



**MARYLAND TRANSIT ADMINISTRATION**

**MARYLAND DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION**

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The Honorable Scott Fosler, Mayor  
The Town of Chevy Chase  
4301 Willow Lane  
Chevy Chase MD 20815

Dear Mayor Fosler:

Thank you for your September 20, 2016 letter to Secretary Pete Rahn and me regarding the Maryland Department of Transportation (MDOT)/Maryland Transit Administration (MTA) Purple Line light rail project, particularly as it relates to work in the Town of Chevy Chase.

You asked that we provide (a) information regarding the Purple Line's pre-construction activities; (b) plans for tree removal along the Town's border; and (c) an opportunity to meet in-person to discuss concerns raised by your Town's residents related to the Lynn Drive underpass.

The pre-construction work currently underway involves investigative activities such as surveys and geotechnical borings. These activities are largely completed along the Georgetown Branch right-of-way in the vicinity of Chevy Chase.

As for tree removal, we do not intend to begin until after the commencement of construction, which we anticipate will be nearer the end of this year. However, tree clearing in forested areas will not occur between April 1 and August 30 in order to avoid disruption during the bird nesting season. MTA also recognizes the importance of tree protection along the alignment and for that reason, our Concessionaire team, Purple Line Transit Partners, will work with a certified arborist to oversee tree protection activities throughout the design-build phase of the project.

Further, we look forward to hearing any concerns that the Town may have regarding the Lynn Drive underpass and welcome an in-person meeting in the near future. MTA's Purple Line Deputy Project Director, Michael Madden, will contact you shortly to schedule a meeting with the Town's representatives. Mr. Madden may be reached at 443-451-3718 or at [mmadden@mta.maryland.gov](mailto:mmadden@mta.maryland.gov).

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Charles E. Lattuca". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a large, sweeping flourish at the end.

Charles E. Lattuca, Executive Director  
Transit Development and Delivery

cc: Mr. Michael D. Madden, Purple Line Deputy Director