 when this section is built.

Relocated Maryland Route 32 Spur (Phase I Construction) will cross this wetland at its northern extremity. Closely paralleling the Fort Meade Spur of the B \& O Railroad, the highway would cross Dorsey Run on a bridge between Annapolis Junction Road and the railroad, where the wetland is extremely narrow. Due to the narrow width of the floodplain and the close proximity to the existing railroad embankment, crossing the wetland at this location would have much less impact than a crossing further upstream or
downstream. A minimum of fill would be required, and the bridge would offer no obstruction to the free passage of aquatic life.

The railroad spur crosses the wetland on an earthfill embankment, with masonry headwalls and a timber trestle over Dorsey Run. This structure is approximately sixteen feet wide and has an imppounding effect when the stream is in the flood stage. It is responsible for some of the flooding which occurs upstream. The existing Annapolis Junction Road crosses Dorsey Run on a low bridge which is also inadequate during periods of high water. Consequently, frequent flooding of the roadway is experienced at this location. This existing structure would be replaced by a bridge on the new Frontage road.

Both the Relocated Maryland Route 32 Spur and the frontage road bridges would be designed for the 100 year storm and would have no impounding effect upon Dorsey Run. Permits would be required from both the Water Resources Administration and the U. S. Army Cor 1 : of Engineers for the crossing structures. Since this wetland is non-tidal, the Water Resources Administration requires only a Waterway Construction Permit. A Wetland Permit is unnecessary.

This tract of wetlands is of considerable value as a unique wildlife area. It provides suitable habitat for a wide variety of songbirds, game birds, small mammals, and deer. It is also used extensively by nesting wood ducks. While there are no known endangered species residing within this area, some of the species presently using the area, such as deer and wood ducks, require the seclusion now afforded. A large number of reptiles and amphibians are also found in this area.

The vegetation is dominated by white ash, red maple, and tulip, with lesser numbers of river birch, willow, sweetgum, American Elm and pin oak as the overstory. The understory is composed of hornbeam, pawpaw, and arrowwood, while Japanese honeysuckle, poison ivy, jewelweed, joe pye weed and cattail are some of the ground cover species.

The initial construction of Relocated Maryland Route 32 Spur would require approximately 3.5 acres of this wetland. The efffects upon some of the more sensitive species of wildlife would extend beyond the construction limits of the project, and the populations of these species would be reduced in the vicinity of the roadway. However, since the project would be located at the northern extremity of the wetland unit, at a narrow spot, and between an existing road and an existing railroad, the effects would not be as profound as if an alternate route across the wetland were selected.

The future extension of Relocated Maryland Route 32 ! across the area could have a far greater effect, since the wetland unit is considerably wider downstream, and further removed from human activity.

The planned commercial development in the upper reaches of the Dorsey Run watershed, which could be stimulated by the implementation of Relocated Maryland Route 32 , could also have a significant effect upon the wetland unit. The increased runoff from large areas of impervious surfaces, both paved and under roof, will cause an increase in damaging sedimentation throughout much of this wetland/floodplain. Strict sedimentation control measuses could mitigate this impact.

Stream Modification and Water Quality

After the circulation of the Draft Environmental Impact Statement some concern was voiced as to whether the proposed alignment would pre-empt the PL-566 Patuxent Watershed Project Site No. lA. This Project has since been abandoned due to an unfavorable cost/benefit ratio, and is no longer of any concern. There are no other known impoundments planned by the Soil Conservation Service within the area, and there would be no waters impounded by the proposed Relocated Maryland Route 32. In compliance with the State Highway Administration Design Criteria, all stream crossing structures would be designed to cause no more than a one foot increase in water surface elevation of the 100 year storm.

Minor stream channel alterations are anticipated at most of the stream crossings. Since the proposed project has not progressed beyond the preliminary design stage, the exact nature of these alterations has not been determined. Generally, they consist of channel straightening in the immediate vicinity of the crossing structure, along with the placing of stone rip-rap to protect the structures from flood damage. Improvements or alterations to the stream channels would be designed to provide for a low flow channel to assure free passage for stream biota. Permits from both the Maryland Water Resources Administration and the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers are required for such actions, and are granted only after careful review of plans and specifications. The specific type of stream alteration will be determined during the design phase of the project. Normally, the damage is short-term, in the form of sedimentation and loss of some bottom dwelling organisms. The U.S. Fish and Welfare Administration will be contacted and coordinated with during the design phase of the project. If damages are minimized during construction, most streambeds will revert to normal natural conditions in time. However, staged construction, or construction of future parallel structures, would tend to disrupt this healing process.

Initial construction of Relocated Maryland Route 32 would include a full interchange at U. S. Route 1 . This would necessitate the rechannelization of approximately 1,300 feet of Guilford Branch, a small stream that presently crosses Route 1 just north of Savage. Further downstream, Guilford Branch would again cross the freeway alignment. A double cell box culvert is proposed at this location. Although it drains a fairly large area and carrises a substantial amount of runoff, there are times when the flow is very low and almost nonexistent. The stream channel is choked with discarded tires, shopping carts, and other debris. Consequently, it appears to be of comparatively low value as an aquatic ecosystem. Aside from construction sedimentation, which would be kept to a minimum, it is doubtful that the rechannelization of this stream would bring about any environmentally signficant changes. Again, permits would be required from both the Water Resources Administration and the U. S. Army Corps of Engneers before any rechannelization could be done.

The Draft Environmental Impact Statement evoked numerous comments on the possibility of severe erosion and resultant sedimentation. Since most of the soils that would be encountered in the project area (see "Soils") have a high erodibility potential, this is a very valid concern. Most of the sedimentation would occur during the construction processmas vegetation became reestablished, the probability of erosion would decrease to natural levels. In order to avoid and/or minimize stream damage, Maryland law requires the formulation and implementation of an approved sediment Control Plan (see "Construction Impact").

The SHA, in conjunction with the Maryland Department of Natural Resources, has developed stormwater management practices to controd the volume and peaking of runoff from highways. An investigation of the applicability of these practices to Relocated Maryland Route 32 would be undertaken during the design phase of the project.

It is probable that the large areas of commercial and industrial development planned for the U.S. 1 corridor will have a greater effect than that which would be caused by Relocated Maryland Route 32.

The combined or cumulative effect of Relocated Maryland Route 32 and the attendant private development would increase stormwater runoff in the Little and Middle Patuxent River Valleys - - areas where periodic flooding is already a problem.

Many studies have been performed on the effects of road wash upon the receiving waters, but most results are inconclusive. It is accepted that storms have a flushing effect upon roadways; that oils, grease, heavy metals, asbestos particles and other road
dirt are washed from the highway and frequently end up in receiving streams. To date, no adverse impact upon local streams has been noted from I-95 and other corridor highways.

Highway maintenance in Maryland involves the application of herbicides and de-icing compounds, both of which may find their way into local streams. Herbicides are used mainly around guard rails, structures, and other hard-to-mow areas. The state Highway Administration has established very rigid standards controlling the use of herbicides. When used in compliance with these guidelines, the possibility of surface water contamination is extremely remote. However, de-icing compounds are widely used on all major roads throughout the state to implement the "bare roadway" policy of the SHA, whose purpose is to keep all state highways open and safe for travel at all times. Salt is the most commonly used, but lesser quantities of abrasives (sand or cinders) are also applied at times. Very little calcium chloride is used in Maryland. Sand and cinders seldom contribute significant loads to streams, but can clog catch basins and storm drains to some extent. Runoff from melting snow frequently carries concentrations of salt into receiving waters. Many studies on the effects of salt have been done, principally in those northern states which experience more severe winters than Maryland. There lave been several recorded instances of municipal water supply contamination in suburban areas due to salt. There is evidence that sodium stimulates algal blooms. Groundwater contamination has been a problem in some areas due to the leaching of salt piles, but there have been no recorded cases in Howard or Anne arundel Counties. The increased use of "beehive" salt storage structures may eliminate this problem entirely.

A potential source of pollution to local streams would be the accidental spill of oil, chemicals, or pesticides from tanker trucks using the highway. Although these accidents are imposesible to predict and difficult to control, a system will be established to deal with these occurrences. The state of Maryland has emergency, technical personnel available to handle these problems when they are notified by the State, Police. These people determine the nature of the chemicals involved, the potentidal danger to the environment, and the most feasible means of cleaning up the spill.

Guilford Road is subject to frequent and severe flooding at both the Middle Patuxent River in the vicinity of Cedar Lane, and at the Little Patuxent River just west of Berger Road, while Dorsey Run frequently floods Annapolis Junction Road near Jolly Acres Road. In 1972, during tropical storm Agnes, Dorsey Run crested six feet above the road, while the Little patuxent River inndated Guilford Road with eleven feet of water. Over the years, many lesser storms have flooded the roadway at these locations, causing much damage and making the road impassable to motor vehicles. Relocated Maryland Route 32 will cross the Middle Patuxent River on two high level bridges (one initially), but Guilford Road, which would continue to serve local traffic in this area, would still be subject to periodic inundation. Since the bridge of the Little Patuxent is several feet higher than the bed of the roadway immediately to the east, it will not be altered. In this instance, the road is flooded far more frequently and severely than the bridge itself. This is not the case at Dorsey Run. Here, the existing bridge will be replaced by a new structure on the frontage road.

All stream crossings would be in accordance with the Federal Aid Highway Program Manual, Volume 6, Chapter'7, Section 3, Subsection 2, "Hydraulic Design of Highway Encroachment on Flood plains".

In compliance with the state Highway Administration's bridge policy, all new and/or rehabilitated hydraulic structures on the State Highway system and on county roads having the 100 year Federal Flood Insurance would be designed so as not to cause more than a one foot increase in the water surface elevation of the "100 Year Flood" for the waterway and its floodplain affected by the proposed construction. Therefore, the design storm for this
project shall be a "100 Year Storm". All transverse pipe cullverts would then be designed for the lo a year storm. The Relocated Maryland Route 32 Spur crossing of Dorsey Run, which was indtially proposed as a triple-cell box culvert, would now be dual bridges to accommodate the 100 year storm. In like manner, the bridges over Cricket Creek, the Middle Patuxent River, the Litthe Patuxent River and Beaver Run (Carlinda Avenue) would also be designed for this 100 year storm.

The community of Allview Estates, located on the west bank of the Little Patuxent River north of Guilford Road, has been subjected to a series of floods, with damages documented as far back as 1963. Brought to a head by tropical storm Agnes, the Howard County Department of Public Works contracted with a consulting firm to investigate the feasibility of improving stormwater conveyance in the Little Patuxent River - Beaver Run Floodplain. The report recommends the implementation of a program of floodplain management based upon vegetation modification between Allview Estates and Guilford Road. It is projected that the removal. of flow retarding vegetation would increase the rate of runoff and would reduce the 100 year flood crest by three feet. Mydraulic computations indicate that the downstream effects of this action would be minimal. Approximately twenty houses would no longer be subjected to substantial basement flooding during the 100 year storm. This project, Capital Project D-5-1031, Improvement of Storm Water Conveyance in the Little Patuxent River Beaver Run Floodplain, is scheduled to begin in early 1976. Since the proposed Relocated Maryland Route 32 would cross the Little Patuxent Floodplain through this area, particular care in structure design would be exercised to avoid negating the effects of this flood control project.

The impact upon air quality was addressed in the Draft Environmental Impact Statement, but due to the unavailability of sufficient data, all aspects of this problem were not adequately covered. Consequently, an Air Quality Technical Report was perepared and circulated in August, 1975. This report has been reviewed by the Federal Highway Administration, the U. S. Environmental Protection Agency, and the Maryland Bureau of Air Quality and Noise Control. The full text is available for review by interested parties at the State Highway Administration, 300 West Preston Street, Baltimore, Maryland 21203, during normal working hours.

In assessing the impact of this project uppon ambient air quaity, two alternates were considered. The "Construct" alternate involves the staged construction of the proposed Relocated Maryland Route 32, while the "No Build" alternate would not alter existing Guilford or Annapolis Junction Roads. Under the "Construct" alternate, the Estimated Time of Completion (ETC) of the Phase I Construction would be 1980. The Phase II Construction of this project would not be completed until 2000 (ETC +20 ).

The projected traffic volumes throughout the corridor will exceed the capacity of Guilford and Annapolis Junction Roads after 1980. Along certain sections of the existing road design capacities are presently being exceeded during periods of peak traffic. The proposed Relocated Maryland Route 32 would accommodate a far greater volume of traffic.

Stationary sources, such as homes, institutions, commercial and industrial establishments, contribute to the pollution of ambient
air. Most of these sources use relatively clean-burning fuels such as oil and gas; therefore, their contribution to air poilution problems is minor. The bulk of pollutants generated within the corridor can be attributed to motor vehicles, both private and commercial.

Some impact from air pollution will be realized during the constriction of the roadway, but will be of a minor and temporary nature. For a more detailed discussion of these impacts, see "Construction Impacts".

Background levels of carbon monoxide in ambient air were derived from data collected at the Clifton T. Perkins Hospital over the period from December, 1974 through April, 1975. Using the "roll back" technique, the 1980 and 2000 levels were then calculated. The background concentrations are as follows:

| 1 hour maximum | 2.1 ppm | 1.8 ppm |
| :--- | :--- | :--- |
| 8 hour maximum | 1.7 ppm | 1.5 ppm |

To predict future carbon monoxide concentrations and dispersion patterns generated by vehicles using the highway, a mathematical model commonly known as the California Line Source Model was used. This model has proven to be the most reliable under open, rural conditions such as those encountered in the project area. A sub-model known as Windros was utilized for meterorological data input.

In modeling the worst case carbon monoxide conditions for Relocated Maryland Route 32 , the following variables were utilized:

1. "Worst case" traffic conditions - peak hour (10\% of ADT)

2, "Worst case" meteorological data - Stability Class F, one meter per second wind speed
3. "Worst case" vehicle emission factors - 1980 (ETC), $2000(\mathrm{ETC}+20)$
4. "Worst case" receptors - Receptors at right-of-way line with $22.5^{\circ}$ critical wind angle and sensitive receptors near roadway.

Receptor points for which pollutant concentrations were predicted were designated along six section lines, beginning at the right-of-way line and extending out approximately 2,500 feet from the highway. The location of these section lines are shown in Appendix "D", (Plate D-1). Sections A, B, and C, all "No Build", correspond respectively to sections $D, E$, and $F$, which are all "Construct". Since the horizontal alignment and location of right-of-way lines for the two alternates are not necessarily the same, pairs of corresponding section lines had to be designated. the computed concentration levels include the background levels determined previously. In all cases, the highest levels will occur at the highway right-of-way line, but none will exceed 11 percent of the one-hour National Air Quality Standard of 35 ppm , or 29 percent of the eight-hour standard of 9 ppm . The pollutant concentrations would be greater under the "Construct" alternate than under the "No Build". Although the carbon monoxide emission factors are generally less for vehicles traveling at more efficient speeds on the proposed freeway, the increase in traffic volumes would negate any benefits derived.

The predicted carbon monoxide levels at the edge of the right-of-way under the worst possible meteorological conditions are shown below:

| Section A (No Build) | 2.6 ppm | 2.4 ppm | 1.9 ppm | 1.8 ppm |
| :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- |
| Section B (No Build) | 3.1 ppm | 2.9 ppm | 2.2 ppm | 2.1 ppm |
| Section C (No Build) | 2.8 ppm | 2.6 ppm | 2.0 ppm | 1.9 ppm |
| Section D (Construct) | 2.8 ppm | 3.0 ppm | 2.0 ppm | 2.1 ppm |
| Section E (Construct) | 3.9 ppm | 3.6 ppm | 2.6 ppm | 2.4 ppm |
| Section F (Construct) | 3.1 ppm | 2.9 ppm | 2.2 ppm | 2.2 ppm |

Twenty-three sensitive receptors, including schools, churches, parks, libraries, and institutions, were also computer modeled. These, depending upon their proximity to the existing and proposed highways, would be generally subjected to slightly higher levels of carbon monoxide under the "Construct" alternate. One exception would be the new Hammond High School, which would experience improved air quality, since it would be located 2,400 feet further from the proposed Relocated Maryland Route 32 than it is from existing Guilford Road. None of these sensitive receptors would be subjected to carbon monoxide concentrations exceeding nine percent of the one-hour, or 25 percent of the eight-hour National Ambient Air Quality Standards.

As a means of assessing the impact upon ambient air quality of hydrocarbons and oxides of nitrogen, and as an alternate means for measuring carbon monoxide, the total weight of each of these pollutants $\left(\mathrm{CO}_{2}, \quad \mathrm{NO}_{\mathrm{x}}\right.$, and hydrocarbons) generated by vehicular
traffic on the proposed highway was calculated. This Total Burden Analysis predicts the total quantity generated per day. It does not show concentration levels at any location or dispersion patterns. The results of the Total Burden Analysis are shown below:

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1980 \text { Tons Generated Per Day }
$$

No Build Construct No Build.... Construct

Carbon Monoxide 1.064
$\begin{array}{ll}\begin{array}{ll}\text { Total Hydro- } \\ \text { carbons }\end{array} & 0.119 \\ \text { Nitrogen Oxides } & 0.402\end{array}$
$2.688 \quad 1.180$
3.044
0.307
0.150
0.386
1.279
1.193

Having reviewed the Air Quality Analysis, the U. S. Environmental Protection Agency requested an analysis of the effects of both the I-95/Relocated Maryland Route 32 and the Baltimore-Washington Parkway/Relocated Maryland Route 32 Spur interchanges upon ambient air quality, taking into consideration the cumulative effects of the volumes of traffic on both roads, and the varying speeds and emission factors on the ramps. The location of section lines through the interchanges are shown on Plate $D-1$. These were then modeled using the California Line Source Model, and the computed concentrations were added to the background level concentrations. Like the section lines, the highest concentrations occurred at the right-of-way lines, and decreased gradually as the distance from the interchange increased. (See Plates D-l0 through $D-17$ in Appendix D, and Tables 4 and 5). In all instances, the carbon monoxide levels are predicted to be higher under the "Construct" alternate than under the "No Build". The greatest concentrations predicted for the peak hour would be 7.5 ppm , or 21 percent of

## Table 4

Relocated Maryland Route 32-Interstate Route 95 Interchange Peak Hour Carbon Monoxide (ppm)

Distance from

Conter of InterGi: nge (feet)

1980
No Build Construct

| 6.0 | 7.5 | 6.4 | 7.5 |
| :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- |
| 5.6 | 7.1 | 6.0 | 7.1 |
| 5.4 | 6.9 | 5.8 | 6.8 |
| 5.5 | 6.6 | 5.8 | 6.6 |
| 5.3 | 6.6 | 5.6 | 6.4 |
| 5.2 | 6.4 | 5.5 | 6.3 |
| 4.9 | 5.9 | 5.1 | 5.8 |
| 4.6 | 5.7 | 4.8 | 5.5 |

Eight-Hour Average Carbon Monoxide (ppm)

Distance From Center of Interchange (feet)

1980
No Build Construct
4.6
4.4
4.3
4.2
4.1
4.0
3.8
3.6

| 4.0 | 4.6 |
| :--- | :--- |
| 3.8 | 4.3 |
| 3.6 | 4.0 |
| 3.7 | 4.1 |
| 3.6 | 4.0 |
| 3.5 | 3.9 |
| 3.3 | 3.7 |
| 3.1 | 3.5 |

## Table 5

Relocated Maryland Route 32 /Baltimore-Washington Parkway Interchange
Peak Hour Carbon Monoxide (ppm)

Distance from Center of Interchange (feet)

1980
2000 No Build Construct No Build Construct R.O.W.
850
900
1,000
1,100
1,200
1,300
1,400
1,500
2,000
2,500

## Eight-Hour Average Carbon Monoxide (ppm)

Distance from

## Center of Interchange (feet)

1980
No Build Construct
3.13 .4
3.4
3.3
3.3
3.2
3.2
3.2
3.1
3.0
2.9

2000

| R.O.W. | 850 | 3.1 | 3.4 | 2.6 | 3.2 |
| ---: | ---: | ---: | ---: | ---: | ---: |
|  | 900 | 3.1 | 3.4 | 2.6 | 3.2 |
|  | 1,000 | 3.0 | 3.3 | 2.6 | 3.1 |
|  | 1,100 | 3.0 | 3.3 | 2.5 | 3.1 |
|  | 1,200 | 3.0 | 3.2 | 2.5 | 3.1 |
|  | 1,300 | 2.9 | 3.2 | 2.5 | 3.0 |
|  | 1,400 | 2.9 | 3.2 | 2.5 | 3.0 |
|  | 1,500 | 2.9 | 3.1 | 2.5 | 3.0 |
| 2,000 | 2.8 | 3.0 | 2.4 | 2.9 |  |
|  | 2,500 | 2.7 | 2.9 | 2.3 | 2.8 |

the standard, while the highest 8 -hour average would not exceed 4.6 ppm , or 51 percent of the National Ambient Air Quality Standards. The predicted $C O$ concentrations at the right-of-way lines are shown below:


From July 22, 1974 to October 4, 1974, a Mobile Environmental Laboratory was used to continuously monitor ambient air quality within the study area. Five sites were monitored continually for approximately two weeks each. These sites were located along existing Guilford and Annapolis Junction Roads at their intersecLions with the Baltimore-Washington Parkway, U. S. Route 1 , Intestate Route 95, U. S. Route 29, and Maryland Route 108. Very high ozone levels were observed to occur during the summer--the season of highest oxidant readings, when oxidant standards are violated at most air sampling stations throughout| the Baltimore Metropolitan Area. Ozone concentrations ranged up to 0.17 ppm during this time, more than doubling the National Ambient Air Quality Standard of 0.08 ppm . During this same period, carbon monoxide levels rose as high as 6.9 ppm , or 19.7 percent of the one-hour standard of 35 ppm.

The Bureau of Air Quality and Noise Control, a division of the Maryland State Department of Health and Mental Hygiene, has non-continuously monitored several air quality parameters at Simpsonville in Howard County. Of greatest concern among these pollutants are suspended particulates and nitrogen dioxide. Although :suspended particulates have been monitored in Maryland since the late 1950 's, only during the last several years has a definite trend toward improvement been noted. While there are still areas of high particulate levels, there has been a sharp reduction in the number of sites where the State's Serious and More Adverse Standards are exceeded. The Simpsonville site recorded an annual geometric mean of $48 \mathrm{ug} / \mathrm{m}^{3}$ in 1973 , which is well below the State's More Adverse level of $65 \mathrm{ug} / \mathrm{m}^{3}$. The maximan recorded at Simpsonville that year was $135 \mathrm{ug} / \mathrm{m}^{3}, 5 \mathrm{ug} / \mathrm{m}^{3}$ below the More Adverse level of 140 .

Nitrogen dioxide, which reacts with non-methane hydrocarbons in the presence of intense sunlight to form photochemical oxidants, had been monitored for several years using the Jacobs-Hochhuser method. Due to the recently discovered inherent inaccuracies of this system, the results were invalidated, and the state switched to the Arsenite Addition method in July 1973. Consequently, long-term data are not available to indicate specific trends. The data collected at Simpsonville for the second half of 1973 show an arithmetic mean of $29 \mathrm{ug} / \mathrm{m}^{3}$ and a maximum daily average of $48 \mathrm{ug} / \mathrm{m}^{3}$. Both are considerably less than the State More Adverse level of $100 \mathrm{ug} / \mathrm{m}^{3}$.

Consistency with Transportation Control Plan: The consistency of the proposed project with the Maryland State Implementation Plan (SIP) and the Transportation Control Plan for the Metropolitan Baltimore Intrastate Air Quality Control Region (TCP) has been reviewed in relation to three areas of possible impact upon ambient air quality: the impact of construction activities, the microscale carbon monoxide concentrations adjacent to the roadway, and the relationship of the project to the VMT reduction measures contained in the SIP and TCP.

The consistency of State Highway Administration projects in relation to construction activities was addressed through consultation with the Maryland Bureau of Air Quality and Noise Control. The Administration has established Specifications for Materials, Highways, 3 ridges, and Incidental Structures which specify procedures to be followed by contractors involved in State work. The Maryland Bureau of $\dot{A} i=$ Quality and Noise Control has reviewed these Specifications and has found them consistent with the Requlations Governing the Control of Air Pollution in the State of Naryland.

The project Air Quality Analysis assessed microscale carbon monoxide impact of the facility. This analysis determined that no violation of State or Federal Ambient Air Quality Standards for carbon monoxide would occur adjacent to the existing or proposed roadway during completion and design years. As a result of that finding, this aspect of the proposed project is considered as being consistent with SIP.

The effect of the project on regional VMT was evaluated due to the effect that emissions from the highway transportation system have on the area-wide ambient air quality. This relationship has been addressed in the SIP and TCP through VMT reduction strategies which are designed to reduce the regional concentrations of carbon monoxide and photochemical oxidants.

The consistency of the subject project with the SIP and TCP was determined through the use of the Baltimore Regional Environmental Impact Statement (BREIS). The system analyzed in BREIS has been found to be consistent, therefore, it is assumed that any link included in that system is also consistent. A review of the inputs used in the BREIS analysis indicates that a system similar to Phase I of the subject project was included in the 1995 GDP System and, as such, is included in local land-use plans which are based on the GDP.

Therefore, the subject project is considered consistent with the objectives of the Maryland State Implementation Plan.

Noise
The impact on ambient noise conditions can be a significant imppact associated with the development of a freeway. For this reason, a computer modeling of these effects has been completed to determine if a significant impact on the ambient noise levels of the study area would be created by Relocated, Maryland Route 32.

A detailed technical report on the noise impact of Relocated Maryland Route 32 has been performed by the Maryland State Highway Administration, and was circulated to those agencies with specific expertise in this area for comments on December 10 , 1975. The results of this study are summarized in this E.I.S. However, the full text of the technical report is available for review by all interested parties at the state Highway Administration offices located at 300 West Preston Street, Baltimore, Maryland, during normal business hours.

The Federal Highway Administration has established standards concerning noise levels for specific land use categories which may be affected by highway development. These standards are shown in ruble 6. If these exterior noise levels are expected to be exceeded as a result of highway construction, then a review is made to determine the feasibility of mitigating measures. If the ameliorative measures would prove unfeasible, then an exception would have to be granted by the FHWA before construction could proceed.

As a means of evaluating these guidelines, a noise level profile is presented in Table 7 , which shows the range of common noise generators encountered on a daily basis.

# Table 6 <br> Noise Standards 

Noise Level

60 dBA*

70 dBA

75 dBA

Unlimited

55 dBA

Land Use Category
Tracts of land in which serenity anḍ quiet are of extraordinary significance and serve an important public need, and where the preservation of those qualities is essential if the area is to continue to serve its intended purpose. For example, such areas could include amphitheaters, particular parks or portions of parks, or open spaces which are dedicated or recognized by appropriate local officials for activities requiring special qualities of serenity and quiet.

Residences, motels, hotels, public meeting rooms, schools, churches, libraries, hospitals, picnic areas, recreation areas, playgrounds, active sports areas, and parks.

Developed lands, properties, or activities not included in the above categories.

Undeveloped lands.
Public meeting rooms, schools, churches, libraries, hospitals, and other such public buildings.

* See definition of dBA in Appendix "A".

STATE HIGHWAY ADMINISTRATION
OF MARYLAND

COMMON OUTDOOR NOISE LEVELS

NOISE LEVEL ( $d B A$ )




Heavy Traffic at 300 ft .

Quiet Urban Daytime

Quiet Urban Nighttime
Quiet Suburban Nighttime

Quiet Rural Nighttime

|  | NOISE LEVEL |
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| COMMON OUTDOOR |  |
| NOISE LEVELS |  |

## COMMON INDOOR AUD OUTDOOR NOISE LEVELS.

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            * HEARING DISCOMFORT
                                    100-120 dB(A)
        HEARING PAIN THRESHOLD 135 dB(A)
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Tventy-two noise sensitive areas have been identified for this project, twenty of which are residential land uses, and two religious land uses. The following is a description of each area. (See Plate l5).

1. Single family residence on Trotter Road approximately 600 feet north of the proposed alignment. Ambient noise levels are predominantly noises associated with an isolated dwelling in a rural area, i.e., birds, rustling leaves, etc.
2. Single story residence on the west side of Trotter Road south of proposed Relocated Maryland Route 32. Ambient noise levels are comprised of noise sources consistent with those identified for Area 1.
3. Two story frame residence north of the proposed alignment approximately 4,000 feet east of Trotter Road. Anbient noise sources are similar to those described for the first two noise sensitive areas. None of these three areas experiences a significant amount of traffic generated noise.
4. Suburban residential development, Clarksville Ridge, of single family residences along Guilford Road. Ambient noise levels are influenced by traffic noise from Guilford Road.
5. Same as No. 4.
6. Single family residence along Guilford Road north of the proposed alignment. This area does not experience any degree of traffic noise.
7. Portion of the Village of Hickory Ridge within the City of Columbia, particularly the area of Halfcrown Court. Ambient levels are generally low, reflecting the lack of any degree of traffic noise.
8. The Locust United Methodist Church, located adjacent to the northwest quadrant of the proposed interchange of U. S. Route 29 and Guilford Road. Noise levels are influenced by traffic noise generated from U. S. Route 29.
9. A portion of the residential development of Holiday Hills. Ambient levels are influenced by traffic noise from U. S. Route 29.
10. The future Village of King's Contrivance, located adjacent to the northeast quadrant of proposed U. S. 29/Maryland 32 Interchange. This area is presently undeveloped.
11. A single family residence on Berger Road north of the proposed alignment. Ambient levels are influenced by traffice noise generated from Berger Road.
12. Two single family residences on the north side of Guilford Road south of the proposed alignment. These residences are set back from Guilford Road and do not experience any degree of traffic noise.
13. The Guilford United Methodist Church, located on Guilford Road. This area presently experiences traffic noise generated from Guilford Road.
14. Two single family residences on Carroll Heights Avenue, a dead-end street. This area does not experience any degree of traffic noise.
15. A single family residence located west of U. S. Route 1 south of its intersection with Guilford Road. The proposed interchange of $U$. S. Route $l$ and Guilford Road will be located immediately south of this area. Currently, this area experiences traffic noise generated from U. S. 1 .
16. Single family two-story frame residence on Baltimore Street in Savage. The aforementioned interchange of U. S. l/Guilford Road would be immediately north of this area. No degree of traffic noise is presently experienced.
17. A two story, frame, single family residence somewhat removed from Guilford Road east of U. S. Route 1. No significant degree of traffic noise is presently experienced.
18. Three single family residences, located at the intersection of Annapolis Junction Road and Guilford Road. Ambient noise levels are controlled by traffic noise generated from these two highways.
19. A single family frame residence located on the south side of Annapolis Junction Road. Ambient levels refleet partial influence by traffic noise from this road.
20. A large two and one-half story residence located on Hilda Road south of the proposed alignment. Ambient noise levels reflect some influence from traffic on Hilda Road.
21. Two single family residences on the north side of Annapolis Junction Road. Ambient noise levels are controlled by traffic noise generated from Annapolis Junction Road.
22. A large two and one-half story brick and frame residance on the north side of Annapolis Junction Road. As with area 21 , ambient noise levels are controlled by traffic noise generated from Annapolis Junction Road.

A measurement program was conducted to determine ambient $L_{10}$ noise levels at each noise sensitive area. ( $L_{10}$ is defined in Appendix "A"). A tabulation of the results of the measurement program is presented in Table 8. Noise levels measured generally reflect the fact that at present the majority of the noise sensitive areas do not experience any degree of traffic noise.

This Table also shows the predicted noise levels expected when Relocated Maryland Route 32 is in operation. These predictions were made using the National Cooperative Highway Research Program report 117, as modified in Report 144. The traffic volumes and speeds used as input to this program were similar to those utilized in the air quality modeling.

COMPARISON OF PREDICTED NOISE LEVELS WITH AMBIENT AND DESIGN GOALS (FHPM 7.7-3)
TABLE 8


COMPARISON OF PREDICTED NOISE LEVELS WITH AMBIENT AND DESIGN GOALS (FHPM 7.7-3)
TABLE

| $\begin{gathered} \text { NOISE } \\ \text { SENS.AREA } \end{gathered}$ | $\begin{aligned} & \text { LAND } \\ & \text { USE } \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{gathered} \text { AMB IENT } \\ L_{10} \end{gathered}$ | $\begin{aligned} & \text { DESIGN YR. } \\ & L_{10} \quad(2001) \end{aligned}$ | CHANGE IN LIO | RELATION TO DESIGN GOAL | ASSESSMENT |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| 15 | Residential | 71 dBA | 78 dBA | +7 | +8 | Minor impact; <br> FHWA standard exceeded |
| $\$ 6$ | Residential | 52dBA | 69dBA | +17 | -1 | Severe impact: <br> FHWA standard not exceeded |
| 17 | Residential | 54dBA | 73dBA | +19 | +3 | Severe impact; <br> FHWA standard exceeded |
| 18 | Residential | 64dBA | 72dBA | +8 | +2 | Minor impact; <br> FHWA standard exceeded |
| 19 | Residential | 59dBA | 76dBA | +17 | +6 | Severe impact; <br> FHWA standard exceeded |
| 20 | Residential | 56dBA | 69dBA | +13 | -1 | Significant impact |
| 21 | Residential | 68dBA | 67dBA | -1 | -3 | Positive impact |
| 22 | Residential | 67dBA | 67dBA | 0 | -3 | Negligible impact |
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Of the twenty residential noise sensitive areas shown in Table 8, the impacts are summarized as follows:

2 - Positive (reduction in ambient)
2 - Negligible $(0-5 \mathrm{dBA}$ increase in ambient $I$
4 - Minor ( 6 - 10 aBA increase in ambient).
4 - Significant (ll - 15 dBA increase in ambient l
8 - Severe (increase in ambient greater than 15 dBA )

Eleven of the noise sensitive areas consist of individual strucktures which are relatively isolated from other development. Three consist of two residential dwellings and one is comprised of three single family residences. Four areas are portions of residential developments. Federal Highway Administration design noise levels would be exceeded at six of the areas. The significance of this occurs when feasibility of noise control is discussed later in this report.

There are two existing churches within the limits of this project that would be subjected to noise from the new highway. Impacts at these areas would not be adverse, as can be seen from the increase in ambient levels. The Locust United Methodist Church would experience design year $L_{10}$ noise levels below those measurea in 1975. Contributions from U. S. 29 would undoubtedly increase as traffic volumes on $U$. S. 29 increase. The impact from Relocated Maryland Route 32 would not be adverse.

The Guilford United Methodist Church would experience design year $L_{10}$ noise levels 3 dBA greater than ambient 1975 levels. The prime generator of noise at this area is existing Guilford Road. Completion of the new facility would reduce traffic volumes on
the existing highway; thereby reducing the noise level contribution of the existing highway. The overall impact would be negligible.

There would be no impact on any existing schools, colleges, etc. from this project.

This project would have no adverse noise impact upon any existing parkland.

It has been projected that areas presently undeveloped would be subjected to the following $\mathrm{L}_{10}$ noise levels at given distances from the highway.
${ }^{\mathrm{L}_{10}}$ Level

78 dBA
73-74dBA
69-70 dBA

Distance from Source

100 feet
200 feet
400 feet

These projections were made assuming flat , open topography, and as such represent the anticipated maximum levels which would occur.

Plans to incorporate noise control measures along undeveloped land include one area presently zoned residential, and for which development plans have been completed. Coordination, concerning these measures has been accomplished wi.th the Howard County Planning and Zoning Commission. This area abuts the northwest quadrant of the proposed interchulge of Relocated Maryland Route 32 and U. S. Route 29. The area is a portion of the Village of King's Contrivance within the New rown of Columbia, Maryland. Projections indicate that ambient levéls would be in-
creased by 14 dBA in the design year, a significant impact. A noise barrier is feasible at this location, and would probably consist of a combined earth berm/acoustic wall. Preliminary studies indicate that a reduction of approximately 10 aBA can be achieved. Barrier parameters have not been precisely determined. This would be accomplished in addition to a detailed discussion of alternate noise control measures during further design studies.

The Federal Highway Administration has established noise level standards which have been previously presented. These represent a balancing of that which may be desirable and that which may be achievable. Where highway agencies can achieve lower levels at reasonable cost, they are urged to do so. The Maryland State Highway Administration attempts to do this by limiting increases in ambient levels through noise control measures to 8 - 10 dBA where feasible. The feasibility of this approach is governed by several factors. For example, when a noise sensitive area consists of a single structure or several structures, costs to $i$ element noise control measures for only a few structures may be substantial, and are generally not justifiable in terms of expens: although a limited amount of control may be achieved more economically. This situation exists in fifteen of the listed areas, all of which are residential in nature. The prohibitively high cost for noise control in these cases is not considered to be in the best overall public interest; therefore, noise control will not be considered for these areas. Five of the six violations of design noise level standards occur at these areas, necessitating the granting of exceptions to design noise levels at these locations.

Of the remaining five residential noise sensitive areas which involve more than a few dwellings, two would experience negligible impact; one minor impact, one significant impact, and the fifth location is the King's Contrivance area, previously discussed. Only one of these five areas would experience noise levels above design noise level standards-Area 9. Noise control measures appear feasible at this site, and will be fully investigated during the design phase of this project.

A:cas 15, 17, 18 and 19 will experience design year noise levels in excess of the design noise levels. It is necessary to pursue an exception at each of these areas. Further analysis and supportive data to substantiate this would be prepared during the design phase of the project. This would be based on the consideration that, at the least, noise control measures are not forcible due to prohibitively high cost in relation to the amount of amelioration accomplished.

Copies of this report has been and any future refinements or supplemental reports will be forwarded to the appropriate local agencies.

## Estimated Displacement of Residences and Businesses

An estimated ten families, totaling twenty-six persons, both owner occupants and tenants, would be affected by this project. Of this total, four are tenant families, one of which is on welfare, and the remaining six are owner occupants. Other than the ono welfare family, the households range from lower middle to midale income. The largest of these families contain six persons.

Two businesses will have to be relocated. One business, an American Oil service station, is in the process of searching for a replacement site. The parent oil company will assist the local operator with this search. The other business, a local liquor store and delicatessen will also seek a new location, and definitely intends to continue operating. No active farm operations would be adversely affected. There will be no non-profit organization affected by this project.

The State Highway Administration worksheet for the relocation of residences and businesses is included in Appendix "C".

Minority Displacement: The racial character of the effected area is mainly Caucasian. There were two minority families affected by this project, but they have been satisfactorily relocated in new housing. There are no other minorities who will be relocated by this project. The social and economic status of this minority neighborhood is basically middle class with low to moderate incomes. The highway location, which by-passes this neighborhood, will enhance the area by increasing property values. Additionally, the easy access to the highway will bring about improved community services.

Relocation Plan: The housing market in Howard County has skyrocketed over the past several years, making housing extremely expensive. Although there is ample housing of good quality, possibly two owner occupants and three tenant occupants may require "housing as a last resort". "Housing as a last resort" refers to the case where suitable replacement housing within the financial means of the tenant is not available, and the SHA is forced to use extraordinary means to acquire adequate housing, even if the cost exceeds the general guidelines applicable to relocation. In July 1975, rental properties in the area were checked through the Howard County and Anne Arundel County Multiple Lists by perusing the Baltimore Sun and Washington Post real estate sections and by acicual contact with local realtors.

The two owner occupant families possibly can be relocated into satisfactory replacement housing that they can afford to purchase and maintain. This, of course, depends upon the availability of housing at the time of acquisition. In July of 1975, only one detached dwelling (not including mobile homes) was available in the $\$ 10,000-\$ 20,000$ price range.

Of the three tenant families requiring "housing as a last resort", only one will require a three bedroom replacement dwelling. This family is currently on welfare and will require utmost assistance. This relocation problem is actively being fursued and this family will probably be programmed as "housing as a last resort" in the near future. This action will be taken only after every available source of replacement housing in the area is exhausted.

The other two families will require one or two bedroom dwellings. These families are not in an active acquisition stage, but when
active displacement occurs, available detached replacement dwellings appear to be outside their means. Very possibly, both families will move into affordable apartment house or townhouse type rental units. Only after all avenues of replacement housing in the area have been exhausted will "housing as a last resort" be programmed.

Due to the small number of families and businesses $\mid$ that would be affected by Relocated Maryland Route 32, there would be no appreciable impact upon neighborhoods into which the displaced persons are likely to move.

Of the two businesses that must relocate, both are tenant openated. By checking the Howard County Multiple List, three lease-type operations are available and three properly zoned sites are for sale. The suitability of these sites will be determined by the operators themselves.

No known federal or municipal projects are planned for Howard County that would appreciably affect the housing supply and demind. The upgrading of Maryland Route 108 is a state project that could affect the housing market in Howard County. However, this project will occur after Relocated Maryland Route 32. The Relocated Maryland Route 32 project alone would have little imppact upon the local real estate market.

The lead time for this project, which affects ten families and two businesses, should be twelve to eighteen months. Consequentry, there would be ample time to satisfactorily relocate all those persons involved.

Even with the possibility of several "housing as last resort" cases on this project, all dislocates could be satisfactorily relocated. The quantity and quality of replacement housing in this area poses no real problem. All relocation would be accomplished in accordance with the requirements of the "Uniform Relocation Assistance and Land Acquisition Policies Act of 1970" (Public Law 91-646). Benefits and payments would be administered by the Office of Real Estate District 7 Office, Frederick, Maryland. All those to be relocated would be treated in a timely, orderly and humane manner.

A summary of the State Highway Administration's Relocation Assistance Program is provided in the section entitled "Probable Adverse Impacts Which Cannot be Avoided".

The proposed Relocated Maryland Route 32 would parallel Guilford and Annapolis Junction Roads from the Baltimore-Washington Parkway near Fort Meade to Maryland Route 108 in Clarksville. With interchanges spaced one and a half to two and a half miles apart and a series of strategically located access roads, quick and easy access to the highway would be available from all points within the corridor. Motorists would have the option of using either the existing road or the new highway in traveling to and from points in the study area. The volume of traffic using Guileford and Annapolis Junction Roads, however, would be greatly reduced, making that road a far safer and quicker route.
presently, all modes of public transportation in the study area flow in a north-south direction, from Washington to Baltimore. There are none that cross the area from east to west in the Guildford Road/Annapolis Junction Road corridor. The Baltimore Region Phase II Transit Study is now underway and intends to develop a number of long range alternatives featuring bus, commuter rail and rapid rail transportation for the Region. This study is based on the assumption that the 1995 Primary and Secondary State Hichivay System, of which Relocated Maryland Route 32 is an integrail part, will be fully implemented. At this time, no public transit system is envisioned for the proposed Relocated Maryland Route 32 corridor. It is conceivable, however, that after 1995 it could be used as a bus route.

Howard County is currently undertaking a public transit study, which is to be funded by the Maryland Department of Transportation and the Urban Mass Transportation Administration. They have no plans, however, for public transit along this route.

This study will be directed by the Public Transportation Board, whose members will be appointed by the County Executive.

While Guilford and Annapolis Junction Roads are not a designated "bike route", they are used to some extent by recreational cyclists. With the present volume of traffic, the narrow roadway width and the absence of shoulders, this is a rather hazardous route for cycling. The great reduction of traffic on the existing road that would result from the construction of the freeway would make it far safer--not only for recreational cyclists--but also for those students who would cycle to and from school.

Many children are picked up and discharged at school bus stops along Guilford and Annapolis Junction Roads. This occurs during the morning rush hour, but is slightly before the evening traffic peak. The heavy traffic along this route makes it quite dangerours, not only for the children who must wait at the edge of the road, but also for the motorists who must be prepared to make sudden stops. Additionally, the frequent stops and comparatively slow speed of school buses tend to impede the smooth flow of traffic. The reduced number of vehicles using Guilford and Annapolis Juntion Roads would not only make these bus stops less dangerous, but would also improve the safety of those students who walk and bicycle along and across Guilford and Annapolis Junction Roads on their way to and from school. The new Hammond High School, located on Guilford Road approximately one-half mile west of Berger Road, is scheduled for completion in mid 1976. With an estimated enrollment of 1,200 students, it will generate approximately 125 to 150 school bus trips daily, all of which must use at least a portion of Guilford Road.

Since motorists would have the option of using either the old road or the new freeway, or a combination of both, access to churches, hospitals and libraries would in no instance be imppaired. Access could only be improved. For the same reasons, fire, police, ambulance and garbage collection services would be improved, making them not only quicker and more efficient, but less costly to the taxpayers.

The diamond interchange which was once planned at Maryland Route 108, and which could have restricted turning movement at the Clarksville Fire Department and hindered egress in a southerly direction, is being reconsidered. A consultant is presently studying the feasibility of upgrading Route 108, with the possibility of a clarksville bypass. The ultimate location of the Relocated Maryland Route 32/Maryland Route 108 interchange will be dependent upon the recommendations of this study.

With Columbia, the U. S. Route $l$ Corridor, W. R. Grace Company, Johns Hopkins Applied Physics Laboratory, and the Fort Meade/National Security Agency complex as the major employment centers in the area, Relocated Maryland Route 32 would be heavily used by persons traveling to and from their jobs. These trips would be quicker, safer, far less aggravating, and more economical due to the greater fuel efficiency of sustained optimum speeds.

Since most of the major shopping areas are outside the immediate highway corridor, the proposed freeway would expand shopping opportunities for many people. Area merchants and other businesses would benefit by this improved mobility of customers, and service and repair businesses could broaden their area.

Those desiring to shop and do business in either Baltimore or Washington would have better access to the major highways connedting these two cities.

Both Savage and Gorman Parks would become more accessible to persons both inside and outside the study area, making these recreatonal facilities available to greater numbers of people. Construction of Marriott's "Great America", a proposed Disney-land-type park covering approximately 850 acres just west of the Interstate 95 interchange, was rejected due to the refusal of Howard County to grant rezoning; consequently, it is of no consideration. The new Atholton School Recreation Center, a Department of Interior Land and Water Conservation Fund project, is a neighborhood-type park located approximately one-half mile from the proposed freeway, and would not be affected either way by the project. The Middle Patuxent Environmental Area, for which some properties have already been acquired, will be situated between Guilford Road, Route 108, and Cedar Lane. It would bound on the right-of-way line of Relocated Maryland Route 32 at several points. While access to the park would be improved for those coming from outside the immediate area, it could also be impaired for residents of the Clarksville Ridge and Dogwood communities who might otherwise have direct access via paths or trails. This would be a minor inconvenience, because they can still gain access to the park system by using the local road system.

The proposed Relocated Maryland Route 32 would be relocated and constructed on an entirely new alignment. Therefore, disruption of utility services would be minimal and would only occur where main lines cross the road. There would be occasional traffic delays along Guilford and Annapolis Junction Roads during construe-
tion, and in some instances, traffic would be detoured. This would occur in the vicinity of the proposed interchanges and would only be a temporary inconvenience.

No significant impact is expected on any racial, ethnic, or religious groups; or to the elderly or handicapped.

The State Historic Preservation Officer at the Maryland Historiancal Trust was contacted to make a review of the Relocated Maryland Route 32 project to determine the impact on historical properties, if any. On May 6, 1975, a letter from the Maryland Historical Trust was received by the State Highway Administration delineating the historical sites in the area and the expected imppact. The text of the letter has been included in Appendix "E" and identifies the following sites in the area:

37 - Athol; eighteenth century, one and one-half story stone house of four bays
39 - Iris House or Worthington's Quarters; 1710, two story house
40 - Moudland; c. 1848, built of local stone
41 - Joshua Barney House; c. 1750
90 - King's Contrivance; two and one-half story brick eighteenth century
157 - Alabama Farm; two story house
158 - River Hill; two story stone
161 - Due House; two story stone
163 - Tierney Gambrel Roof House (Site); burned
164 - White Wine and Claret (Welling's Stone House); two and one-half stories
165 - Vogel House; two story stone farmhouse much enlarged in early part of twentieth century by concrete block simulating stone
267 - Wildwood; clapboard house with log part underneath in one section, well preserved log smokehouse south of the house

The numbers above are identifier numbers for the Maryland His torical inventory in Howard and Anne Arundel Counties. (See Plate 16).

The conclusion of the Historical Trust at that time was that only one of these sites would be affected - the Vogel House (\#165). This house would have to be demolished or moved because it was within the righto: way of the freeway. After reviewing the matter with the Howard County historical representatives, the Historical Trust decided that there was no objection on historical grounds for taking the house for highway purposes. The reason for this decision was an extensive addition to the original portion of the house which considerably diminished the overall historic value of the house.

A field review of the project in relation to historical sites was made on September 15, 1975 with representatives from the Maryland Historical Trust, Howard County Historical Trust, and the Federal Highway Administration. After visiting the Vogel House site, it was the consensus of the state and local historical representtatives that the loss of this house would not be a significant impact to the historical inventory.

Again on November 24, 1975, the Maryland Historical Trust wrote to the State Highway Administration to reaffirm their previous statements in regard to the Vogel House. The text of this letter is also included in the Appendix. They conducted another survey of the property and determined that the house was not eligible for the National Register of Historic Places. In their opinion the demolition of the house for highway purposes would not entail a "significant" historical loss to national, State, or local historical resources. The Historical Trust did, however, specify

that some of the materials in the building may be beneficially re-used in the restoration of other sites, and they would like to be able to salvage these items. In addition, the Historical Trust would like to take photographs and sketch a floor plan of the house before any construction actions are taken. The state Highway Administration has agreed to these requests, and the details will be worked out before the construction in this area begins.

The State Highway Administration forwarded the material concerning the historical sites to the Federal Highway Administration for their review. The FHWA concurred with the conclusions of the Historical preservation Officer in declaring the non-significance of this action and ruled that a 4 (f) statement is not required.

Subsequent investigations uncovered another site within Anne arundel County that has historical significance. This site is:

## 94 - Grasslands Farm; John Bowie House and Outbuildings

The State Historical Preservation office reviewed the historical significance of this site and determined that it was of local significance, but not eligible for the National Historical Register. However, since the highway would take property from the site, a $4(f)$ Statement would be necessary. The letter from the State Historical Preservation Officer of March l, 1976 concerning Grasslands Farm, is included in Appendix "E". A 4 (f) Statement has been developed for the Grasslands property; this discussion begins on page 139.

An archeological survey of the study area has been completed. The results of the survey indicate that no discernible archeological remains or features are present within the proposed
right-of-way. However, certain areas do present some possibility of archeological interest.

The State Archeologist has requested that no map of specific archeological sites be presented in publicly circulating state Highway Administration documents, in order to protect these potential archeological resources from unauthorized investigations or surveys. The complete archeology report is available for office review at the State Highway Administration offices, 300 West Preston Street, Baltimore, Maryland during normal office hours.

The results of the survey indicate that no significant archeological findings are present. However, during the implementation of construction of Phase $I$, all care and consideration will be taken in the event archeological resources are present. The State Highway Administration shall be responsible for full compliance with state and federal rules and regulations regarding archeological salvage.

## Construction Impacts

The construction activities that will be required to build Relocated Maryland Route 32 will have an impact on the environment. The impact resulting from these activities would be temporary, and would no longer be a problem once construction has been completed. The freeway would be built in two phases--Phase I (1980), and Phase II, (2000). This would entail two separate periods of construction activity. The Phase I construction would involve the most dramatic environmental change. The majority of the clearing and grading would be accomplished during this phase. All of the unpaved disturbed areas would be promptly revegetated. The Phase II construction would be limited primarily to grading, paving, and structure work.

The proposed freeway has been designed to avoid encroachment upon nearby industrial, commercial, and residential structures. Attempts have been made to route the roadway through vacant land. Therefore, the impact on surrounding homes and other structures would be minimal. Vibrations from earthmoving operations and heavy vehicles may cause annoyance to homeowners. The distance of construction activity on the new roadway from existing structures makes the probability remote.

The potential for impacting the ambient air quality during the construction phase does exist. Fugitive dust from grading operations, materials handling, and the possible burning of land clearing debris are potential sources of this problem. In order to eliminate or at least minimize these problems, the Maryland State Highway Administration has instituted "Specifications for Materials, Highways, Bridges, and Incidental Structures". These specifications to control contractors involved in state construc-
tion work were developed in conjunction with the Maryland Bureau of Air Quality and Noise Control as consistent with existing state regulations. Therefore, all appropriate measures will be taken to minimize air pollution impacts during this time.

Impact on ambient noise levels of the study area is also expected during the construction phase. However, reliable data concerning the noise generation from construction equipment is not available to predict the magnitude of this impact. Table 9 presents the range of noise levels expected at an observer's distance of 50 feet. This does not show the effect of the operation of multiple pieces of equipment, nor the decrease in noise levels as the observer's distance increases or obstructions occur. The expected impact will be mitigated by the fact that freeway construction will be generally removed from existing residences, and construction will normally take place between 7:00 a.m. and 4:00 p.m. There will be periods of unavoidable annoyance during construction of the project. If complaints are made, consideration will be given to limiting the hours of use of construction equipment adjacent to noise sensitive areas.

The clearing and grading of the right-of-way of the freeway may increase sediment loading on area streams if ameliorative measures are not taken. Fort Meade uses the Patuxent River as their source of water supply for post facilities. They have commented on the possibility of increased turbidity as a result of freeway construction. Sperific soil erosion and sediment control measures, standards, and procedures established in response to the Federal Aid Highway Program Manual, Volume 6, Chapter 7, Section 3, Subsection 1 "Erosion and Sediment Control on Highway Construction Projects" will be contained in the contract documents.

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These documents and construction procedures are subject to the scrutiny of, the Water Resources Administration and the Federal Highway Administration. These agencies will not authorize the project until all erosion and pollution control requirements have been satisfied. The State Highway Administration is required by State law to submit a sediment control plan and to make application for Waterway Construction Permits from the Water Resources Administration for all stream crossings involved in the project. No work can begin on any individual contract until said permits have been obtained and detailed schedules and methods of operation known as an "Erosion and Sediment Control Plan" have been developed by the contractor and approved by the state Highway Administration. Also, contractors are required by Chapter 245 of the Acts of 1970 to obtain permits from the appropriate County agency in cooperation with the local soil conservation district for any offsite work, including borrow pits, waste areas, etc.

Undoubtedly, some temporary increase in sedimentation will occur, but implementation of an intelligent sediment control program would minimize the impact. Permanent vegetation will be established to control sedimentation after the construction period has ended.

Some disruption of local traffic patterns is anticipated during construction. All reasonable attempts will be made to keep traffic flowing in a normal pattern as construction proceeds. An increase in the number of large trucks associated with grading and earthmoving activities will be experienced on local roadways. This will be a temporary situation, and is not expected to cause more than minor inconvenience.

Some borrow pits and waste areas may be required to handle land clearing wastes and balance earthwork requirements. The number and location of these cannot be determined until final design.

In addition to the direct impacts to the environment that are associated with the proposed construction and operation of this facility, certain indirect or secondary effects may also be realized. One effect of this transportation project, Relocated Maryland Route 32, would be to increase the ability of the local highway network to transport both goods and services by relieving it of through traffic. This improved efficiency will enable the land uses in the study area to be more intensively utilized.

There are many variables that can promote or limit the intensity of land use in any particular area. These variables include availability of water, sewerage, energy or power sources, transportation access, physical properties of the land, access to markets, and the state of the local economy. Transportation access is a key factor in this process of land development and can either act as a catalyst or inhibitor.

In the particular case of Relocated Maryland Route 32, the adjoining land uses have developed at a rapid pace and are currently overloading the Guilford and Annapolis Junction Roads during peak hours. The north-south highway arterials through the study area provide excellent access to the areas of Baltimore and Washington; however, the east-west connecting links are of considerably less capacity. Relocated Maryland Route 32 was planned to give a better balance to the overall transportation network.

As is the case with all large public works projects, Relocated Maryland Route 32 could not be built just to satisfy the existing needs, but because of the large costs and construction time re-
quired, a reasonable growth factor had to be anticipated. For the purposes of State highway construction, a 20 year design period is used. Consequently, 1980 was designated as the time of completion and the year $2000(E T C+20)$ as the design year.

Realizing that the completion of the full project by 1980 would overcompensate for the existing transportation deficiency, the State Highway Administration opted for a two-phase schedule. The concept of staged construction avoids providing excess capacity in the earlier years, and is more in keeping with the growth of the local area.

Undoubtedly, the completion of the first phase of the freeway will spur some development of adjacent land uses due to the immediate improvement to the traffic flow. The more intensified use of these industrial, commercial, and residential lands will put more pressure on the existing utilities and public services of Anne Arundel and Howard Counties. However, this land development will be guided by the general development and land use plans of the respective counties which have anticipated this growth.

It is inevitable that the study area will undergo land use changes in the next 20 to 30 years as an outgrowth of development occurring in the metropolitan areas of Baltimore and Washington. The planning officials of both Howard and Anne Arundel Counties have implemented development plans to insure an orderly growth pattern, whic! will provide a minimum impact to the environment. Relocated Maryland Route 32 is one of the implements designed to provide this orderly growth pattern, and the state Highway Administration has worked with both Counties in the carrying out of their plans.

Impacts to the environment will result as land is converted from vacant land to residential, commercial, and industrial. These impacts will include increased air pollution, higher ambient noise levels, larger storm water flows and sedimentation loading, and more population density and congestion. These impacts will not happen suddenly, but over the long term they will be easily observable. The overall effect will be to change the study area to a more suburban environment, in accordance with the land use plans of the region and Counties.

## ALTERNATIVES

There are many alternative methods of providing improved transportation access to the study area. The process of selecting the best alternative for this project has encompassed many years of planning on state and local levels. The project has been refined and adjusted in response to the comments of many private individuals and governmental agencies.

Basically, five main alternatives have been evaluated in arriving at the present project. These alternatives will be described below with a brief discussion of the advantages and disadvantages of each. These five alternatives fall into two categories: Build or No Build. All of the alternatives are shown on Plate 17. The "Build" alternatives utilize the existing elements of the freeway which have been constructed under other contracts. These existing portions include the improved relocation of Maryland Route 32 west of Clarksville; the I-95 Interchange, and the Vollmerhausen Road Bridge over the proposed freeway.

After circulation of the draft environmertal impact statement, and giving due consideration to the potential impacts on the environment and comments from the public, the Maryland State Highway Administration has decided that Alternative 1 should be implemented. This alternative will achieve the transportation objectives of the project, while affording minimal adverse impact on the environment.


## Alternative 1

This is the alternative chosen for implementation as described throughout the foregoing report. (See Major Design Features). It would consist of a dual four-lane/eight-lane freeway with access control, interchanges, frontage roads, and grade separation structures. The construction would take place in two stages: Phase I (1980), and Phase II (2000). This alternative would provide the needed traffic capacity in the study area, and has been approved by Anne Arundel and Howard Counties as meeting the intent of their general development plans.

The disadvantages of this alternative would be an increase in ambient air and noise levels, and the probability of increased stormwater runoff in the study area over the long-term. Temporary construction impacts due to dust, noise, and traffic interruption would be likely to occur; however, these impacts would be short-term. Potential exists for increased sediment loadings in local streams during the construction phase, but implementation of a sediment control program would minimize this impact.

## Alternative 2

This is also a "Build" alternative. It is essentially the same as Alternative l. This alternative would take a more southerly route from U. S. Route 29 to I-95 than Alternative l. The maximum diversion from the Alternative 1 alignment occurs at Broken Land Parkway, where Alternative 2 is approximately l,500 feet to the south of Alternative 1 . This alignment would follow the south side of the Little Patuxent River, predominantly within the floodplain of the river.

This alternative would involve fewer crossings of watercourses by the main roadway, but impact upon water resources would be more severe. Alternative 1 crosses the watercourses more nearly at right angles, causing a minimum of relocation and intrusion of the streambed. Alternative 2 would require stream crossings which are almost parallel to the streambed, and construction of the Shaker Drive King's Contrivance and Broken Land Parkway interchanges would involve a considerable amount of stream modification. In addition, a proposed granite quarry operation would be taken in this action, precluding the use of this natural resource and adversely impacting the local economy. All other imppacts would be similar to Alternative 1.

## Alternative 3

This "Build" alternative follows Alternative l, except between $U$. S. Route 1 and the Howard County line, where it takes an alignment slightly to the north. At Hilda Avenue this deflection is about 150 feet north of Alternative 1 . This minor alignment change was one of the first alignments considered, but was elimirated because of the impact on local residential properties.

This alternative would require the taking of three additional homes which are located along the south side of existing Annapolis Junction Road, and it would move the roadway from 50 to 120 feet closer to four other homes. This reduction in the distance from the roadway would cause higher noise and air quality levels to be observed at these homes, as well as more adverse impact from construction activities. Other than these differences, the environmental impacts would be the same as those previously described for Alternative 1 .

This "Build" alternative was initiated in response to a public hearing comment from the owner of Grassland Farms. The route follows Alternative 1 with a major alignment modification occurring east of U. S. Route 1 . From U. S. Route 1 this alignment would proceed about 2,500 feet northeast of. Alternative 1 , roughly parallel to existing Maryland Route 32 . The roadway would cross the Baltimore-Washington Parkway about 2,500 feet northeast of the present Annapolis Junction Road Interchange, and would dead-end at Rockenbach Road behind the National Security Agency.

This alternative presents several disadvantages that would make implementation difficult. The construction of this alternative would involve approximately 3,400 linear feet more roadway than Alternative 1 , requiring an additional structure over the $B-W$ Parkway. At the point of crossing of Dorsey Run, a longer structure would be required due to the expanse of wetland in this area. The additional cost of this extra work would be in excess of $\$ 3.5$ million, which is a substantial outlay of money for minimall benefits.

The alignment of this alternative does not have a logical ferminus at the National Security Agency, and would not provide a continuous flow of traffic. In addition, this alignment is not in accordance with the land use plans of either Anne Arundel or Howard Counties.

A significant safety problem would be presented by having Relosated Maryland Route 32 Spur diverge from Relocated Maryland Route 32 almost within the bounds of the $U$. S. Route 1 Inter-
change. Signing needed to inform motorists of traffic patterns would be impossibly crowded, leading to confusion and potentially dangerous situations.

## Alternative 5

This is the "No Build" alternative, and it assumes that no impprovements will be made to Guilford or Annapolis Junction Roads other than those items necessary to maintain the present conditions of the road surface. This alternative would not be without impact on the surrounding environment. The increased traffic projected for the roadway under the "No Build". conditions would overload this artery beyond its present capacity, resulting in lower operating speeds and increased backups at major intersections and stoplights. These conditions would tend to slightly increase air pollution and noise levels on properties immediately adjacent to the roadway. However, the air and noise impact resulting from this alternative would be the least adverse of all the alternatives considered.

The accident rate on the road is currently among the highest in the state of Maryland, and is likely to increase with the growth of traffic volumes and the already existing poor horizontal and vertical alignments. The completion of Hammond High School in mid-1976 would alone add 125 to 150 bus trips daily over existing Guilford Road without counting the associated car trips per day.

The construction of this alternative would not encourage land development in the area, thus generating less total corridor traffic than under the "Build" alternatives. Traffic would increase to a point where road capacity would be met, thereby mimiting further development of surrounding land.

A variation of this alternative also considered the possibility of improving the existing Guilford and Annapolis Junction Roads within its present right-of-way. This was found to be unfeasible for the following reasons:

1. Traffic projections indicated the need for a minimum of four lanes of roadway throughout the study area by 1980.
2. Some access controls and grade separation structures would be required to keep traffic flowing at a reasonable rate.
3. The roadway was "locked in" on both sides by existing land uses, and in most cases, widening of the road would have involved the taking of structures on one or both sides of the road.
4. The existing roadway lies in the floodplain in ertain areas near Cedar Lane, Berger Road, and Jolly Acres Road, and is subjected to occasional flooding, which renders the roadway impassable.
5. In order to provide reasonable access controls, an extensive service road system would be required.
6. In order to correct the many horizontal and vertical problems existing in the present roadway, substantial cuts and fills would be required which would severely disrupt adjacent land uses, and would temporarily imppede utility services (gas, water, telephone).
7. Maintenance of traffic during the construction phase would be more disruptive than any of the alternates studied.

## Probable Adverse Environmental Affects Which Cannot Be Avoided

The construction of Relocated Maryland Route 32 would have a numbbur of environmental effects. Some of these effects can be avoided, some are unavoidable, and most of these effects could be reduced through appropriate ameliorative action. In general, the impact upon ambient air quality would be negative (see Air Qualiaty Impact). While the increased and sustained vehicle speeds which would occur on the freeway would reduce carbon monoxide emission rates (while having the opposite effect upon nitrogen oxides emissions), the increased volume of traffic would raise the volume of pollutants generated within the corridor, degrading air quality. Using the projected traffic volumes through the year 2000, the National Ambient Air Quality Standards are prodicted not to be exceeded. Should these standards be exceeded, the Governor is empowered, under the Maryland Air Pollution Episode System, to take whatever steps are deemed necessary. This includes the reduction of traffic and closing of highways to reduce air pollution levels.

Throughout much of its length, predicted noise levels for the year 2001 would exceed Federal Highway Administration standards, causing impacts ranging from negligible to severe. At this stage, no noise abatement plans have been finalized for this projest. Various measures which could ameliorate noise levels include the construction of berms and other types of noise barriers. These measures vary in effectiveness and cost from site to site, and would be implemented when the need arises.

As discussed in "Stream Modification and Water Quality Impacts", the impact upon local waterways would be in the form of construction related impacts such as sedimentation and the long-term impacts associated with runoff carrying highway dirt and maintenance chemicals. The former would be substantially reduced by the formulation and implementation of a sediment control plan as required by law. Strict adherence to this plan, along with constant on-site inspection, would control erosion, minimizing its impact upon the receiving waters. The magnitude of the effects on local streams of road wash and de-icing compounds contained in highway runoff has not been ascertained. As the streams become increasingly stressed due to local development, this impact could become a more important factor. With the exception of reducing the use of de-icing compounds, which is unlikely, it is doubtful that the effects of highway runoff can be curbed once ultimate development has been completed.

The water table may possibly be depressed by the proposed cut approximately five (5) feet below the piezometric surface at Station 1010 near Hilda Avenue. Several homes in this area are presently dependent upon wells for water supply. All feasible alternatives to this undercutting have been investigated, and based on economic analysis and engineering considerations, the profile is properly designed. The impact has been minimized by establishing the grade as high as feasible. Should the wells in fact suffer a loss in water supply due solely to the referenced cut into the permeable aquifer, the State Highway Administration would take appropriate measures to restore water supply to the affected dwellings.

The potential impact upon local streams would be reduced by the use of bridges in lieu of box culverts at most of the stream crossings (See "Major Design Features"). Not only would this leave the stream bottom in a natural condition, permitting the free passage of aquatic life, but would also lessen the possibility of flooding (see "Flood Hazard Evaluation").

The project would stimulate growth and development throughout the subject corridor; probably at a rapid pace. This intensified land usage would place a severe strain upon the natural resources of the area, and from some viewpoints is undesirable. However, the freeway is an integral part of the 1971 General plan for Howard County, in which the development plan for the entire county is delineated. Similarly, the freeway has been incorporated in the General Development Plan of Anne Arundel County.

This project would be designed with an alignment extending through basically undeveloped land, thus it would displace comparatively few families and businesses. While some displacements are inevitable, this impact would be minimized. No neighborhoods would be severed, nor would any undue hardships be placed upon any minority groups.

Although the displacement of some residences and businesses is necessary for the project, the SHA will make every effort to relocate these people in a satisfactory manner, as shown in the following discussion.

Summary of Relocation Assistance: All State Highway Administration projects must comply with the provisions of the "Uniform Relocation Assistance and Real Property Acquisition Policies Act
of 1970" (P.L. 91-646) and/or the Annotated Code of Maryland, Article 21, Section 12-201 thru 12-209. The Maryland Department of Transportation, State Highway Administration, Bureau of Relocation Assistance, administers the Relocation Assistance Program in the State of Maryland.

The provisions of the Federal and State Laws require the State Highway Administration to provide payments and services to persons displaced by a public project. The payments that are provided for include replacement housing payments and/or moving costs. The maximum limits of the replacement housing payments are $\$ 15,000$ for owner-occupants and $\$ 4,000$ for tenant-occupants. In addition, but within the above limits, certain payments may be made for increased mortgage interest costs and/or incidental expenses. In order to receive these payments, the displaced person must occupy decent, safe, and sanitary replacement housing. In addition to the replacement housing payments described above, there are also moving cost payments to persons, businesses, farms, and non-profit organizations. Actual moving costs for displaced residences include actual moving costs up to 50 miles or a schedule moving cost payment up to $\$ 500.00$.

The moving cost payments to businesses are broken down into several categories, which include actual moving expenses and payments "in lieu of" actual moving expenses. The owner of a displaced business is entitled to receive a payment for actual reasonable moving and related expenses in moving his business, or personal property; actual direct losses of tangible personal property; and actual reasonable expenses for searching for a replacement site.

The actual reasonable moving expenses may be paid for a move by a commercial mover or for a self-move. Generally, payments for the actual reasonable moving expenses are limited to a 50 mile radius. In both cases, the expenses must be supported by receipted bills. An inventory of the items to be moved must be prepared, and two estimates of the cost must be obtained. The owner may be paid an amount equal to the low bid or estimate. In some circumstances, the State may negotiate an amount not to exceed the lower of the two bids. The allowable expenses of a self-move may include amounts paid for equipment hired, the cost of using the business's vehicles or equipment, wages paid to persons who physically participate in the move, and the cost of the actual supervision of the move.

When personal property of a displaced business is of a low value and high bulk, and the estimated cost of moving would be disproportionate in relation to the value, the state may negotiate for an amount not to exceed the difference between the cost of replacement and the amount that could be realized from the sale of the personal property.

In addition to the actual moving expenses mentioned above, the displaced business is entitled to receive a payment for the actual direct losses of tangible personal property that the busness is entitled to relocate but elects not to move. These payments may only be made after an effort by the owner to sell the personal property involved. The costs of the sale are also reimbursable moving expenses. If the business is to be reestabfished, and personal property is not moved but is replaced at the new location, the payment would be the lesser of the replacement costs minus the net proceeds of the sale or the estimated cost of
moving the item. If the business is being discontinued or the item is not to be replaced in the re-established business, the payment will be the lesser of the difference between the depreciated value of the item in place and the net proceeds of the sale or the estimated cost of moving the item.

If no offer is received for the personal property, the owner is entitled to receive the reasonable expenses of the sale and the estimated cost of moving the item. In this case, the business should arrange to have the personal property removed from the premises.

The owner of a displaced business may be reimbursed for the actual reasonable expenses in searching for a replacement business up to $\$ 500.00$. All expenses must be supported by receipted bills. Time spent in the actual search may be reimbursed on an hourly basis, but such rate may not exceed $\$ 10.00$ per hour.

In lieu of the payments described above, the owner of a displaced business is eligible to receive a payment equal to the average annual net earnings of the business. Such payment shall not be less than $\$ 2,500$ nor more than $\$ 10,000$. In order to be entitled to this payment, the state must determine that the business cannot be relocated without a substantial loss of its existing patronage, the business is not part of a commercial enterprise having at least one other establishment in the same or similar business that is not being acquired, and the business contributes materially to the income of a displaced owner.

Considerations in the State's determination of loss of existing patronage are the type of business conducted by the displaced
business and the nature of the clientele. The relative importance of the present and proposed locations to the displaced business, and the availability of suitable replacement sites are also factors.

In order to determine the amount of the "in lieu of" moving expenses payment, the average annal net earnings of the business is considered to be one-half of the net earnings before taxes, during the two taxable years immediately preceding the taxable year in which the business is relocated. If the two taxable years are not representative, the state, with approval of the Federal Highway Administration, may use another two-year period that would be more representative. Average annual net earnings include any compensation paid by the business to the owner, his spouse, or his dependents during the period. Should a business be in operation less than two years, not for twelve consecutive months during the two taxable years prior to the taxable year in which it is required to relocate, the owner of the business is eligible to receive the "in lieu of" payment. In all cases, the owner of the business must provide information to support its net earnings, such as income tax returns, for the tax years in question.

For displaced farms and non-profit organizations, actual reasonable moving costs generally up to 50 miles, actual direct losses of tangible personal property, and searching costs are paid. The "in lieu of" actual moving cost payments provide that a displaced farm may be paid a minimum of $\$ 2,500$ to a maximum of $\$ 10,000$ based upon the net income of the farm, provided that the farm cannot be established in the area or cannot operate as an economic unit. A non-profit organization is eligible to receive "in lieu of" actual moving cost payments, in the amount of $\$ 2,500$.

A more detailed explanation of the benefits and payments available to displaced persons, businesses, farms, and non-profit organizations is available in Relocation Brochures that will be distributed at the public hearings for this project and will also be given to displaced persons individually in the future.

In the event adequate replacement housing is not available to rehouse persons displaced by public projects or that available replacement housing is beyond their financial means, replacement "housing as a last resort" will be utilized to accomplish the rehousing. Detailed studies will be completed by the State Highway Administration and approved by the Federal Highway Administration before "housing as a last resort" could be utilized. "Housing as a last resort" could be provided to displaced persons in several different ways although not limited to the following:

1. An improved property can be purchased or leased.
2. Dwelling units can be rehabilitated and purchased or leased.
3. New dwelling units can be constructed.
4. State acquired dwellings can be relocated, rehabilitated, and purchased or leased.

Any of these methods could be utilized by the state Highway Administration and such housing would be made available to displaced persons. In addition to the above procedure, individual replacement housing payments can be increased beyond the statutory limits in order to allow a displaced person to purchase or rent a dwelling that is within his financial means.

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The "Uniform Relocation Assistance and Real Property Acquisition Policies Act of $1970^{\prime \prime}$ requires that the State Highway Administration shall not proceed with any phase of any project which will cause the relocation of any person, or proceed with any construction project until it has furnished satisfactory assurances that the above payments will be provided and that all displaced persons will be satisfactorily relocated to comparable decent, safe, and sanitary housing within their financial means or that such housing is in place and has been made available to the displaced person.

The Relationships Between Local Short Term Use of the Environment and the Maintenance and Enhancement of Long Term Productivity

This proposed freeway, like most construction projects of this magnitude necessarily involves a number of compromises or trade-offs. Only by comparing the gains or long term benefits that would be realized with the significant environmental losses can the desirability of this project be evaluated. Since the proposed action involves the construction of a major transportation facility, its principal benefits are transportation related. Improved transportation through the corridor would resuit, providing rapid and uncongested commuter and inter-regional travel. The movement of goods, services and troops through the area would be facilitated. An improvement in public services, such as fire and police protection, ambulance service and trash collection, would be realized. This modern, controlled access facility would offer a far safer means of travel, greatly reducing the high monetary costs to motorists and the human suffering and misery resulting from automobile accidents.

If the "No Build" alternate were selected, motorists would be subjected to ever-increasing congestion and traffic delays on the existing two-lane facility. The excessively high accident rate on the existing roadway would only worsen as its capacity is exceeded. Much commercial traffic would be rerouted through other areas, lessening the desirability of the corridor as a location for new commerce and industry. This would be contrary to the General Development Plans set forth by both Howard and Anne Arumdel Counties.

The environmental losses suffered as a result of the construction of Relocated Maryland Route 32 could be broken down into shori-term or construction impacts and long-term effects. The short-term impacts would occur during both the initial and ultimate phases of construction and would include noise, dust and vibrations from heavy equipment, minor traffic delays, temporary service disruptions and some unavoidable sedimentation.

The long-term impacts would have a more profound effect upon furture generations. These would include the commitment of large areas of land for the highway, increased noise levels, impaired air quality, reduced stream quality and the loss of several key natural areas. Growth, be it residential, commercial or industrial, can be a blessing or an ill, depending upon the point of view. This project would certainly facilitate the growth anticipated under the two county General Development Plans. It could also induce additional rapid growth for which these two political subdivisions may be unprepared. Such unwarranted growth would not only strain the capacities of the counties to provide the attendant public utilities and services, but could also irreparably alter the carefully formulated General Development Plans of both Howard and Anne Arundel Counties.

## Irreversible \& Irretrievable Commitment of Resources

The construction of highways could be classified as an irreversible or irretrievable commitment of resources. Approximately 770 acres of land, the primary resource, is irretrievably committed to an intensive use, a freeway, which precludes its use for secondary resources such as mining, timber, wildlife, agricultural production, or less intensive cultural uses such as housing, schools and industrial plants. If the proposed transportaction facility is no longer needed as part of the transportation network, or if a greater need arises for the land upon which the highway is situated, it could conceivably be converted to another land use at great expense. It would be possible to convert to a less intensive cultural use such as a shopping center, but virtually impossible to revert to a natural area. If such an improbable situation were to occur, recognition would be made of bendfits derived and a proportionate amount of the public funds and efforts committed to the project could be classified as the irretrievable portion. In this case, the construction materials could also be considered irretrievably committed, since the salvage value for most would be nil. Relocated Maryland Route 32, through the inducement or stimulation of growth in the project area, would irreversibly commit other land resources in a like manner to more intense uses. This project would not afford access to any previously inaccessible area as the proposed facility is located within the general corridor of the existing route.

The first group of comments received on this project resulted from the public hearing conducted at Savage Elementary School. This corridor-design public hearing was held on October 19, 1970 and was concerned with only a small segment of the project from $\mathrm{I}-95$ to the Baltimore-Washington Parkway. The following is a summary of the comments received:

Verbal Testimony

## Witness

Robert Smith National Security Agency

Marion McCoy Anne Arundel County

Al NeVasio
Maryland Civic
John Bowie Property Owner

John Everhardt Property Owner

Rudy Nothdurft Citizen/Motorist

Albert Aaron
Owner of Holiday Inn on 198

Frank Brady
Laurel Race Track
Nicholas Andrew Citizen

## Synopsis of Comment

1) Desires speedy high-
way improvement
2)     - 
3) Supports highway
4) Retain Maryland Route 198 interchange
5) Retain Maryland Route 198 interchange
6) Opposed to widening and access control.
7) Recommends new align-
ment (Alternate 4)
8) Wants better turning radius.
9) Wants initial construction of dual highway.
10) Retain Maryland
Route 198 interchange
11) Retain Maryland
Route 198 interchange
12) Retain Maryland
Route 198 interchange

## Disposition of Comment Page

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1) Road presently sub- 22 standard for volume of traffic
2) Alternate 1 selected 113
3) Improved turning
radius recommended.
4) Dual highway planned 14 for initial phase.
5) B-W Parkway inter- 46
changes under study.
6) B-W Parkway inter- 46 changes under study.
7) $\begin{aligned} & \text { B-W Parkway inter- } \\ & \text { changes under study. }\end{aligned} \quad 46$

## Witness

Mrs. Lev
Columbia Transpornation Commission

Marvin Anderson Attorney for Bowie

Mr. Keagan
Property Owner
John Krandal
Citizen
William Smith Property Owner

Charles Webb Attorney for Gibson

Mrs. Dorothy Williams
Property Owner

Synopsis of Comment

1) Supports highway proposal.
2) Challenges access controls, highway network, etc.
3) Objects to increased property taxes.
4) Retain 198 interchange
5) Objects to proximity of highway
6) Objects to access controls in front of clients property
7) Objects to Right-ofWay taking, etc.

Written Testimony

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2) --

Disposition of Comment

1) Existing road is 22
sub-standard
2) B-W Parkway interchanges under study.
3) Alternate 1 selected 110
4) Owner to be compensated.
5) Alternate alignments

110 infeasible.

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110

Witness
(: jorge R. Lewis
Dept. of General Services

Synopsis of Comment

1) No comment

Disposition of Comment
James G. Everhardt 1) Requests better turn- l) Would be provided ..... 14
ing radius at Hilda
Avenue and Service Road

1) Objects to Right-ofWay taking, etc.
2) Objects to Right-ofWay taking, etc.
3) Objects to highway
network
4) Alternate alignments 110
infeasible.
5) Alternate alignments 110 infeasible.
6) Existing road sub-standard

Witness
William P. Kerns Anne Arundel Schools

Edward H. Utz
Anne Arundel Fire Department

Herman S. O'Neill
Howard County
Dept. of public Forks

Roland B. Handle
U.S. Dept. of

Interior
Thelma Gibson Property Owner
H.C. Kep

Baltimore \& Ohio Railroad

Marvin Anderson Attorney for Bowie

Marvin Anderson Attorney for Bowie

David H. Fishman Attorney for Laurel Race Track

Marvin Anderson Attorney for Bowie

Synopsis of Comment

1) Recommends extension

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\begin{aligned}
& \text { 1) Extension would be } \quad 14 \\
& \text { provided }
\end{aligned}
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Disposition of Comment
of frontage road to better serve school bus route.

1) Same as above for fire vehicles.
2) Turnarounds needed at severed roads.
3) Objects to denial of access along U. S. Route 1 road approval.
4) Request consideration l) Reviewed by Maryland of farm as historic site.

Historical Trust. ..... 139

1) Reviewed by Maryland ..... 100
2) Alternate 4 abandoned 113 in favor of Alternate 1.
3) Sediment and erosion ..... 103
control measures to
be implemented. be provided.
provided.
4) Extension would be ..... 14 provided.


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) Turnarounds would ..... 14at severed roads.

1) Cautions to protect
Patuxent River.
Patuxent River.

## 1) Access would be provided to existing Guilford Road

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provided to existing Guilford Road

1) Requests removal of
existing Maryland Route
32 bridge over railroad
prerequisite for rail-
2) Infeasible since exist- 14
ing Route 32 will con
tinue to serve local
traffic.
existing Maryland Routroad approval.
3) B-W Parkway inter- changes under study.
4) Alternate 4 abandoned 113 in favor of Alternate 1 .

In accordance with the Federal Highway Administration's Policy and Procedure Memorandum 90-1 dated August 24, 1971, concerning implementation of Section lo2(2) (c) of the National Environment Policy Act of 1969, a Draft Environmental Impact Statement was prepared. On May l2, 1972, this statement was circulated to federal, state and county agencies, and local elected officials (See Distribution List in Appendix E). The following comments on the draft statement were received:

Comments on Draft Environmental Statement
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Robt. S. Norton,Jr. l) Pre-emption of flood Chief, Surface Water Resources Administration

Mrs. Marion J. McCoy
Anne Arundel County Planning \& Zoning Officer

Robert N. Young Executive Director Regional Planning Council (Regional Clearinghouse)

Robert J. Blanco U.S. Environmental Protection Agency

1) Objects to absence of future Patuxent Free-way-Baltimore-Washington Parkway interchange.
2) Lack of assessment of long range commitments.
3) Consideration of impacts by proposed Marriott recreation park.
4) Urges coordination with open space proposals.
5) Request assessment of 1 impact upon Little Patuxent River Conservation Area.
6) Assessment of long range commitments within Anne Arundel County.
7) Assessment of air quality due to stimulated development.
8) Consideration of initial single roadway as ultimate highway improvement.
9) Flood control project has been abandoned.

Parkway currently under study.
2) Covered in Final

Environmental Statement.

1) Plans for Marriott park have been abandoned.
2) Coordination has
taken place.
would be noise and loss of wildlife habitat.
3) Alignment of Patuxent 45 Freeway in Anne Arundel County not yet determined.
4) Impact upon air quality would be negative.
5) Insufficient for projected traffic volume.

John A. Busterud Deputy Assist. Secretary, U.S. Dept. of Defense
J. Herbert Clawson,l)

Jr., Chief, Div. of Land Development and Transportation Planning, Howard County

John H. Gibson Acting State Conservationist, U.S. Dept. of Agriculture, Soil Conservation Service

Jean J. Schueneman l) Various aspects of Director, Bureau of Air Quality Control, Dept. of Health and Mental Hygiene

Mark Abelson Regional Coordinator, U.S. Dept. of Interior
5) Consideration of mass transit.

1) Cautions to protect water quality. underway.

Alternate 2 undesir- 1) Alternate 1

1) Implementation of approved Sediment Control Plan. selected.
2) Encouraged by S.H.A. 1) sediment and erosion control programs. able. approved Sediment Control Plan.

John E. McKenna Regional Environmental Coordinator U.S. Dept. of Health Education \& Welfare.

1) Concurs with general 1) -content.

Vladimir Wahbe Secretary
Dept. of State Planning (State Clearinghouse)

1) Relays concerns of Bureau of Air Quality Control.
2) Relays concerns of Dept. of Natural Resources.
a) Impact upon waterways.
b) Impact upon wildlife habitat.
c) Impact upon fee hunting area.
d) Possible effects upon two conservation areas by future extensions.
3) Justification for growth stimulation.

Stanley D. Doremus l) The FHWA should apply Deputy Assistant Secretary of the Interior
3)
criteria of eligibility of Grassland Farms for the National Register of Historical Places
2) The project site should be surveyed for evidence of archeological remains.
3) Suitable mitigation measures affecting the barn should be agreed upon.
4) Comments made by DOI on July 7, 1972 on the project should be addressed.
l) Supplemental air
2) --
a) Sediment control 103 Plan implementation.
b) Negative impact 52 would be experienced.
c) Negative impact 16 would be experienced.
d) Neither area would be affected.

## quality statement.

## )

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a) be affected.

General Development Plans of both counties.

FHWA and MSHA 100 concur in determination made by the State Historic Preservation Officer. See the letter from the State Historic Preservation Officer in the Correspondence Section dated March 16, 1977. Results of archeological survey indicate no 100 remains. 101 During final design 142 stage appropriate measures will be agreed upon. Comments addressed in the FEIS.

On August 15, 1973, a corridor-design public hearing was held for that portion of the roadway from west of U. S. Route 29 to I-95, and simultaneously, a corridor public hearing for Maryland Route 108 to west of $U$. S. 29. This combined public hearing was held at Atholton High School, and resulted in the comments which follow:

## Verbal Testimony

## Witness

Edward Cochran Froward County council

Thomas Mohler Reading letter of Clarksville Ridge Citizens Assoc.

Dr. Michael Lauriante
Clarksville Ridge Citizens Assoc.

Richard T. Ellis Property Owner

Mr. Carl Huber
Middle Patuxent Valley Assoc.

Malcom C. Thomas Christ Memorial Presbyterian Church

Bruce Rushlow Christ Memorial Presbyterian Church

Clifford M.
Stretmater
Clarksville Ridge
Citizens Assoc.

Synopsis of Comments
Impact of Trotter Road Interchange on planned Middle Patuxent Environmental Area by Howard County.

Objects to proximity of highway and highway generated noise.

Objects to shifting original alignment off W. R. Grace toward Clarksville Ridge.

Objects to Trotter Road Relocation and Interchange.

## Disposition of Comments Page

Plans for Relocated
Trotter Road and Trotter Road Interchange have been abandoned.

Alignment has been
shifted away from Clarksville Ridge. Federal noise standards would not be exceeded.

Alignment has been
shifted away from Clarksville Ridge.

> Plans for Relocated Trotter Road and Trotter Road Interchange have been abandoned.

Objects to Trotter Road Interchange.

Objects to service road configuration. Objects to service road configuration.

Objects to proximity of highway.

Plans for Trotter Road Interchange have been abandoned.

Service road not part of this project.

Service road not part of this project.

Alignment has been

Witness
Fred Oyhus Clarksville Ridge Citizens Assoc.
T. H. Dike Property Owner

Robert E. Phillips Property Owner

Irvin Gaither Property Owner

Robert E. Woodall Property Owner

Sally Ann Cooper Property Owner Holiday Hills

Synopsis of Comments
Objects to proximity of highway.

Questions construction responsibility of service road.

Objects to proximity of highway.

Is their property included within Maryland Route 108 interchange?

Inquired planned water and sewer improvements within this area.

Wants S.H.A. to consider recommendation of Holiday Hills Civic Association and construct alternate "B".

Disposition of Comments
Alignment has been shifted away from Clarksville Ridge.

Service road has been constructed by others.

Alignment has been
shifted away from Clarksville Ridge.

Interchange location will be resolved upon completion of Maryland Route 108 study.

Water and sewer are the responsibilities of Howard County.

Newberry Drive selected as access road to Holiday Hills.

Written Testimony

## Witness

J. H. Clawson Howard County Land Development \& Transportation Planning

Paul F.L.LePore Howard County Fire Administrator
W. O. Filbert Howard County D. P. W.
F. Leonard Dunn Howard County Recreation and Parks

Gerald W. von
Mayer
Howard County Planning \& Zoning
G. R. Walters

Howard County Police Department

Clifford M.
Stretmater Property Owner

Richard T. Ellis Trotter Road Association

Synopsis of Comments
Conforms with Howard County General Plan for Highways 1971.

Impact upon Clarksville Volunteer Fire Station.

County's plans for Trotter Road Relocation, Cedar Lane, access to Holiday Hills and new maintenance facilities at Routes 108 and 32.

Objects to Relocated Trotter Road and Pindell School Road access ramp.

Objects to Trotter Road interchange. Impact upon Little \& Middle Patuxents and Crickett Creek should be minimized. Holiday Hills access should be from relocated Pindell School Road.

Supports highway proposal.

Objects to proximity of highway.

Objects to Trotter Road Relocation and Interchange with list of names agreeing with his position.

Disposition of Comments Page
Project is part of
General Plan for
Highways.

Location of Maryland
Route 108 interchange has not been determined.

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Route 108 interchange has not been determined. Plans for Relocated
Trotter Road have been abandoned.

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Trotter Road have been abandoned. Implementation of sediment control 103 plan would minimize impact upon streams. Newberry Drive would provide 15 access to Holiday Hills.

Alignment has been

Plans for Trotter Road
change have been abandoned.

## Witness

Dudley $P$.
Jackson, M.D. Property Owner

James Salango Minister-Christ Memorial Presbyterian Church

Charles E. Hogg Attorney for W.R. Grace Company

Malcolm C. Thomas Property Owner

Mr. \& lirs. Wm. E. Tolson Property Owners

Cay G. Weinel,Jr. Howard Research \& Development

Mr. \& Mrs. Michael J.Baluck Property Owners

Synopsis of Comments
Objects to Trotter Road Relocation and Interchange.

Objects to service road configuration in area of church property.

Disposition of Comments Page
Plans for Trotter Road - 50
Relocation and Interchange have been abandoned.

Service road not a part. of this study.

Alignment has been
Support of highway and amenable to a shifting of the road resulting in a minimal encroachment on its property.

Objects to configuration Service road has been of service road near Allview Estates.

Object to proximity of the highway.

Supports project but questions construction responsibility of service roads shown on their property.

Object to Trotter Road Relocation and Interchange.
eliminated in this area.

Alignment has been shifted away from Clarksville Ridge.

Interchange at King's Contrivance is planned with some service road construction by developer.

Plans for Trotter

Road Relocation and Interchange have been eliminated.

In August of 1975, an Air Quality Technical Report was circulated to the Environmental Protection Agency, the Maryland Bureau of Air Quality and Noise Control, and the Federal Highway Administration. A summary of their comments to this supplemental report is shown below:

## Respondent

Environmental
Protection Agency

Maryland Bureau of Air Quality and Noise Control

## Synopsis of Comments

1) Wanted "worst case" Carbon monoxide modelling.
2) Desired I-95 and $B-W$ Parkway interchanges to be modelled.
3) Analysis of regional air quality.
4) Concerned by size of facility-traffic generator.
5) Desired analysis of monitoring data.

## Disposition of Comments Page

1) "Worst case" condi-66
tions have been used.
2) Interchanges have 68
been modelled.
3) See Air Quality 73
Report.
4) The number of
lanes to be built have been reduced.
5) Data included in report.

All of these comments, beginning in 1970, are part of the coordination process that the Maryland State Highway Administration has maintained with local, state and federal agencies during the course of this project. Response to these comments has been made in this Final Environmental Impact Statement and modifications to the project as a result of the comments have been incorporated where applicable.

Location of the Site: Grasslands Farm has been listed on the Maryland Historical Inventory for Anne Arundel County as Site \#94. The entire property has been denoted as an historical place. Grasslands Farm, consisting of the John Bowie House and several outbuildings, is located on the northwest quadrant of the intersection of existing Maryland Route 32 (Annapolis Junction Road) and the Baltimore-Washington Parkway.

Description of the Site and the Proposed Action: The total Grasslands property is 180.109 acres in size. The site is currently in private ownership and is being utilized for agricultural purposes by the tenant. There is one house, three barns, one corn crib, one former slave quarters building, and several smaller outbuildings on this property. The improvements to the property date from the early 1800 's.

The proposed action, being the construction of Maryland Route 32 Spur, will take approximately 8.35 acres or $4.6 \%$ of the Grasslands property. Approximately 5.35 acres of the proposed acquisition would be north of the existing Maryland Route 32 right-of-way and 3.00 acres south of the right-of-way. This right-of-way acquisition will also involve the taking of a 1-1/2 story barn on the Grasslands property. This wooden barn rests on a stone foundation and would be demolished as part of the roadway development plan. The barn structure itself, is in poor condition with part of the roof and one wall caved in. Plate 18 shows the layout of the property and the barn which would be affected by the proposed action.

At the present time, existing Maryland Route 32 is a two lane roadway, with no access controls, poor vertical and horizontal alignments, and is subject to flooding from Dorsey Run. The

traffic increases projected over the next thirty years, resulting from Fort George G. Meade and the National Security Agency, would exceed the capacity of the existing roadway, presenting a signify icant safety problem.

The proposed Maryland Route 32 Spur would be a four lane controlled access arterial highway with at-grade intersections and a frontage road. Twin bridges will be utilized to span Dorsey Run to alleviate flooding on the new roadway.

The right-of-way for the proposed project would closely follow the existing Maryland Route 32 right-of-way. The new roadway would require a minimum 250 foot wide right-of-way, whereas the existing right-of-way is only 30 feet wide.

Impact of the Action: The appropriation of 8.35 acres of land and the loss of the $1-1 / 2$ story barn are the major impacts to the historic property. The Maryland Historic Preservation Officer has been consulted, and his review of the case has concluded that the barn is an integral part of the historic property. He has also ruled that, although the farm has some local historical significance, it is not eligible for listing on the National Register of Historic Places. Due to the deteriorated condition of the barn and its relationship to the overall site, the Preservation Officer has determined that the loss of the barn would not significantly diminish the historic qualities of the site. The letters concerning this subject from the Maryland Historic Preservation Officer, dated March 1, 1976, and March 16, 1977, have been reproduced in Appendix "E".

Feasible Alternatives: One alternative was studied which would have routed the road north of the historic property, terminating in the parking lot of the National Security Agency just east of the Baltimore/Washington Parkway. This alternative was rejected for the following reasons:

1. This alignment does not fulfill the objectives of the land use plans of either Howard or Anne Arundel Cointies, because it would not provide a through route between Annapolis and I-70.
2. Approximately 3,400 more linear feet of roadway would be required than the chosen alignment.
3. An additional overpass would be needed to cross the Baltimore/Washington Parkway.
4. The crossing of Dorsey Run and its floodplain would necessitate a longer bridge.
5. Total additional costs would be in excess of $\$ 3.5 \mathrm{mil}-$ lion.
6. Continuous flow of traffic could not be provided through the National Security Agency parking lot to the local highway network.

An attempt to shift. the roadway further to the south of existing Maryland Route 32 would meet most of the same problems encountered above. In addition, an alignment to the south would more severely impact the Anne Arundel County Wetlands Unit \#l, and
necessitate the relocation of the Fort Meade Branch of the Chersie System railroad line, which in turn would displace an old slaves quarters building on the Grasslands property. The top ography south of existing Maryland Route 32 would also present a problem, requiring more extensive grading and filling.

The chosen alignment for Relocated Maryland Route 32 Spur falls within an established transportation corridor (Annapolis Junction Road and the Chessie System Railroad Line). Expansion of the roadway within this transportation corridor provides the least costly alternative with the minimum environmental impact, although a portion of the historical Grasslands property would be converted to highway usage.

Mitigating Measures: The deteriorated condition of the barn would make it impossible to move it to another location on the property. However, the State Highway Administration would give favorable consideration to salvaging all materials during the demolition of the barn and stockpiling the materials, if the owner would like to rebuild the barn at a later date.

In lieu of relocating the barn, the State Highway Administration would compensate the owner for the economic loss to his property. This particular barn is not currently being used by the owner because of its poor structural condition, and there are two other smaller barns on the property.

A modest shift of the proposed roadway eastward of existing Maryland Route 32, would entail a greater impact on the Grasslands property, by requiring more land and perhaps more structures. Additionally, the further the proposed roadway is from the main Bowie house, the less the visual, acoustical, and aesthetic imppact on the home.

During final design of the project, the State Highway Administration will enter into a formal agreement with the owner, which is satisfactory to the owner, for final mitigation measures relating to the barn.

## APPENDIX "A"

Definition of Terms

access roads
arterial highway
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A roadway facility by means of which vehicles can enter or leave an arterial highway.

A major thoroughfare which carries a significant portion of local or regional traffic volume, together with all rights-of-way for construction and operation thereof.

All species of plants and animals within a certain ecosystem.

Roads apart from the main roadway designed to keep accelerating and decelerating traffic separated from the through traffic flow. Used especially on high speed roads where several interchanges are built within a short distance of each other.

A major thoroughfare of two or more traffic lanes in each direction, having the same characteristics an an expressway, except that the conflict of cross-streams of traffic need not be eliminated at every intersection by means of grade separation structures.

A unit of sound pressure level.
Sound pressure levels in decibels measured with a frequency weighting corresponding to the "A-Scale" on a sound level meter. The A-scale tends to suppress lower frequencies (e.g., below $1,000 \mathrm{~Hz}$ ) and approximates the auditory response of the human ear.
The average amount of pollutant emitted by a pollution source per unit time or unit of activity. Automobile emissions are defined on a per mile basis.

Expressway
freeway
frontage road
grade separation structure
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A major thoroughfare of two or more lanes in each direction designed to eliminate principal traffic hazards. An expressway has the following characteristics: a) a median divider separating opposing traffic lanes to eliminate head-on collisions and sideswiping; b) grade separating structures to eliminate the conflict of cross-streams of traffic at all intersections; c) points of access and egress limited to predetermined locations; d) vertical curves of lengths sufficient to provide long sight distances; and e) shoulder of adequate width to permit vehicles to stop or park out of traffic lanes.

That land adjacent to a body of water (stream, river, etc.) which is preiodically inundated as a result of stormwater flows or runoff.

A fully controlled-access, divided, high speed, high capacity, arterial highway. All crossings are separated by bridges; pedestrians, animals, and cyclists are excluded; and abutting property owners are denied direct access to the roadway.

A road auxiliary to and located on the side of an arterial highway for service to abutting property and adjacent areas and for control of access.

A highway overpass or bridge carrying one roadway over another without providing access.
The supply of fresh-water encountered at the water table below the ground surface. Water bearing geologic strata below ground are referred to as aquifers.

Refers to special efforts made by the SHA to find suitable housing for people displaced by a highway project. If suitable housing cannot be found within the financial means of the displaced residents, then extraordinary methods may be utilized to get these people relocated satisfactorily.
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Level of Traffic Service

The sound level exceeded 10 percent of the time (the tenth percentile) for the time period under discussion. This value is an indicato of both the magnitude and frequency of occurrence of the loudest noise occurrence.

Six levels of traffic service identify the conditions existing under various speed and volume conditions on any street or highway. These levels of service, designated A through $F$, describe the best to worst conditions respectively. A detailed description of each level of service is given below:

Level of Service $A$ : Condition of free flow, with low volumes and high speeds. Traffic density is low, with speeds controlled by driver desires, speed limits and physical roadway conditions. There is little or no restriction in maneuverability due to the pressence of other vehicles, and drivers can maintain their desired speeds with little or no delay.

Level of Service B: The zone of stable flow, with operatspeeds beginning to be restricted somewhat by traffic conditions. Drivers still. have reasonable freedome to select their speed. Reductions in speed are unreasonable, with a low probability of traffic flow being restricted.

Level of Service $C$ : In the zone of stable flow, but speeds and maneuverability are more closely controlled by the higher volumes. Most of the drivers are restricted in their freedom to select their own speed. A relatively satisfactory operating speed is still obtained, with service volumes suitable for urban and rural design.

Level of Service D: Approaches unstable flow, with tolerable operating speeds being maintained though considerably affected by changes in operating conditions. Fluctuations in volume and temporary restrictions to flow may cause substantial drops in operating
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Right-of-way
service road
speeds. Drivers have little freedom to maneuver, and comfort and convenience are low, but conditions can be tolerated for short periods of time.

Level of Service E (Capacity): Cannot be described by speed alone, but represents operations at even lower operating speeds than in level $D$, with volumes at or near the capacity of the highway. At capacity, speeds are typically, but not always, in the neighborhood of 30 mph. Flow is unstable, and there may be stoppages of momentary duration.

Level of Service $F$ : Forced flow operations at low speeds, where volumes are above capacity. These conditions usually result from queues of vehicles backing up from a restriction downstream. Speeds are reduced substantially and stoppages may occur for short or long periods of time because of the downstream congestion.

Any undesirable audio signal or sound.
Parts per million; used to express the concentration of pollutants in air or water.

The hour of the day when the highest traffic volume occurs, usually between the hours of 4:00 pom. to 6:00 pom. The peak hour traffic volume is taken to be approximately ten (10\%) percent of the average daily traffic for the purposes of this report.
A form of public transportation by which large volumes of people are moved over fixed routes (e.g., subways).

The area acquired and reserved by the SHA for construction of the roadway and appurtenances thereto.
A roadway providing continuity of access on the adjacent secondary roads, where the construction of the freeway may have severed or disjointed the secondary roads system.
traffic capacity
wetlands

The maximum number of vehicles which have a reasonable expectation of passing over a given section of a lane or roadway in one direction (or in both directions for a two-lane or a three-lane highway) during a given time period under prevailing roadway and traffic conditions. Capacity is designated as Level of Service E.

Land or area such as swamps, tidal flats, or floodplains, which contain much soil moisture. Wetlands have a great capacity to absorb flood flows and also to support an abundance of varied and unusual species of plants, animals, and aquatic life.

## APPENDIX "B"

Roadway Profiles and Typical Sections














## PHASE I CONSTRUCTION TYPICAL SECTION





TYPICAL ULTIMATE SECTION
RELOCATED MARYLAND ROUTE 32


## APPENDIX "C"

## Relocation Assistance Work Sheets



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Re: Draft Environmental Impact Statement

Transmitted for your review is craft copy of this Administration's "Environmental Impact Statement" dated April 14, 1972, on the above referenced project. The Statement has been prepared in accordance with the Federal Highway Administration's Policy and Procedure Memorandum 90-1 dated August 21, 1971, concerning implementation of Section 102(2) (c) of the National Environmental Policy Act of 1959. Paragraph 6 c \& d of this directire requires this information be furnished to appropriate Clearinghouse and concerned agencies (Circular BOB A-95).

Those interested in the project are requested to review the enclosed and submit pertinent comments on or before June 30, 1972, to Mr. Philip R. Miller, Chief, Bureau of Special Services, State Highway Administration, 300 West Preston Street, Baltimore, Maryland 21201. A11 responses will be considered in developing the "Final Environmental Impact Statement", and in preparing the facilities ultimate design.

At the combined Corridor-Design Public Hearing for that portion of the project between Interstate Route 95 and the Baltimore-Nashington Parkway held October 19, 1970, public organizations and individuals in attendance were informed of the pertinent project data. In addition, interested parties have been contacted and apprised of the project development in order to establish the necessary planning and design coordination as is included within the Statement. It is intended to conduct a combined Corridor-Desien Public Hearing for the portion of the project between (I. 3. Route 29 and Interstate 95 simultaneously with a Corridor Public Hearing for the portion of the project between Maryland Route 108 to $U$. S. Route 29.
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Re: Contract No. HO-292- -771
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Contract No. AA -739-1-571

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Relocated Maryland Route 32
Patuxent Freeway to BaltimoreWashington Parkway
Draft Environmental Impact Statement
Dear Mr. Miller:
The above referenced project in Howard County has received the necessary review relative to the coordination process. The Department has the following comment:

The proposed alignment would pre-empi the pl-566 Patuxent :watershed Project Site \# 1. For further information regarding this flood control project, contact Mr. William weldon, State Conservation Engineer, J.S.D.A., Si] Conservation Service, Room 522, 13\%1 Hartwick Road, College Park, fiaryland 20710.
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EXHIBIT III

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The Soil Conservation Service has been furnished a copy of the drait environmental impact statement for review and comment.

Very truly yours,

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Dear Dave,
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EXHIBIT I


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## Review and Comment Transmittal Memorandum

 Metropolitan ClearinghouseAttached to this transmittal letter is a memorandum winch resents the Metropolitan Clearinghouse comments and includes a Certification of Council action.

You should now complete and file your formal application. copy of this memorandum and certification must be attached to your application. Please notify the Metropolitan Clearinghouse $f$ the filing date and the amount of federal funds requested aa Ion as the application is completed. If you have any questions, please contact Robert Vogel (383-5839).

Sincerely,


Robert N. Young Executive Director
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Mr. H. G. Downs
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Jurisdiction: Anne Arundel County and Howard County
Project Name: Revised Environmental Statement Related to the Construction of the Patuxent Freeway and Relocated M. Rete. 32 from Md, Rte, 108 to the Baltimore-Washington Parkway

Applicant: Stare Highway Administration Notification/Application received August 26,2972
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## PROJECT DESCRIPTION

This is the revised draft of the Environmental Impact Statement for the construction of the initial 24 foot roadway of the ultimate dual Patuxent Freeway and Relocated fid. Rte, 32 from Md. Rte. 108 to the Baltimore -Washington Parkway, a distance of 20.4 miles,

## STAFF COMMENTS

The Regional Planning Council, at its meeting on june 21, 1968, approved a staff report recommending grant approval for the construction of id. Rte. 32 from U.S. Rte. 29 to the Anne Arundel County Line. The staff reiterates the need for that facility, as well as the additional mileage presented in this referral.

However, the Regional Planning Council, at its meeting on September 17, 1971, rejected the Environmental Statement as then presented. The Revised Statement attempts to answer the staff comments as follows:
2. Question of availability of replacement housing for displaced 10 and middle income residents in Laurel or Columbia. Response consisted in assurances that relocation laws will be observed and that specific written assurances as to existence of comparable replacement housing and that an adequate relocation program is functional will be made at a later date.
2. Question as to impact of the project on existing and future development or the area. The Revised Statement addresses this question in a much more thorough manner. However, the final statement should take into account the potential impact of the proposed Marriott recreation park on the highway.
3. Question on the irreversible/irretrievable commitment of resources which was very poorly handled in the original statement. The Revised Statement
addresses this problem in a more rational manner and discusses those olementa which are truly irreversible or irretrievable.
4. Cueation as to the impact of the highway on the water table and streams of the area which the project traverses. The Revised Statement discusses these problems in a more detailed manner and the State Highway Administration agrees to correct problems caused by the project.

The staff would, however, urge the State Highway Administration to coordinate construction of these facilities with local open space plans so as not to preclude the possibility of overpasses for hiking and riding trails, etc. TH R STAFF RECOMENDS ENDORSEMENT OF THIS ENVIRONMENTAL STATEMENT.

I HEREBY CERTIFY that at its 101.th meeting, held on June 16, 1972, the Regional Planning Council concurred in this Review and Referral Staff Memorandum and incorporated it into the minutes of that meeting.

Original Signed By
June 26, 1972
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We have noted that a letter dated January 5, 1972, regaruling Md. Route 424 was Inadvertently included in the back section of the report with copies of correspondence. We trust that this letter will be re-flled with your Route 424 recorts.

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Re: 72-5-197 Patuxent Freeway - Route 108 to Anne Arundel County Line Relocated :id. Route 32

Dear Mr. Miller:
The State Clearinghouse is reviewing the referenced Environmental Impact Staternent - In accordance with the procedures established by the Federal Office of Management and Budget Circular A-95, we forwarded copies of this statement to interested State and regional agencies for their comments and recommendations. As of this date, we have not received a reply from U of $\mathrm{H}_{2}$, IN B anti During and w111 therefore need an extension of time to complete our review.

We are interested in this project and will provide you with the final results of the State Clearinghouse review as soon as possible. Thank you for your cooperation.


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Re: Contract No. H0-292- -771, Patuxent Freeway, Maryland Route 108 to Anne Arundel County Line; Contract No. AA-739-1-571, 110-292-27-771, Relocated Maryland Route 32, Patuxent: Freeway to Baitimore - Washington Parkway.

Dear Mr. Woodford:
We have recoived a revised draft environmentill impact :statement for the aboveroberoned project. the new infurantion contrinced in this docunent has mabled us to complete our revico of the impact of the project under Section 309 of the Clean Air Act Anendments of 1970; we offer these final coments for your consideration in developing tine final statement.

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Sincerely yours,

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DEPUTY CHIEF ENGR. DEVELOPMENT

Dear Mr. Wocdford:
This is in response to your letter of lay 12, 1972 for review conments on the draft environmental statement for Fatixents Freeway, di. Route 103 to Anne Arundel County line, and Relocated Md. Route 32. Patuxent Freeway to Baltimore-Washington Park my, dated April 14, 1972.

The Department of Defense has reviewed this draft EIS as requested and it has been determined that the proposed highway construction project does not have a significant environmental impact on Fort George G. Meade or the area immediately contiguous to this installation. The State of Maryland, Division of Water and Sewerage, hes already requested that extra precautions be taken to prevent soil erosion into the Patuxent River. The Department of Defense also requests that these extra precautions be taken because Fort George G. Meade uses this river as its source of water, and exesside soil erosion could create problems at the water treatment plant.

Thank you for giving us the opportunity to review this draft environmental statement.

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DEPUTY CHIEF ENGR. DEVELOPMENT

Contract No. AA-739-1-571
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Relocated Maryland Route 32
Patuxent Freeway to BaltimoreWashington Parkway

Draft Environmental Impact Statement
Re: Contract No. H0-292- -771


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to Anne Arundel County Line

Dear Mr. Woodford:
Mr. Walter E. Woodford, Jr.
Chief Engineer
State Highway Administration
300 West Preston Street
Baltimore, Maryland 21201

This office has reviewed the captioned study and finds that the proposals are generally in accordance with the General Plan of Highways for Howard County 1971.

We wish to call your attention to several matters relevant to the study.
1). The General Plan of Howard County was adopted by the Howard County Council on December 6, 1971. (Copy of General Highway Plan furnished for your reference).
2). The alternate No. 2, as indicated, is not desirable in reference to the proposed land uses and General Highway Plan of Howard County.
3). On February 5, 1971, a meeting was conducted by the representatives of the State Highway Administration and the Howard County officials, and there are still
some outstanding issues that have to be resolved since this meeting date. Reference to this meeting was contained in letter of transmittal to : 1 r. Hugh G. Downs, from this office, dated February 9, 1971, and subsequent corrected data contained in letter from Mr. Omar J. Jones from this office dated March 5, 1971.

Trusting the information as noted herein is sufficient for your present needs. Should you have any questions concerning the above, please contact this office at your convenience.

Very truly yours,


JHC, JR./sg
Attachment
cc: Mr. Omar J. Jones
Mr. William S. Hanna
Mr. William A. Altman
Mr. Thomas G. Harris, Jr.

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Mr. Philip R. Miller, Chief Bureau of Special Services State Highway Administration 300 West Preston Street Baltimore, Maryland 21201

Dear Mr. Miller:
Because bit extenuating circumstances we fere unable to meet the target date of June 30,1972 with comments on tine Draft Environmental Statement for the Patuxent Freeway - Rt. 108 and Relocated Rt. 32.

We are encouraged to find the recognition given the Middle and Little Paturent (PL-566) Watershed Project. The statement also adequately recognizes and provides for a construction sediment control program. No doubt the final statement will contain. these same provisions.

We appreciate the opportunity to comment on this statement and are sorry to be late.

Sincerely,

GRAHAM T. MUNKITTRICK State Conservationist
cc: Kenneth E. Grant, Administrator Dr. T. C. Berley


DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND MENTAL HYGIENE
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"t, Philip R. Miller, Chief
bureau of Special Services
State Highway Administration
SCO Yest Preston Street
Baltimore, Maryland 21201
Dear Mr. Miller:
Pursuant to the State Highway Administration's letter dated May 12, 1972, the Department of the Interior has reviewed the draft Environmental Impact Statement prepared in conjunction with the patuxent Freeway and Route 32 project, Howard and Anne Arundel Counties, maryland. Cur impressions and comments are as follow.

In the geomorphological description which appears on pages 3 and 9, all of the soils involved in this project are described as presenting a moderate to high susceptibility to erosion. It may will be that construction techniques and procedures oyer and above the usual aril be required to prevent or strictly limit soil erosion. In tins regard the discussion of water quality on page 23 appears to contain a contradiction, in that mention is made of the locations and details concerning drainage structures and appurtenances appearing on contract plans, and also that such data is not included as a part of an environmental statement because such data are Wi, Ruinous (and often nonexistent). He suggest that the possibility of erosion poses serious tinceat, and that the final statement should eaciress itself to this threat in significantly greater detail. The confusing wording cited above should also be eliminated or rewritten.
$\Lambda$ :second concern involves the intrusion of the proposed highway into the 22 acre wooded area north of the Heritage Heights subdivision. There is no indication regarding ownership, but if this forest tract is in
public ownership, we most strongly suggest that the 6.5 acres Enquired for higinay development ba replaced by adjoining lands of Bifilar cisdracter and usefulness. Ill also urge that all engineering and silvicultural techniques possible ba employed to protect the remaining woodlands from windfall, sudden and dramatic changes in drainage patterns, and the like.

Similarly, we note that the planned development requires Trotter Road to be located through another wooded area of seven acres. The area in question is part of the divide Fatuxent River Valley winch, in the vicinity of Columbia, has been the subject of intensive study as a proposed nature preserve - wildlife demonstration area. Since hicizay relocation on the scale procosed ( 150 foot $R C \times$ ) would render this wooded area useless for the purposes mentioned, we urge that Trotter hoad be relocated in such a may that damage to the natural environment is held to an absolute minimum. The final environmental statement should, in our view, evidence a combatant in principle ${ }_{4}^{4}$ this objective of preserving some small part of the environment. If, in either of the cases cited above, the land is publicly owned, and is used for part, recreation, wildlife or waterfowl (refuge) purposes, risen a $4(f)$ suanission is required in accordance with the Department of Transportation Act (Public Law 39-670).
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In looking at the plans, we note that a possible conflict may exist between Route 32 and a Land and Hater Conservation Fund project runcied in part by the Department of the Interior. Specifically, federal funds were involved in the acquisition of 9.5 acres adjacent to the rear of Gtholton School off U.S. 29 near Simpsonville. Prior bitten approval of the Secretary of the Interior is required before such recreation lands can be used for any purpose other than that for finch they were acquired.

Finally, the final draft should contain evidence of consultation with the State Liaison Officer for Historic Preservation regarding any adverse effects which the project might have on existing or proposed historic sites. Such information may be obtained from the Director, Maryland Historical Trust, Box 1704, Annapolis, Maryland 2140l, who has been designated as the State Liaison Officer for Historic Preservation in 肳ryland.

Sincerely yours,


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Mr. Walter E. Woodford, J=. Chief Engineer State Highway Administration 300 West Preston Street Baltimore, Maryland 21201

Dear Mr. Woodford:
He have reviewed the draft andrommental statement partanIng to the Patuxent Freeway, Contract No. HO-292-771, and the relocated Maryland Route 32, Contract No. AA-739-1-571 Ho-292-27-771. He concur in your statement concerning the impact of this project upon the environment.

Thank you for letting us review this statement.
Sincerely yours,

cc: Mr. Robert Lanza


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Applicant: State Highway Administration
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State Clearinghouse Control Lumber: 72-5m-197
State Clearinghouse Contact: Warren D. Hodges (303-2467)
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Department of Health and Mental Qyeiene: the Bureau of Air Quality Control bade extensive comments on the air quality data relative to predicted traffic volumes, land use development, nitrogen oxide emissions, and collective impacts with other expressways in the corridor. The Bureau urged that further consideration be given to these concerns.

Department of Natural Resources: expressed a strong interest in the project and noted that the statement reeds to more fully address environmental concerns recardinés streams, valleys, natural areas, projected land use patterns sud impacts on wildlife. The Depart ament also sue vested that alternatives be further explored in on effort to minimize adverse impacts, The jepartient noted the rare detailed information is needed on the possible impacts to State recreational and natural properties within the vacirity of the proposed road ertonsjors.
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Contract No. HO-222 - 771 Patuxent Freeway - Maryland Route 103 to Anne Arundel County Line
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The Department of Natural Resources has an interest in this projact and its Drafi Environmental Impact Statement.

The Department suggests that the Draft statement more fully address environmental concerns regarding streams, valleys and projected land use patterns.

There will be major intrusions upon vaters and valleys of ths Little Patuxent, Midale Patuxent, Cricket Creek, Dorsey Run and a tributary 1,000 feet East of Route l. The Statement recognizes the need to preserve the integrity of these resources, but the Department suggests that alternatives be more fully explored to insure that tha highway impact upon these rescurces will be absolutely minimal. Interchanges at relocated Trotter Zoad, future Broken Land Parkway and access proposals near Simpsonville will cross major streams and will be disruptive to numarous tributaries within construction areas.

A major impact of this proposed highway development will be in its improved access and the intrusion into areas now relatively indeveloped that support both large and small gama. The carrying capacity of these lands for large gane will be virtually obliterated, and the carrying capacity for small gans will be substantially redueed. The increased residential and industrial development of the anea that will follow the hishway development can be expected to lead to the prohibition of consumptive use of wildiine that remains in the area.

The Department of Natural Resources is charged with providing rocroational opportunities for citizens of the state and, in this broad charge, has an interest and would wish to foster and encourage Tee hunting such as is provided by the game proserve which this project proposes to intersect. Will the land so lost be replaced fy contiguous land of similar character for tris recreational use?

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Contract Ho 292-3.3-771
Paturent Freeway
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I $\times 95$ to U. S. Route 1.

Dear Mrs. Arbor:
Thank you for your letter of October 28,1973 advising of your concerns as regards the probable consequences of implementing the proposed Paturent Freeway in the vicinity of Savage, Maryland.

The increase in traffic volumes experienced in your area is symptomatic of the strategic location in the Baltimore Washington corridor. This corridor which features ever increasing social, economic and cultural opportunities is one of the fastest growing areas in the nation. Continued growth in your vicinity is envisioned by the General Develop n mont Plan adopted by the Regional Planning Council December 1.5, 1972. The General Plan for Howard County adopted December 6, 1971 by the Howard County Council designates the eastern portion of the county for organized urban growth during the 1970-1980 period and specifies the ElkridgeSavage corridor area as a major center of land development activity. Transportation facilities, including highways, are required to support growth determined by local, regional and state planning.

The proposed Patuxent Freeway is a major interregional East -West highway transverse to the Baltimore Washington corridor connecting Interstate Route 70 N near Cooksville with U. S. Route 50 at Annapolis and providing a more direct highway link between Western Maryland and the Eastern Shore. Mass transit vehicles can take full advantage of the new efficient highway.

The probable environmental impacts of implementing the proposed Patusent Freeway, Including air and noise, were assessed in a draft environmental statement which utilized comments from local, state and Federal agencies, community organizations and interested parties and was circulated to various local, state and Federal agencies during Hay 1972. A Final Environmental Statement is now being prepared utilizing comments received during the planning process and the early design phase.

Thin project has been delayed for several years as we attempt to comply with numerous requirements of Federal regulations. On October 10, .973 approval of the design for an initial 4 lane divided highway was requested from the Federal Highway Administration. The design cannot be completed until environmental issues are satisfactorily resolved and Federal design

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approval has been obtained.
If the design is approved, the ouderly maintanance of traffic in your vininity will be a prine consideration within the contract documents. It is expected that a new Savage Road bricte will be available to notorists prior to construction of Patuxent Freaway.

Trusting that this supplies the information you require at this time, I wish to remain

Very truly yours,
Bernard M. Evans
State lighway Administrator



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Mr. Philip R. Miller, Chief
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State Highway Administration 300 West Preston Street
Baltimore, Maryland 21202
Re: Patument Freeway (Relocated Md. Rte 32)
Cont. : HHO 292-34, -46,-771
From I-95 to Mid. Route 108
Dear Mr. Mi.11er:
This office has coordinated the review of the public hearing documents with other Howard County agencies as requested.

The following agencies offer no comments at this time:
Office of County Council
Howard County Civil Defense
Howard County Public School Syste:-
Postmaster, Elliott City, Maryland
Attached, herewith, are sclf-caplanatory copies of comments received from the following agencies:

Howard County Police Department
Department of Parks \& Recreation
Office of Fire Administrator
Bureau of Engineering, Department of Public Works Division of Comprehensive Planning, Office of Planning \& Zoning

This office offers the following comments relent to the Fatusent: Freeway:

1. The plan does not indicate the obligation for construction financial responsibility for the future extension of Broken Land Parkway from the interchange limits to the proposed connection with existing Route 32. This question was previously raised in a meeting with the State Highway Administration and Howard County representatives in October 1969.
2. The plan does not reflect extension of Kinder Road as show on the General Plan of Highways 1971 adopted by the Howard County Council or. December 6, 1971.
3. With respect to the access plan alternate for the Holiday Hills subdivision area, we recommend the following order of priority: Alternate $C, D$ ansi $B$. The proposed Alternate A route would obviously create an adverse impact on the Middle Patuxent River flood plain valley.
4. The Howard County Department of Public Works is presently evaluating a proposed alternate relocation plan study of Cedar Lane for determination of final route selection.
5. Relocated Trotter Road interchange alignment does not: correspond with the General Plan of Highways 1971. See the attached schematic alternate centerline relocation to reflect the alignment and continuity of the Little Patuxent Parkway as shown on official Howard County General Plan.

We offer the following comments on U.S. Route 29 service road supplement plan:

1. The Owen Brown Road Alternate A relocation generally corresponds to the alignment as show on the General Plan of Ilighways 1971. Owen Brow Road Alternate B relocation provides a more direct service road continuity but appears to have a more disruptive and adverse effect on the established vicinal residential property development.
2. The proposed extension of Broken Land parkway to the nest of U.S. Route 29 and the study road traffic circiluton pattern generally conforms to the pervious proposals of the Howard Research and Development Corporation on schematic plans submitted to the Howard County planning Board for review of concept considerations.

Trusting the information as furnished, herewith, is sufficient for your present needs.

Very truly yours,


JHC, JR./sg
cc: Mr. Mar J. Jones
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Mr . William A. Altman
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Mr. J. H. Clawson, Jr., Chief Division of Land Development

Patuxent Freeway (Relocated Maryland Route 32 from Maryland Route 108 to I-9'j)

This office is concerned about the effects the construction will have on the Clarksville volunteer fire Station.

A detailed clarification is needed to assure fire station operations and response will not be adversly affected by the proposed construction.

The undersigned recommends a meeting be scheduled to review the proposed construction with representatives of the fifth Dis. trict Volunteer fire Department, DPW, Division of Land Development and the fire Administrator to completely clarify the uncertainties concerning the proposed construction.


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Refnrence is made to your letter of hisy 16,1973 , requesting comments from his Deparement relative to the preliminary plan prepared wy the State fighway Administration for relocation of Route 32 fron harylanc zoute 108 to I-.95.

Having reviowed this plan, the following coments are submitted for trans-

The S.F. A. should be adivised that for:ard Courty is presently developing the realignacht of Cedar Lane between existing Cwen Brown ?oad and Pinciell School hoad and this aligrment will deternine the location of the interchange for cedar Lane.
2) The present plan proposes the construction of a service road North of relocated Route 32 , which road will temirate approwinately micoay between codar Lane and Trotter road. It is the opinion of this departhent that this service road should be extended to frotter Road; it is felt that this anditional construction will alleviate apparent traffic congestion which :ill de:olop at Cedar Lane if the incustrial traffic ( $\%$. R. Grace) is denied access from Troter Road.
3) The S.i. A. should be advised that noward County has development plans for the Northenst quadrant for: the Route 103 and relocated Route 32 intersoction. These plans propose construction of acditional County office and maintenance facjlities.

IThe county proposes, within the noxt several years, to develop plans for the relocat:ion of Trotter poad. Prior to finalizin; the relocation of Route 32, tho county plans should be incorporated.

In poviewing the alternate methods for provjding aceoss to the noliday nills arean, it is recomorded that the State incluce in thoir plans tine constuction of alternate alignment "C" and "D". It is felt that those alternates will provite for the best circulation of traffic within the ceveloped areas in the vicinity of Holiday tills and the development of those lands presently unimpored.

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i) fhis Demarment is of the opinion that the information submitred for our revigu jails to juotiry the adibional conts of providiry an intercharge momay betioen broken Land Parkwaif and jobte 29. Ie is fait that the service road "C" on the Sowth side of ronte 32 siould cross foute 32 at: apmoximately Station $760 \pm$ and continue in an Easterig divection, consecting with Snowden River pabkny, intersecting service road "D" and Carlinda ticive.
(3) The rost end of project where it joins existing no:te 32 in Clarksville appears to materially interfere with the proper and safe operation of the clarbsille Fire station. The Nest-boune 32 to Northeast Route 105 ram appears to cross dangereusiy close to and in front of the station. Should sufficient displacement distance be found not possible, we vould sugest that S.H.A. should be obliged to provide a suitable alternative site with quartors.

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T0: Stephen N. Allwell
ripon: Gerald W. vol Mayer
RE: Patuxent Freeway (Relocated Md. Route 32 from Md. Route 103 to 1-95)
After having reviewed the attached copy of the proposed alignment of the Patuxent Freeway, the following contents are given:

1. State Highway Administration should do its utmost to minimize the impact of the proposed high tray through both the Little and Middle Patuxent stream valleys as well as Cricket Creek.
2. In reviewing the said plans, this office would question the need for an interchange at Trotter food, since it is so close to the Clarksville or Route 29 Interchange. Furthermore, the approaches to the proposed interchange at Trotter Rose would seen to critically affect some of the valuable ecological areas of the tributary (Cricket Creek) to the Middle Patuxent River.
3. The access from Holiday hills to Route 32 would seem to be best served by the proposed access road that would tic into relocated Pindell School Road.

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 EILIEDTT CITY, MARYLAND 21043Hay 24, 1973

Mr. J. H. Clawson, Jr., Chief Division of Land Development and Transportation Planning County Office Building Ellicott City, Maryland 21043

## RE: Patuxent Freeway

ir. Clawson:
In reviewing your correspondence dated 16 May 1973, concerning the proposed relocation of Maryland Route 32 in Howard County which would incorporate the Patuxent Freeway between ilaryland Route 103 in Clarksville and the Interstate Route 95, it is our conclusion that such a controlled access arterial highway would be desirable in its function to serve as a major arterial link between the existing Baltimore-Hashington Parkway, Interstate 95 and Western Howard County including points north and west.
This highway transportation network as functionally proposed, should have the effect of lessening the present and projected traffic volume on surrounding major, collector and local rod ways. These have gradwally developed into overloaded principle routes of travel to and from local and distant traffic generators.

When completed, the Patuxent Freeway and relocated Maryland Route 32 should become the most direct, thereby the most desirable, route of travel to and from these inter-city controlled access freeways.

The projected traffic volume should result in a lower volume movement on surrounding roadways, subsequently resulting in a lower degree of collision experience due to a lower point of conflict ratio and less congestion.
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Hay 24, 1973

## Re: Patuxent freeway

Thank you for your interest in contacting us regarding this major highway improvement.

Sincerely,


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Dear Mr. Ling:
The Maryland Historical trust has been asked to comment on the relocation of Md. Rt. 32, Paturent Freeway, Md. Ret. 108 to Baltimore Washington Parkway. Within the area under consideration, there are numerous historic buildings which are listed on the 'rust's survey records. Shown on the enclosed map, these are:

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39 - Iris Hill or Wortinington's Quarter; 17l0, two

40 - Moundlandi; c. 1858, built of local stone
41 - Joshua Barney incuse; c. 1750
90 - King's Contrivance; two and one-half story brick century

157 - Alabama Farm; two story stone
158 - River Hill; two story stone
1.61 - Due House; two stor: stone

163 -- Tierney Gambrel Roof louse (site); burned
1.64 - White Wine and Claret (Filling's Stone House);
 hale stories

165 - Vogel house; two story stone farmhouse much enlarged in early part of twentieth century by concrete blocks simulating stone

267 - Wildwood; clapboard house with log part underneath in one sectron, well preserved los smoienousc south of the house

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None of these buildings appear to be in anger except for bo. 165, the vogul :ouse. In ordo to determine the significance of this nose, I asked Mrs. Francis anon, a member of the howard County Committee of the Maryland Historical trust, for hor comments. MEter looking at the exterior of this house, sur. Mason felt that since it was in poor condition and had been extensively altered, its historic qualities had been greatly diminished. She did not object to its possible demolition for this highway but hoped that a solution might be found that would aroid all historic sites. The Trust agrees with her position.

Mink you for giving us the opportunity to comment on this project.

Sincerely,
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George J. Andreve
Assistant Architectural ilistorian

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Enclosure
$\mathrm{cc}:$ Mrs. Francis Mason
Mrs. Edwin Gramkow

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In accordance with various laws and regulations, the state Highway Administration requests the early review of the captioned project area by local historical interests. We should like to obtain the opinions of the ane Fruncel County Historical Trust, and any other local body or concerned individual regarding historically significant sites potentially affected by the project. Ii, as a member of the mme Arundel County historical Trust, you know of any other local interested party, place notify Ms. llargarot Ballard, 383-6887, of my office so that we can secure their comments.

Enclosed please find a copy of a map which shows the poorcion of the project within Fine Arundel County. Your comments on this portion will be greatly appreciated.


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Enclosures
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Very truly yours,


Eugene T. Camponeschi, Chief
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Dear Mr. Hajzyk:
In response to your request for information on the vogel House in Howard County, whose taking is required by Route 32 , I asked the Trust's Architectural Eistorian, ur. George Endreve, to visit the site, and we also arranged for a visit and comments by the chairman of the Howard County Committee, firs. Edwin Gramkow. tie greatly appreciate tine assistance of ks. Margaret Ballard, Who personally took photographs and brought then here to enable me to make a determination.

Based on the material thus provided, it is my opinion that this structure is not eligible for the National Register of Historic Places. Also, though, I fish to have some record mage of it and some old materials saved for re-use, it is my opinion that this structure does not possess the quality of "significance" which would require a special review under Section $4(f)$ of the Department of transportation enabling legislation.

As I have discussed with Mr. Eckharde, at the appropriate time I would like to have someone from the Trust office landor committee join with your representative to work out details of a minimal recording (a few photographs and perhaps a floor plan of the old part of the structure) and a selection of materials (if any) to be salvaged and offered for reuse by some appropriate preservetion organization. I suggest that at tine appropriate time, your representative call Nr. Encireve who can handle these matters.

I appreciate very much your assistance in this natter, and hope that these determinations, opinions, and requests fulfill any need for response from the State Historic Preservation Officer.

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Mr. Eugene Camponeschi Bureau of Project Planning State Highway Administration Department of Transportation 300 W. Preston Street
Baltimore, Maryland 21203


Re: liaryland Route 32 from Maryland Route 108 to Baltimore/Washington Parkway Contract No. AA 739-1-571 H0292-27-771

Dear Mr. Camponeschi:
I am writing in response to your letter of November 25, 1975, concerning historical properties adjacent to Maryland Route 32. I believe my letter of November 24 to Mr. Robert Hajzyk gives the determination of effect that is required for the portion of the road in Howard County.

In regard to the smaller portion in Fin ne Arundel County, I feel that no historic properties would be adversely impacted by the proposed construction as the alignment is shown on the attached map. The only historic property near the section Route 32 in Anne Arundel County is Bowie House - Grasslands - and dependencies (茾94). The barn is nearest to the present road. Since the proposed road does not have an alignment north of the present road where the barn is located, I feel that there would not be adverse impact to it by the new construction.

In addition, if archaeological remains are found during construction of the new road, I hope that a competent archaeologist will be contacted so that they might be evaluated.


JNP/sc :
cc: . Robert Hajzylz, Donald Eckhardt, Orwin Talbot
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Department of Economic and Comninaity Development

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March I, 1976

Mr. Eugene T. Camponeschi
Chief, Bureau of Project Planning

- State Highway Administration

300 Vest Preston Street
Baltimore, Maryland 21203
RE: Maryland Route 32 from Maryland Route 108 to Balt./Wash. Parkway
AA 739-1-571
HO 292-27-771
Dear Mr. Camponeschi:
I am writing in regard to a barn which will be demolished if the above mentioned project is carried out. Near Route 32 in
$\therefore$ Anne Arundel County is Bowie House (Grasslands) and dependencies (芹94). The barn in question is part of this farm which is listed in the historic survey records of the Trust. However, I feel that this barn is not eligible to be placed on the National Register. If you concur in these findings, the proposed action will not require review under Section 106 of the Historic Preservation Act of 1966, but might require review under Section $4(f)$ of the U.S. Department of Transportation Act, if federal funds are involved.

I hope this determination will fulfill any need for response from the State Historic Preservation Officer.

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Enclosure
cc: Mrs. Edwin Gramkow Mrs. Ann Agee




Qe：Air Quality Analysis for Raryland Route 32 from Maryland Route 108 to the Baltimore／Washington Parkway

The Bureau of Air quality and Hoise Control has received the copies of the a pre air quality analysia which was forwarded to us on August 12，1975．Aiter On page t，in number 4 of the sumary，the comment is gade that the capacity the proposed patuxent freeway would far exceed the projected trafeic growth． Referring to plate 5，the Average Daily Traffic（ADT）for the most hoavily avelled fogment of the proposad freeway is 66,100 vehicles．Assuming a $10 \%$
 fore，this segment could accomodate $150 \%$ more trafeic than is projecthed in the year forecasts＇This percentage rises to $400 \%$ for the less heavily travelled dements．Why is so much extra capacity being built into this highway？it mould he fhai e 6 lane orevpn a 4 lane hignhay could serve the expected traffic if gnificant traffic－inducing effect．Even greater amounts of development could be attracted to the area than ere currently foreseen．Tnis，in turn，will cause Gher tractic volumes than originally projected and the larger capacity facility Wil be justified．Unless a reasonable rationale exist
freeway jn this corridor，the plans should be revised．

A second point is the absence of certain air monitoring data for the area． The only actual data which is documented is that obtained from a special study of catbon nonoxide background concentrations．In addition，there are non－continu－
us data available for nitrogen dioxide and suspended particulate matter at
impsonville in Howard County．Although，thers are no monitoring sites in Howard finty for photochemical oxicante，it should not be lgnored．This project is cated in the Balifmom Hotropolitan Arr Quality Control Regionman area in which


Te oxidant concentrations are greatly in excess of the standard. Because of tie bquicoun nature of this pollu'cont and the high level minis have been recorded
 miso being exceeded in liowasd County.

ABide 民̇orn these considerations, it has been out understanding fiat a consaltant Eve the State Highway Administration had monitored in the Route 32 corgipr during tine summer oi 1974. Ozone jas ore of the pollutants winch was being basured. The Bureau morally discourages the use of shotr-terin monitoring data for comparison to air quality standards. However, exceptions have been made as H five case of carbon monoxide, where monitoring was performed during a period hen the highest concentrations had been observed to occur. The same principle
 gumer-methe season of highest oxidant readings-minat data bight be valuable and compared to other sites measuring jinx. IE high levels are reported at all sites, then they should be reported.

Once the oxidant problem in Howard County has been addressed, it is necessary Ie late the proposed project co it. This is most easily done by reference to tie transportation control measures promulgated by the EPA for Baltimore. They re briefly mentioned on page 3 but they reed to be discugged in the above conest in order to be mananginul.

I hope these comments will prove useful to you in the preparation of the ina Eayizonmental Tract Statement.

Very truly fours,


William K. Bonta, Chief
Division of Program Planning and Evaluation Bureau of Air Çuality and Noise-Control

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Howard County Health Dept.
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Mr. Eugene T. Camonesch:
Chief, Bureau of Project zas:nirg
Maryland Department of Transportation
State Higilvay administration
300 West Preston Street
Baltimore, Maryland 21201
Re: Maryland route 32 from Maryland Route 108 to the Baltimore/irashington Parkway

Dear :Ir. Caimponeschi:
We appreciate the opportunity to review the Supplementary Air Quality Analysis for the $\dot{\text { Qu}} 0$ oe project. Anile we have no objections with the general approach to the analysis of potential air quality impacts of the proposed project we have outlined below elements in the study where revisions mig be necessary to insure adequate study results.

## Microscale Air Quality Salysis

It is not clear that the evaluation of carbon monoxide (CO) impacts related to the proposed project fully follows the 'worst case" analytical approach necessary for curviation to the applicable National Ambient Air Quality Standards. Ss these criteria do rot allow for exceeding standards in areas of free public access fore than once a year, we have found that using a combination of 1) "roast case" traffic conditions, 2) "worst case" netcorological data, 3) "worst case" fleet emission factors (usually in tine year of project completion), and 4) 'worst case" modeling receptors is necessary to identify and gantify pollution "hot spots".

While the air quality analysis of midsection traffic links may provide an adequate evaluation of those areas, we note the need to also model the intersections of maximum traffic interface where the highest emission densities might be expected. Vie would suggest that further study should model the combined insect of the two connections with major radials ( $i-35$ and the Baltimore/iiasington Parkway) and attention should also be given to the potential of 1 ) decreased levels of traffic service at these prints, and 2) queuing conditions during peak hour traffic levels. The modeling receptors should also be located at

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Whine the Suphenenti Air Quality Analysis has quantified the projected pollutant buret from the posed project there is inadequate discussion of these contributions as they relate to the regional pollutant strategies in the Baltimore Fansportation Central plan and subsequent implications on consistency with the State Implementation Plan.

As a circumferential element between the two major southbound radials the travel generated (and development subsequently induced) by the project may be a significant factor in regional air quality conditions and subsequent measures required to attain and maintain standards.

Revisions of tine study should address more specifically the route's role in the pollutant reduction requirements as specified in Transportation Control plan, the growth and development projections induced by this route and their relationsing :with regional planning objectives.

In conclusion we wonder whether the meteorological data is adequately representative of area conditions or whether more current data would be more appropriate.

We would appreciate receipt of tho (2) copies of the revised study if it is to be circulated or five (5) copies of the final Environmental Impact Statement at such time as it is filed with the Council on Environmental Quality. If you have further questions or if we can be of further assistance yod ray wish to contact Mr. San Little of my staff at 215-597-8336.

Sincerely yours,


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retu:crit Freeway (Md. Rte. 32. Reioc.) from U.S. Rite. 29 to Antis inundel. County IMine

Dear Secreatry Hughes:
The County Council, the County's legislative delegation, ansi $T$ are very seriously concerned with tho continued delays in State Highway construction in Howard County. In particular, construe-
 expedited and planning for the rte. 2g-bte. 108 Interchange, including the required public meanings, armand be accelerated.

It is our understanding that line required public hearings for the referenced segment of patient Freeway were held on october 19, 3.970 and August 15,1973 resisectivel 19 and that the Final Draft Gnrixonmental Impact Statements are in process of preparation, to satisfy final Federal Highiey Administration directives.

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 and Gestminster. Connetions are made with such other major highways as U.S. Route 50, Maryland Route 3, the Baltimore-Washington Parkway, U.S. Route 1, Interstate Route 95, U.S. Route 29, Maryland Route 108, Interstate Route $70-\mathrm{N}$, Maryiand Route 26 and U.S. Route 140 .

The need for the laturatit Fresey (inempand houte 32 Relocated) has Jom, heca recognized by State an! Cownty plamers, County elected officiafs and State lesistames. The Curerat plan of Highways for Hemard count:y adopted July 20 , foen, meceifice a new Mary land Route 32 roming, from the ane armalel cuinty !ing to later:tate $70-\mathrm{N}$. This hathay corridor was ident fied ats the "Savabe-Cooksville Frocway" and deseribed ats follows:


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This system of highways includes U.S. Rote te l, Interstate Route 95, U.S. Route 29, Interstate Route $70-\mathrm{N}, \mathrm{U} . \mathrm{S}$. Route 40 , New Maryland Rome 100 and the Patient Freeway (Maryland Route 32 Relocated).
 (Maryland Route 32 Relocated), these highways are located in the easter section of the County and are generally oriented in a NorthSouth direction. Although Route I-70N is an East-West facility, it $j \beta$ located along the Northern fringe of the County. The Patient Fromay (Maryland Route 32 Relocated) has been planned to provide Ent-best service for the southern porter of the County and NorthSot service for the mid-wemem section.
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 that project．

Your personal attention to these vitally important matters will be greatly appreciated．

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A portion of the 1971 General plan of flowed Connie adopted December 6, 1071, relating to the Major Thoroughfare plan (Transportation

Corridors) reads as follows:
"The Major: Thoroughfare Plan for howard County is the result of one of several component studies conducted as part of the County's comprehensive planing and development profane The study and jus resulting plan was prepared to meet byob trawl demands in Howard County. It consists of freeways, expressenas, arterial amd collector routes, and it is designed to serve all travel functions in the County.

Traffic e estimates indicate that trip generation within Howard County has increased by about 76 percent during a six year period from 1962 to 1963 . This growth in trip generation is expected to continue to increase at an accelerated rate, and by 1975 , trip generation will. mote than double. Much of the increase in traffic e generation will occur ats would be expected, in the eastern hate of Howard county. Tho continued growth and trhamiontion of the Eltionet City area, the development of the
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The State Roads Commission and its successor, the State Highway Noninistration has, since at least 1966, included this facility among the "Critical" State Hişhaay recon.

## TRAFFIC AS A FACTOR

An examination of the State's traffic data reveals that the average daily traffic (fDr) on existing Maryland Route 32 over the past five Year: has; incroat;ed as follows:




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From the above, it is evident that mail the Patusent freeway (Maryland Route 32 Relocated) is constructed, existing Maryland Route 32 will
 roads will also become congested, since they would be required to relieve existing maryland Route 32 by carrying a portion of the traffic which logically and naturally would use Maryland Route 32, but cannot because it is unable to accommodate the demand.

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J. Herbert Clawson, Jr.

From：Theodore H．Schaefer，Jr．
Subject：Middle Datuxent－Hopkins Area
Date：February 27， 1976

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In a meeting held February 24，1976，to discuss the intersection of new Maryland Route 32 with the designated open space of the Middle Patuxent－Hopkins Area，the County Executive，along with representa－ Lives of the Department of Recreation and Parks，Department of Public Works，and Office of Planning and Zoning addressed the conflicts brought forth by the State Highway Administration（SHA）．

It was agreed that there is no way to avoid crossing designated open space with any road alignment due to the linear quality of the stream valley system．Also，Mr．Camponeschi＇s request will be impossible for the county to grant as it does not own the areas under discussion． Finally，it was decided that as long as the SHA agrees to the following consideration，there is no conflict between the proposed Maryland Route 32 and the County stream valley park system as delineated on the General Plans of 1962 and 1971：
a．Allow access for the southern end of the Middle patuxent Environmental Area．
b．Accommodate adequate flow of pedestrian，equestrian and other non－motorized vehicle traffic as established by the Department of Recreation and Parks around and／or under any structures（i．e．bridges）．
c．Consult with the Department of Recreation and Parks con－ cerning the esthetics of the road and its structure where SHA cross the proposed parkland．

## United States Department of the Interior



OfFICE OF THE SECRETARY
WASHINGTON, D.C. 20240

In Reply Refer To: L7619-MQ
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JUN 241976

Dear Mr. Ackroyd:
Inis is in response to the request for the Department of the Interior's comments on the Supplement to Draft Environmental Statement, Section 4 (f) Statement for Historical Sites, for relocated Maryland Route 32 in Ame Arundel and Howard Counties, Maryland.

We have reviewed the subject document, which discusses the ispacts on a historical property identified as No. 94, Grasslands Farm, in Ame Arundel County. The appropriation of 8.35 acres of land and the 1088 of a deteriorated 1-1/2 story barn are the major impacts to the subject property. The State Historic Preservation Officer has indicated that he considers the barn as ineligible for inclusion in the National Register of Historic Places and that the $108 s$ of this deteriorated structure will not significantly diminish the historic qualities of the site. However, further clarification 18 needed.

The Federal Highway Administration should apply the criteria of eligibility for liating on the Rational Register of Hiatoric Places to Grasslands Farm. In addition, the proposed project site should be surveyed for evidence of archaeological remains to further deternine the possibility of Section 4(f) involvement. If the property is found not eligible and no significant archaeological sites are discovered, then the substantive and procedural measures to preserve cultural resources sould be cosplete. Should the farm or sites be found eligible, then further procedural steps would be required to satisfy the requirements of the Advisory Council on Historic Preservation ( 36 CFR, Part 800) and Section 4(f). Evidence of these deterainations should be included in the Final Rnvironmental Statement.
 parties, agree upon suitable mitigation measures affecting the barn.

This Department's letter of July 7, 1972, (copy enclosed) commenting on the draft environmental impact statement for the highway project raised other concerns of interest. The project eponsor and/or the Federal Bighway Administration should respond as appropriate to those concerns.

We concur that (1) there is no feasible and prudent alternative to use of the bistoric Grasslands Farm, and (2) the project, as planned, includes all

# possible planning to minimize harm to this property, providing the issues raised above are addressed in the Final Statement. <br> We shall appreciate receiving copies of the Final Environmental Statement and the Final Section $4(f)$ Statement when they become available. 

Sincerely yours,<br>(Sgd) Stanley D. Doremus<br>Deputy Assistant Secretary of the Interior

Mr. Richard Ackroyd<br>Division Administrator<br>Federal Highway Administration<br>George H. Fallon Federal Building<br>Room 206<br>31 Hopkins Plaza<br>Baltimore, Maryland 21201

Enclosure
cc: Mr. Robert J. Hajzyk Maryland DOT

Mr. Eugene I. Camponeschi Bureau of Project Planning State Highway Administration Maryland Department of Transportation 300 West Preston Street
P.O. Box 717

Baltimore, Maryland 21203
March 16, 1977

Re.: Maryland Route 32 from Maryland Route 108 to Baltimore/Washington Parkway
AA 739-1-571
HO 292-27-771

Dear Sir:
This letter is in regard to Grasslands, a farm located near proposed improvements to the project listed above. Previously, I wrote that only the barn was not eligible for the National Register. I would like to clarify any problems that might have arisen concerning this project by stating that I do not believe the entire farm to be eligible for the National Register.


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## APPENDIX "F"

Maryland Environmental Assessment Form.

This form is to assist the reviewers in determining whether a proposed action could cause significant natural and socioeconomic environmental effects and thus require an Environmental Exfects Reports.


1. Will the action be within the 100 year floodplain?
2. Will the action require a permit for construction or alteration within the 50 year floodplain?
3. Will the action require a permit for dredging, filling, draining, or alteration of a wetland?
4. Will the action require a permit for the construction or operation of facilities for solid waste disposal including dredge and excavation spoil?
5. Will the action occur on slopes exceeding 15\%?
6. Will the action require a grading plan or a sediment control permit?
7. Will the action require a mining permit for deep or surface mining?
8. Will the action require a permit for drilling a gas or oil well?
9. Will the action require a permit for airport construction?
10. Will the action require a permit for the crossing of the Potomac River by conduits, cables, or other like devices?
11. Will the action affect the use of a public recreation area, park, forest, wildlife management area, scenic river, or wildland?
12. Will the action affect the use of any natural or manmade features that are unique to the county, state, or nation?
13. Will the action affect the use of an archaeological or historical site or structure?
B. Water Use Considerations
14. Will the action require a permit for the change of the course, current, or cross-sectimon of a stream or other body of water?
15. Will the action require the construction, alteration, or removal of a dam, reservoir, or waterway obstruction?
16. Will the action change the overland flow of storm water or reduce the absorption capacity of the ground?
17. Will the action require a permit for the ailing of a water well?
18. Will the action require a permit for water appropriation?
19. Will the action require a permit for the construction and operation of facilities for treatment or distribution of water?
20. Will the project require a permit for the construction and operation of facilities for sewage treatment and/or land disposal of liquid waste derivatives?

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21. Will the action result in any discharge into surface or subsurface water?
22. If so, will the discharge affeet ambient water quality parameters and/or require a discharge permit?
C. Air Use Considerations
23. Will the action result in any discharge into the air?
24. If so, will the discharge affeet ambient air quality parameters or produce a disagreeable odor?
25. Will the action generate additional noise which differs in character or level from premsent conditions?
26. Will the action preclude futuse use of related air space?
27. Will the action generate any radiological, electrical, magmetic, or light influences?
D. Plants and Animals
28. Will the action cause the disturbance, reduction, or loss of any rare, unique, or valuable plant or animal?
29. Will the action result in the significant reduction or loss of any fish or wildlife habitats?
30. Will the action require a permit for the use of pesticides, herbicides, or other biological, chemical, or radiological control agents?
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E. Socio-Economic
31. Will the action result in a preemption or division of prom perties or impair their economic use?
32. Will the action cause relocation of activities, structures, or result in a change in population density or dis tribution?
33. Will the action alter land values?
34. Will the action affect traffic flow and volume?
35. Will the action affect the production, extraction, hearvest, or potential use of a scarce or economically importank resource?
36. Will the action require a license to construct a sawmill or other plant for the mannfacture of forest products?
37. Is the action in accord with Federal, State, Regional, and local comprehensive or fundtional plans--including moning?
38. Will the action affect the employment opportunities for persons in the area?
39. Will the action affect the ability of the area to attract new sources of tax revenue?
40. Will the action discourage present sources of tax revenue from remaining in the area, or affirmatively encourage them to relocate elsewhere?
41. Will the action affect the ability of the area to attract tourism?
F. Other Considerations
42. Could the action endanger the public health, safety, or welfare?
43. Could the action be elimim mated without deleterious efffects to the public health, safety, welfare, or the natural environment?
44. Will the action be of statewide significance?
45. Are there any other plans or action (Federal, State, County, or private) that, in conjunction with the subject action could result in a cumulative or synergistic imppact on the public health, safety, welfare, or environment?
46. Will the action require additional power generation or transmission capacity?
G. Conclusion
47. This agency will develop a complete environmental efffects report on the proposed action.
A. The freeway would cross both the Little and Middle Patuxent Rivers, as well as several of their tributaries. These crossings would be designed so as not to increase the 100 year floodplain by more than one foot in elevation.
B. All construction or alteration within the 50 year floodplain would be designed to minimize impact to the stream environment. The 50 year floodplain would not be increased by any construction related to this project.
C. The Anne Arundel County Wetland Unit No. 1, located on Dorsey Run just south of the existing Maryland Route 32 alignment, would be affected by this project. This property is currently in private ownership, and Relocated Maryland Route 32 would cross the property on dual structures to minimize impact on the wetland's resources. A single bridge for the frontage road will also cross Dorsey Run. This is a non-tidal, freshwater wetland area.
D. Between Newberry Drive and Cedar Lane, Relocated Maryland Route 32 crosses the Middle Patuxent River. At this location, the stream valley is narrow with steep slopes-in excess of fifteen percent. Construction would not destroy the protective vegetation on these slopes, as the roadway will be bridged over the stream valley. There would be no bridge piers in the waterway.
E. A comprehensive grading and sediment control plan would be completed by the Maryland State Highway Administration and approved by the appropriate reviewing agencies prior to the start of construction activities.
F. Relocated Maryland Route 32 would intrude into the Anne Arundel County Wetlands Unit No. 1, but the roadway would be bridged over Dorsey Run to allow use of the wetlands resources below. Two parks--the Middle Patuxent Environmental Area and Murray Hill--are proposed by the Howard County government adjacent to the roadway. These parks are still in the planning stages with only a few small parcels of land acquired at this time. The major impact to these parks from Relocated Maryland Route 32 would be the noise resulting from motor velicle operations adjacent to the park boundaries. The roadway would cross the Little and Middle Patuxen Rivers and several of their tributaries which are part of the Patuxent River System. The Patuxent River has been declared a scenic river under the Scenic Rivers Act of the State of Maryland (1972). In keeping with the intent of
this legislation, all river crossings necessitated by the project would attempt to preserve the scenic integrity of the river setting.
G. Separate historical and archeological surveys have been made of the project corridor. One historical site, the Vogel House (Maryland State Inventory Number 165), would have to be destroyed. The Maryland State Historical Preservation Officer has made the ruling that this action is not a significant impact on the historical quality of the local area. A barn and corn crib located on the historic property known as "Grasslands Farm" (Number 94) will also be taken by this action. In the opinion of the State Historic Preservation Officer, neither of these sites is eligible for listing on the National Historic Register. All Federal, State, and local laws and regulations will be observed in obtaining these sites or portions thereof necessary for highway purposes. The archeological survey indicates that no significant archeological sites would be affected by this project.
H. Several of the stream crossings necessitated by the proposed project would change the course or crossmsection of the streams. These stream modifications would be minor and are only intended to promote the free flow of water beneath the freeway so that flooding on the roadway or adjacent properties would not occur or be held to a minimum. Low flow Channels would be provided in these modifications to ensure that aquatic biota would be able to pass upstream or downstream under low flow conditions. The most significant alteration of a stream would be the relocation of 1,300 feet of Guilford Branch in the vicinity of the U. S. 1 interchange.
I. Paving the four lane/eight lane freeway facility would change the absorption capacity of the land use for the the roadway. The impact resulting from this paving would not be significant for two reasons. First, a stormwater drainage plan would be implemented for the entire project to ensure that stormwater flows are adequately handled and mitigated, where possible, through vegetative planting. Second, the area to be paved under this project is very small in comparison to the total drainage area of the surrounding watercourses.
J. There will be no direct discharge to surface water resources per se. However, stormwater may wash contaminants off the highway and into local streams. Based on previous expertence locally, these contaminants should not have any degree of adverse impact on the surrounding environment.
K. The discharge to the air would not be from the facility itself, but would result from the construction equipment employed to build the roadway, and the motor vehicle traffic utilizing the roadway upon completion. The impact of air pollutants, specifically Carbon Monoxide, generated by Relocated Maryland Route 32 has been modeled. This analysis shows that the National Ambient Air Quality Standards of 35 ppm for one hour, and 9 ppm for eight hours would not be violated.
L. Air quality levels in the study area would be affected by the construction and operation of this facility. However, mathematical projections indicate that air quality standards would not be exceeded (see Comment $K$ ).
M. Noise generated by construction activities and the increase in motor vehicle traffic using the completed facility would produce higher noise levels than are currently being experiended in the study area in general. An attempt has been made to locate the freeway as far away as possible from noise sensitive land uses. In the few cases where increased noise levels are predicted to be a problem, noise barriers would be considered as a means of amelioration, where feasible.
N. Lighting will be installed along the freeway, especially at interchanges, aiding motorists in reading traffic signs and observing merging traffic.
O. A rare plant, the coralroot orchid, has been identified in a 22 acre wooded tract within the proposed right-of-way. The proposed Relocated Maryland Route 32 would require the clearing of seven of these acres, thereby reducing the orchild's habitat.
P. Some woodlands and open fields would be lost to roadway construction, reducing available wildlife habitat areas. These losses would not have a major impact on most species of wildlife using the area. Generally, loss of wildlife would be proportional to loss of habitat.
Q. Herbicides may be used seasonally for maintenance purposes for weed control within the freeway right-of-way. De-icing chemicals would also be employed during the winter months when required, to keep the roadway free of ice and snow.
R. The State Highway Administration would compensate all property owners for the fair market value of their property or any part thereof which might be taken for the freeway rightmof-way. In the process of alignment determination, consideration has been given to the maintenance of economic usage of adjacent properties. Entire parcels would be taken where the economic use of the remaining portion of a parcel would be severely limited. Service roads will be provided to those properties which would be denied access to the local transportation network by construction of the freeway.
S. Ten families, totaling twenty-six people, would require relocation as a result of this project. Only two businesses would be relocated, and no active farming operations or non-profit organizations should be adversely affected. Increased population density may be realized as a secondary impact of the roadway due to the improved transportation access that would be provided.
T. Land values in the area adjacent to the proposed freeway should increase in value because of improved travel time between homes, businesses, and industries.
U. Traffic flow will be greatly increased by the limited access four lane/eight lane freeway. Obstructions to present traffic flow, such as narrow bridges, stoplights, uncontrolled access, and narrow roadways would be bypassed. Total traftic volume would also increase due to the attraction potmentidal of the safer and more efficient Relocated Maryland Route 32.
V. This freeway is part of the General Development Plan for Anne Arundel County (1968) and the General plan for Howard County (1971). Relocated Maryland Route 32 has also been included in the Baltimore Regional Planning Councils' General Development Plan (1972).
W. Employment opportunities would not be directly affected by this project. However, new employers may be encouraged to relocate to this area, and residents of the area may be better able to travel to job sites throughout the region as a result of improved transportation access.
X. The roadway should help to attract new sources of tax revenue to Howard and Anne Arundel Counties as land uses in the roadway corridor become more fully developed. The roadway would be an integral factor in fulfilling the land use plans of Howard and Anne Arundel Counties.
Y. This freeway would be of statewide significance in connecting the Eastern Shore of Maryland with Western Maryland. It would provide a direct connection between these two regions of the State, while by-passing the heavily congested areas of Baltimore and Washington, D.C.
Z. A comprehensive Environmental Impact Statement has been completed for this project and is available for review from:

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