

PETITION TO THE HONORABLE LARRY HOGAN, GOVERNOR

STATE OF MARYLAND

WHEREAS there are 10.7 miles of substandard, hazardous, and even dangerous major State roads between 40MPH and 50MPH with no shoulders in the 7th District of St. Mary's County Maryland as noted below; and

WHEREAS the sides of these roads have deep ditches and gullies with telephone poles and other life threatening obstructions; and

WHEREAS as a result of these unsafe roadways, motor vehicles often run off these roads into these gullies even into telephone poles causing costly property damages and life threatening injuries;

RESOLVED that I petition the State of Maryland to upgrade these roadway shoulders to accepted safety standards and enhance them as described below.

RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED:

NAME:

DATE:

HOME ADDRESS:

SIGNED:

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION:

There are five major State roadways in the 7th District. Route 234 is the northern most boundary of the 7th District running 4.3 miles from Chaptico to Clements, it is adequate as it has acceptable shoulders, and has a top speed limit of 55MPH. Route 242 Coltons Point Rd. runs 8.8 miles from Clements to Coltons Point, has acceptable shoulders from Clements to Route 238 in Bushwood, and the speed limit ranges from 50MPH where it has shoulders to 40MPH where it has no shoulders. From Route 238, Coltons Point Rd. to Coltons Point runs 5.3 miles of substandard road with no shoulders with a 40MPH speed limit. Route 238 Maddox Rd. runs 7.1 miles from Chaptico to Bushwood and is marginally acceptable as it has shoulders. although not full size, and has a top speed limit of 50MPH. Route 470 Oakley Rd. runs 3.8 miles from one point off of Coltons Point Rd. to where it meets up with that road again farther towards Coltons Point, is substandard with no shoulders, and the speed limit ranges from 50MPH to 40MPH. A fifth road is Route 512 Bushwood Wharf Rd. that runs 1.6 miles from Coltons Point Rd. to Bushwood Wharf, is substandard with no shoulders, and has a top speed limit of 50MPH.

The 7th District thus has 10.7 miles of substandard, hazardous, and even dangerous State roads with no shoulders and speed limits between 40MPH and 50MPH. With no shoulders it is easy even under the best light, weather, and road conditions to edge on to a no shoulder and run into a deep ditch as these roadways are notorious for their deep ditch gullies that even have telephone poles in them. There are noted incidences of accidents and injuries.

These 7th District roads also have bicyclers and runners and roadway improvements also should have designated bike/jogging lanes at least on one side of the roads to safeguard them.