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The Maryland Department of Transportation has announced nearly \$1.5 billion in transportation investments for the Baltimore Metropolitan Region, including \$20 million in construction funds that were approved to provide streetscape improvements to Main Street in Hampstead. The State Highway Administration is currently planning to advertise the project for construction in late 2015 and break ground in the Spring of 2016.

The street reconstruction project will rehabilitate the roadway, provide ADA compliant sidewalks, improve sidewalk ramps, crosswalks, driveway entrances and pedestrian signals, upgrade the drainage systems and landscaping, provide new stormwater management facilities, modify traffic signals and relocate the utilities as necessary. As part of the project, the Town is planning to replace the water main that runs the length of Main Street and dates back to the 1930's.

Mayor Chris Nevin stated, "We have been successful in getting the project to this point by working closely with SHA staff both at their Baltimore Headquarters and District Offices – Dennis German, Cornelius Balmer, Yuqiong Bai and Dave Coyne deserve specific mention. These relationships, some of which date back to the planning and construction of the Bypass, have served us well in planning for the revitalization of our Main Street. We believe this level of cooperation and team work certainly helped our project stand out as Governor O'Malley and Secretary of Transportation Jim Smith made their funding decisions.

"On a local level, our Town Staff has done an excellent job of staying focused on this long term project with the backing of current and past Council Members. We also thank former Council Member Larry Hentz for continuing to volunteer his expertise as well as former Mayor Haven Shoemaker for his support."

Mayor Nevin added, "While this announcement represents an important step, there is still much planning work and community outreach to be done as the project continues to move forward. The Town will provide project updates on our website ([www.hampsteadmd.gov](http://www.hampsteadmd.gov)), in the Town Newsletter, through social media and future Press Releases."