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Mr. Casey Anderson
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Dear Mr. Anderson:

Thank you for your letter regarding the Maryland Department of Transportation (MDOT) State Highway Administration's (SHA) Bicycle and Pedestrian Priority Areas (BPPA) program. I appreciate the opportunity to respond and provide you with an update on the BPPA program.

The SHA received BPPA applications from March 5, 2016 to May 6, 2016, including 31 applications from Montgomery County. The applications were reviewed by a multi-division MDOT work group, and on August 1, 2016, SHA Administrator, Gregory C. Johnson, sent a letter advising of the State BPPA designations for five locally designated BPPAs within Montgomery County: the Bethesda Central Business District, Shady Grove, the Silver Spring Central Business District, Takoma Langley Crossroads, and the Wheaton Central Business District. A favorable designation includes developing a Traffic Management Plan now known as the Bicycle Pedestrian Priority Area Plan by SHA in partnership with the applicants and the local implementation agencies as resources allow. Mr. Gregory I. Slater, SHA Deputy Administrator for Planning, Engineering, Real Estate and Environment, will contact you to schedule a presentation on the State's BPPA designation process to the Montgomery County Planning Board for later this fall.

Thank you again for your letter. I appreciate hearing from you. If you have additional questions or comments, please contact Mr. Slater at 410-545-0412, toll-free 1-888-204-4828, or via email at gslater@sha.state.md.us. Mr. Slater will be happy to assist you.

Sincerely,

Pete K. Rahn
Secretary

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