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Hello,

I am writing to express my strong support for the University Blvd Corridor Plan.

The DC area now has the worst traffic in the nation, recently overtaking Los Angeles. “One more lane” has not worked to reduce traffic for the past 50 years, and continuing on this path is short-sighted and self-defeating. The only way to reduce traffic is to reduce the number of vehicles on the roadway—getting people out of their cars and onto their feet, bikes, buses, and trains. To do this, those alternatives must be reliable, frequent, and safe; a BRT network overlaying a network of complete streets helps to facilitate that.

This plan promotes those traditional forms of transportation that supported our society prior to the advent of the automobile. If Montgomery County is going to reverse the trend of ever-increasing housing costs and commute times, we must invest in bikeways, BRT expansion with bus-lane enforcement, complete streets with wider sidewalks, comfortable public transportation stops, and safe access to transportation services.

At the end of the day, transportation comes down to efficiency. Bike lanes, bus lanes, and subway lines are orders of magnitude more efficient than private vehicle lanes, and with limited space for our transportation right-of-ways we must invest in more efficient forms of transportation across the county. This plan is a positive step for both residents living around the project area and those who travel to or through, and I strongly support further development of our transportation infrastructure to allow residents the freedom to choose how to travel rather than simply being forced to drive.

My best,

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