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Factors of Consideration

The Maryland Transportation Commission will consider the following factors when considering a dedication request:

- Whether the request meets highway safety requirements.
- Whether the dedication is for:
 - A distinguished individual who is deceased or retired from public or community service and who is widely recognized and renowned for service that has been characterized by exceptional achievement;
 - An individual who has sacrificed his/her well-being and life in service to our nation, state, and/or communities.
 - Pursuant with MD Transportation Code Annotated § 8-656, a deceased member of the armed forces whose surviving spouse, parent, or next of kin is a recipient of the U.S. Department of Defense Gold Star memorializing that the member was killed in action;
 - Pursuant with MD Transportation Code Annotated § 8-656, a firefighter, law enforcement officer, or another emergency responder who died in the line of duty;

In a circumstance in which a law enforcement, fire, rescue, EMS, highway, or other public service worker is fatally injured while performing a work function related to the highway, recognition may be accorded the victim by a dedication of some nature. In such a case, that recognition preferably should occur at a nearby or a central facility of the victim's agency (e.g., a MSP barrack, an MDOT SHA maintenance shop, a fire station, etc.), where an appropriate dedication explanation can be displayed. In rare and unusual circumstances, a dedication sign or marker can be installed at a rest area, scenic overlook, visitors center, pull-off area, or similar location along the highway (off the mainline) near where the event occurred.

No dedication will be considered along a state highway or at a state transportation facility for a worker involving an event that did not relate specifically to that highway or facility.

- Groups or associations with special relevance for Maryland; or
- Aspects of life or areas which are unique to Maryland.

- Whether the dedication is relative to the individual, group or event to be commemorated, either by place or by type of facility, or is relative to the scope or area in which the individual, group, or event to be commemorated is recognized;
- The identity of the individual or group requesting the dedication
- The relevance of the request to the continuation of a dedicated route in an adjacent state or states (e.g. continuance of dedicating I-81 to veterans through Maryland and Pennsylvania.)