



February 17, 2026

Subject: Amendment to the FY 25-30 Capital Improvements Program and Special Appropriation to the FY26 Capital Budget for M-NCPPC, North Branch Trail (P871541)

Dear Council President and Members of the Council,

On behalf of the Greater Olney Civic Association (GOCA), I am writing to reaffirm our strong support for this vital project and to advocate for the additional appropriation needed to guarantee its completion.

From the outset, our organization has recognized the value of this project to our community. It represents a meaningful investment in infrastructure, safety, and residents' quality of life.

Since our initial letter of support in 2015, we have learned that the Maryland State Highway Administration has committed an additional \$2,000,000 in federal funding to help advance the project. This is a significant opportunity.

We understand that a supplemental appropriation to the Parks Capital Improvement Program (CIP) is being advanced to meet this requirement and is scheduled for the full Council's consideration on February 24. GOCA strongly supports this supplemental appropriation. Leveraging \$900,000 in local funds to unlock \$2,000,000 in federal investment represents a prudent and strategic use of public resources. Most importantly, it ensures that this long-supported project can move forward to construction without further delay.

We respectfully urge the Council to approve the supplemental appropriation and secure this additional funding so that the project may proceed as planned.

Thank you for your continued leadership and commitment to our community.

Respectfully submitted,

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President  
Greater Olney Civic Association