



MID-COUNTY CITIZENS ADVISORY BOARD

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Hon. Marc Elrich
Montgomery County Executive
101 Monroe Street
Rockville, MD 20850

Hon. Nancy Navarro
President, Montgomery County Council
100 Maryland Avenue
Rockville, MD 20850

RE: Pedestrian/Vehicle Safety

Dear County Executive Elrich and Council President Navarro:

The Mid-County Citizens Advisory Board (MCCAB) recommends that the County prioritize projects along major roadways to improve pedestrian safety and walkability. Acknowledging the many letters you have received from a broad range of residents and organizations in Mid-County about unsafe County and State roads, the MCCAB encourages you to pursue a more coordinated approach. Among the many suggestions we believe those most likely to have an impact include:

- improve lighting;
- reengineer crosswalks;
- relocate transit bus stops to avoid mid-block crossings;
- relocate school bus stops off major roads (i.e. Georgia Avenue)
- install median barriers/fencing;
- reduce speeds within central business districts; and
- provide continuous pedestrian and driver education.

The County and State must continuously evaluate the effectiveness of strategies, while keeping up with maintenance of traffic, and ensuring that the actual causes of pedestrian/vehicle crashes are addressed. The MCCAB appreciates your support for the County's current initiatives and looks forward to seeing more done to reverse this disturbing trend.

Sincerely,

Louis Mozzano
Chair, Mid-County Citizens Advisory Board