



WHEATON URBAN DISTRICT ADVISORY COMMITTEE

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May 6, 2015

Mr. Peter K. Rahn
Secretary of Transportation
Maryland Department of Transportation
7201 Corporate Center Drive
Hanover, Maryland 21076

Re: FY2016 MDOT Bikeways Program Application – Letter of Support

Dear Secretary Rahn:

The Wheaton Urban District Advisory Committee (WUDAC) supports Montgomery County Department of Transportation's Maryland Bikeways Program funding application for the creation of a satellite Capital Bikeshare Network feeding the Metrorail Station in Wheaton. WUDAC is an 11-member Committee appointed by the Montgomery County Executive and confirmed by County Council and consists of a representative cross-section of the Wheaton community, including residents and homeowners, small businesses, the Wheaton-Kensington Chamber of Commerce, and large businesses.

Wheaton is a master plan designated Bicycle and Pedestrian Priority Area and is a priority development and job growth area for the County. In just the past 18 months, over 1000 new residential units have completed construction, with at least another two large-scale multi-family projects in the design phase. The project proposal includes transformative benefits for both local residents and businesses by providing important non-motorized local and regional transportation options and last mile transit service.

It is our understanding that upon a successful grant award, Montgomery County will provide the required local funding and operating match for this project. The project will leverage private capital, right-of-way and operating funds committed to bikeshare in the project area. These funds will enable the County to expand the reach of Capital Bikeshare to serve and maximize use of existing transit infrastructure in and around Wheaton.

Thank you for your consideration of our request for your support for funding bikeshare in Montgomery County. We appreciate your leadership and MDOT's dedication to funding high quality projects that have clear and visible benefits for our citizens. If you have questions or need additional information, please contact Mr. Al Roshdieh, Acting Director, Montgomery County Department of Transportation at (240) 777-7170.

Sincerely,

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