

July 27, 2023

To Montgomery County Council

Re: Pedestrian Master Plan comments

To start, I want to say that I 100% support this plan and its' immediate passage and implementation. In my opinion the plan doesn't go far enough, but it's a good start. This plan is well crafted and pragmatic, and in a way, ridiculous. It is ridiculous because as people we shouldn't need a plan to tell us how to protect people from other people in this way, but here we are. We've been so indoctrinated as a country to prioritize vehicular movement and level of service over the last 70 years, that we created our own problem. I am just hopeful that it will not take another 60-70 years to undo the mistake of forgetting that we are all people first. Walking home or to a bus stop or to school shouldn't be an Olympic sport or a death sentence. We need to take back control of our streets and roadways if the State Highway Administration is incapable of doing what is necessary to keep residents safe. And we need to stop directly and indirectly prioritizing safety in more affluent areas of the County over less affluent areas just because affluent areas make a bigger fuss. All residents in this County are important.

Thank you,

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