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Regarding Commissioner President Collins' 2026 MD General Assembly Session proposal #3: "A proposal to commit state resources to the development of a ferry service connecting Indian Head to National Harbor and Alexandria, VA. The ferry will provide an alternative for Charles County residents who are commuters, lessening the traffic congestion on MD Route 210. This may also spur economic development opportunities for Charles County. This proposal seeks funding of \$400,000." If this proposal is adopted, I recommend that the scope of the feasibility study also include consideration of additional ferry stops at Marshall Hall in Bryans Road and possibly Accokeek. Including these stops would directly support one of the stated goals—reducing traffic congestion on Route 210—by providing service consistent with the route of the now-terminated W19 express Metro bus line. Further, a stop at Marshall Hall could not only help address commuter traffic but also spur economic development in Bryans Road. Such a stop would connect to the community's history through the old Marshall Hall amusement park and the historic Wilson Line ferry service (<https://www.nps.gov/pisc/learn/historyculture/about-marshall-hall.htm>). Finally, I encourage the Commissioners to view this initiative as part of a broader effort to highlight and leverage the cultural and historic assets of Western Charles County. For example, in August 2024, the Pomonkey Historic District was added to the National

Register of Historic Places (<https://apps.mht.maryland.gov/nr/NRDetail.aspx?FROM=NRDBList.aspx&NRID=1741>). Integrating these heritage resources into transportation and development strategies could yield unique opportunities for both economic growth and community identity in Western Charles County.

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