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September 20, 2016

The Honorable Pete K. Rahn
Secretary
Maryland Department of Transportation
7201 Corporate Center Drive
Hanover, MD 21076

Mr. Charles Lattuca
Executive Director of Transit Development
and Delivery
Maryland Transit Administration
100 S. Charles Street, Tower Two, Suite 700
Baltimore, MD 21201

Dear Secretary Rahn and Mr. Lattuca:

I am writing to request several things: (a) information regarding Purple Line pre-construction activities; (b) plans for tree removals along the Town's border; and (c) an in-person meeting to discuss the Town's financial obligations and opportunities to mitigate concerns raised by our residents.

The Town's border that concerns us starts at Elm Street Park and ends where East West Highway crosses over the Capital Crescent Trail.

Pre-Construction Activities

We respectfully request the following information, which we will share with our residents:

- The definition of pre-construction activities
- A project schedule of pre-construction activities along the border of the Town
- Pre-construction activities along the Town's border that qualify as exempt from County permits under Montgomery County Bill 1-15 (reference: http://www.montgomerycountymd.gov/COUNCIL/Resources/Files/bill/2015/20150303_115A.pdf)
- Verification of County, State and Federal permits and other documentation that authorize each pre-construction activity along the Town's border.

Tree Removals

We would appreciate your best estimate on when tree removals would occur, and correct or verify our assumptions:

- Tree removals do not qualify as pre-construction activities
- Trees cannot be removed while birds are nesting (please provide months when removals can or cannot be conducted).

The Town assumes that tree protection/preservation qualifies as a pre-construction activity. We request that tree protection/preservation work be done quickly to protect root zones from compaction by heavy equipment, such as the vehicles used for soil boring work.

Lynn Drive Underpass Meeting

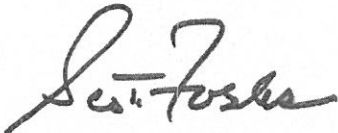
We reviewed the extensive record related to the Town's request to build a safe crossing from the Town to Montgomery Avenue and the Capital Crescent Trail. We appreciate the many efforts that were made over the years to accommodate the Town's request. The most recent official exchange between the Town and the MTA is dated July 14, 2014. It is available online at <http://www.townofchevy Chase.org/DocumentCenter/Home/View/1204>. We request a meeting to fully understand the Town's financial obligations related to the Lynn Drive underpass, and discuss opportunities to mitigate concerns raised by our residents.

We would propose the following people to represent the Town in this meeting:

- Mary Flynn, Town Council Vice Mayor and co-chair of the Town's Special Committee on Purple Line Mitigation
- Jeff Marqusee, resident and co-chair of the Town's Special Committee on Purple Line Mitigation
- Barney Rush, Town Council Treasurer and co-chair of the Town's Special Committee on the Bethesda Downtown Plan
- Todd Hoffman, Town Manager

Thank you for your attention to these requests. We appreciate the many years of work you have put into this project, and look forward to working with you to serve the needs of our community as it moves forward.

Sincerely,



Scott Fosler
Mayor

cc: Mike Madden, Deputy Purple Line Project Director
Al Roshdieh, Director of Montgomery County Department of Transportation