



PEDESTRIAN, BICYCLE AND TRAFFIC SAFETY ADVISORY COMMITTEE

October 1, 2014

The Honorable Hans Riemer  
County Council  
Council Office Building  
100 Maryland Avenue  
Rockville, MD 20850  
Sent via email

Dear Councilman Riemer:

Thank you for your continued leadership and support of pedestrian, bicycle and traffic safety. 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 resolution:

**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.**

We look forward to the further development of Bill 21-14 and stand ready to help you and the County move this important issue forward to see that we are well prepared to make roads, paths, and sidewalks accessible for all County residents during the winter months.

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

Respectfully,

Darrel Droblich, Chair

Alan Migdall, Member

Department of Transportation

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