



## COMMISSION ON AGING

January 27, 2022

Chris Conklin, Director,  
Montgomery County Department of Transportation  
101 Monroe Street, 10<sup>th</sup> Floor  
Rockville, MD 20850

Dear Mr. Conklin,

In October, the Montgomery County Commission on Aging (CoA) provided recommendations to the Department of Transportation regarding the future use of the Transportation Services Improvement Fund (TSIF). We appreciated the opportunity to provide these recommendations to the Department and hope you found them useful in preparing draft regulations on the TSIF.

As it has been several months since the CoA's recommendations were submitted, we are following up to express our strong interest in providing public comment on the draft regulations when they are published. We understand that staffing shortages resulting from the pandemic might delay the preparation of these regulations; nevertheless, it is important that you issue regulations for public response as soon as possible so that those funds can be well-utilized to support mobility options for older adults and persons with disabilities. It is our desire to provide feedback when they are available.

The CoA is authorized by the Older Americans Act and was established by Montgomery County in 1974 to advise County government on the needs, interests, and issues of older adult residents, and to advocate on their behalf at the local, state, and national levels. We look forward to providing comments on the draft regulations and working with your staff to help formulate plans for the TSIF.

Thank you in advance for the opportunity to participate in the further development of this program, which we hope will help address unmet transportation needs of older residents.

Sincerely,

*Barbara Selter*

Barbara Selter, Chair