



February 9, 2017

Mr. Todd Hoffman
Town Manager
Town of Chevy Chase, Maryland
4301 Willow Lane
Chevy Chase MD 20815

Dear Mr. Hoffman:

I am writing as a follow up to the November 29, 2016 meeting that the Maryland Transit Administration (MTA) and Purple Line Transit Partners (PLTP) held with you and other representatives from the Town of Chevy Chase, and more specifically to the Town's two requests in its December 7, 2016 email addressed to Mike Madden, MTA's Deputy Project Director for the Purple Line.

The Town's first request is that MTA, at MTA's costs, provide an accessible at-grade connection to the Lynn Drive Underpass. As you are aware, from 2009 through summer 2014, MTA worked with the Town's Mitigation Advisory Group (MAG) in numerous meetings regarding a variety of the Town's concerns relative to the Purple Line project. One of the key issues discussed was the Town's continuing advocacy for a connection from the Town of Chevy Chase in the area of Lynn Drive that would tie into the Capital Crescent Trail (CCT). MTA and the Town's MAG evaluated and considered a number of alternative connections from the Town to the CCT. An essential part of all of these discussions was the understanding that if MTA funded construction of the Underpass itself, the Town and/or Montgomery County would be responsible for the costs, including additional right of way and construction, associated with the connections to and from the Underpass. MTA's position regarding these costs remains unchanged.

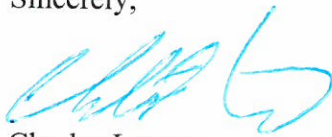
The Purple Line team has made extensive efforts, at additional cost to the project, in working closely with the Town of Chevy Chase to provide for a Lynn Drive Underpass option that meets the Town's concerns in terms of safety, convenience, and the height of adjacent retaining walls. In a June 13, 2014 letter from then Town Mayor Kathy Strom, we were informed that the Town voted in favor of requesting MTA to include the latest Underpass option as a placeholder in our request for proposals. The June 13th letter further recognized that an acceptable cost sharing arrangement between the Town and Montgomery County (for the connections to the Underpass) still needed to be worked out. As reiterated in the November 29, 2016 meeting, MTA has committed to providing for the Lynn Drive Underpass requested by the Town, at the State's cost, and any additional costs required for trail connections would be the responsibility of others.

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The second request of the Town is that MTA allow the Town to take part in developing design guidelines for the walls adjacent to the Town. At this time, we have not yet progressed design to the point where details such as the finishes of walls are ready to be discussed. However, we would be glad to let the Town know once we are in a position to discuss plans regarding the aesthetics of the walls closest to the Town of Chevy Chase. Also, in the very near future we will be initiating Community Advisory Team (CAT) meetings as the primary mechanism for coordinating with surrounding communities, including the Town of Chevy Chase, on construction details and updated project information.

Mike Madden will contact you when we are able to meet with Town of Chevy Chase representatives in response to this particular request. Thanks again for your continuing interest in the Purple Line and we look forward to continuing working with you and the Town as the project advances.

Sincerely,



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