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February 10, 2017

Mr. Mike Madden
Purple Line Deputy Project Director
Maryland Transit Administration
100 S. Charles Street
Tower Two, Suite 700
Baltimore, Maryland 21201

Dear Mr. Madden:

I wish to raise our town's concerns regarding the potential level of noise from the Purple Line during its future operations.

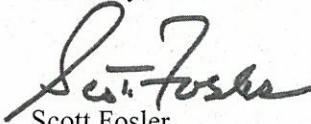
The contract between the Maryland Transit Administration and the Purple Line Transit Partners (the concessionaire) sets a number of requirements to mitigate noise so that it does not exceed an "average" noise metric¹. To our knowledge, nowhere in the contract is the term "average" defined and how it will be measured. "Average Noise" is a non-standard noise metric for transient noise, the principal type of noise made by a light rail train. Transient noise is normally stated in terms of L_{max} or SEL, and is the way transient noise is required to be measured during the construction phase of this contract.

The Town of Chevy Chase, which is a quiet residential neighborhood, borders the western section of the Purple Line. Trains will be running late at night and very early in the morning in close proximity to multiple houses. Transient noise due to the trains is our greatest concern as it is known to cause community disturbances and health consequences.

I respectfully request that you provide the Town with a definition of the operational noise limits that are contractually required of the Purple Line Transit Partners for all the types of noise listed in the current contract. I urge you to set those limits at levels appropriate for residential nighttime environments in an enforceable manner.

I look forward to hearing from you.

Sincerely,


Scott Fosler
Mayor

¹ Section 12.4.11.2 Exterior Noise, Page 2-510 "Technical Provisions Book 2 - Part 2"
<http://www.purplelinemd.com/en/p3>