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St. John Properties Completes Intersection Improvements at US 301, Harbour Way & Gov. Bridge Roads

Bowie Councilmember Thanks St. John's, State, County & Community Leaders for Addressing Problem Intersection

Bowie, MD - Bowie City Councilmember Todd M. Turner (3rd Dist.) today thanked State & County elected officials, Melford owner St. Johns Properties and Longleaf community leaders for the recently completed intersection and traffic light improvements at US 301, Harbour Way and Gov. Bridge Road. The improvements were completed last week.

"I want to thank Senator Douglas J.J Peters (23rd Dist.), County Councilwoman Ingrid M. Turner as well as St. John Properties for their attention and follow up in making these much needed improvements possible," Councilmember Todd Turner said. "I especially want to express my appreciation for the efforts of John Scoulios, Longleaf HOA President, and leading advocate for the improvements at this intersection. This was a great example of the community leaders, local and state elected officials working together with our business partners to address a longstanding community concern," he concluded.

"I appreciate the efforts by City Councilmember Todd Turner and the Longleaf community to bring this issue to their state and county leader's attention to find a workable solution," State Senator Peters said. "I am pleased that St. John Properties fulfilled its obligation to improve traffic flow at this and other intersections on US 301 as part of their continued development at Melford", County Councilmember Ingrid Turner said.

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In June 2007, City Councilman Todd Turner wrote to the Maryland State Highway Administration (SHA) the County Department of Public Works and Transportation (DPWT), Senator Peters and County Councilmember Ingrid Turner , as part of the 2007 US 301 Corridor Study, to address short-term improvements at this intersection. In response, both SHA and DPWT concurred that improvement should be made as a result of planned development at Melford (fr. Science & Technology Center). On September 11, 2007, the County District Council, at Councilmember Ingrid Turner's direction, approved an order for the Melford development proposal, that included an additional condition for St. John Properties to make certain improvements on US 301 at Harbour Way, Gov. Bridge Road and MD 450/3 intersections (conditions 2A & B).

The improvements required on Harbour Way included an additional left hand turn lane and the improvements on Gov. Bridge Road (a County road) including an additional left turn lane, widening up to 250 feet and restriping of lanes. This also necessitated the installation of additional traffic signals and signage at the location. St. John Properties started the improvements in late 2009 and, due to weather and approvals, were completed during the first week of June 2010 at a cost of \$1.2 million.

Electronic photo and background letters attached.

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