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Montgomery County Council
100 Maryland Avenue
Rockville, MD 20850

Councilmembers,

Thank you for the opportunity to comment on the county's Pedestrian Master Plan. It is a key document in the county's efforts to make this a safer and better place to live.

While this document contains a vast amount of information and many recommendations, I wish to focus on one particular idea, that of shifting control of state highways in urban areas to county control. This idea seems a bit radical on the surface, but is critical to improving safety and achieving Vision Zero goals. SHA has repeatedly demonstrated that moving traffic is their highest priority. Please preserve this idea and pursue it with the state so that the county can ensure the safety of its pedestrians on all highways in Montgomery's urban areas.

Thank you

Don Slater