



DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

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Arthur Holmes, Jr.
Director

MEMORANDUM

November 30, 2012

TO: Nancy Floreen, Montgomery County Councilmember
Valerie Ervin, Montgomery County Councilmember

FROM: *for* Arthur Holmes Jr., Director
Department of Transportation

SUBJECT: Bicycle Safety Improvements

Thank you for your November 6, 2012 memorandum regarding the Washington Area Bicycle Association's (WABA) proposal on bicycle safety improvements. Providing safe bicycle access is a priority for the Department of Transportation (DOT) and we appreciate WABA for citing and providing their project priority list.

DOT is considering a comprehensive approach to enhance bicycle access and safety to meet the growing needs of cyclists. As such, our vision includes revamping the bicycle program from a policy, engineering, operational and maintenance perspective. We have upgraded the Bikeways coordinator position and are in the midst of rating applications. We have also engaged one of the nation's leading planning and design firms that specializes in multi-modal transportation to assist us with developing a plan with stakeholders to provide innovative solutions and improvements.

Specifically, some of the projects identified by WABA are currently being studied and designed by DOT or were studied in the past. The larger scale projects proposed by WABA will be put on a waiting list and included for consideration as a future candidate project. We agree with you that with the rollout of Capital Bikeshare (CaBi), infrastructure improvements to ensure safe access for CaBi users and the general public are essential and will work together with Maryland's DOT and the community.

If you have additional questions, please feel free to contact Ms. Aruna Miller, the Planning Manager at 240-777-7240 or by e-mail to aruna.miller@montgomerycountymd.gov. Your insight and support for enhanced bicycle safety is very much appreciated.

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