



PEDESTRIAN, BICYCLE AND TRAFFIC SAFETY ADVISORY COMMITTEE

October 30, 2014

The Honorable Craig Rice
County Council President
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Sent via email

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Dear Council President Rice:

Thank you for your continued leadership and support of pedestrian, bicycle and traffic safety. As you are aware, we share your commitment to improve pedestrian safety and accessibility for everyone and remain dedicated to assisting you achieve your goal of making Montgomery County a model, walkable community.

With these shared goals in mind, we write to inform you that at its September 4, 2014 meeting, members of the Pedestrian, Bicycle, and Traffic Safety Advisory Committee overwhelming voted to support the following resolutions:

Motion: Voted that snow removal and the general clearance of pedestrian facilities is an important safety issue, and it is one that the County should increase its efforts to ameliorate the hazards that result from the current level of effort.

Bill 21-14, with its main thrust being the development of a Plan for removal of snow from sidewalks, is a good first step in increasing focus on this issue. Bill components, which include mapping and prioritizing pedestrian infrastructure, clarifying the removal responsibilities, and educating and enforcement components, are positive elements of this effort and are supported by the Committee.

While the Committee fully expects this bill to evolve as input from stakeholders is heard and incorporated, and as a snow removal plan is developed, Bill 21-14 is a good starting place.

Motion: Voted that a letter of commendation and appreciation be presented to Mr. Erwin Mack for his outstanding contribution to the citizens of Montgomery County through his leadership on the Pedestrian, Bicycle, and Traffic Safety Advisory Committee. The letter should appropriately convey the Committee's deep appreciation for Mr. Mack's good humor and collegiality in conducting all Committee business and recognize his continued community activism that helps make our County a safer place to live, work, play, and raise a family.

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In order to do our best to serve you and the County, we would appreciate your acknowledgment of this letter and any thoughts that you may have regarding these motions and possible future action regarding them.

Thank you again for your continued leadership and support in making Montgomery County a safe and prosperous community.

Respectfully,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Darrel Droblich". The signature is written in a cursive, slightly stylized font.

Darrel Droblich, Chair
Pedestrian, Bicycle, and Traffic Safety
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