



MONTGOMERY COUNTY PLANNING DEPARTMENT
THE MARYLAND-NATIONAL CAPITAL PARK AND PLANNING COMMISSION

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Ms. Tiara McCray
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SUBJECT: Comments on Right-of-Way Abandonment 770 – Kensington Boulevard

Dear Ms. McCray:

The Montgomery County Planning Department received your correspondence on February 3, 2020 requesting review of a petition for the abandonment of a portion of Kensington Boulevard. Planning staff have reviewed the petition for abandonment and determined that the Department cannot support abandonment of this right-of-way at this time.

The section of Kensington Boulevard that is the subject of this abandonment petition is located in the 2012 *Wheaton Central Business District and Vicinity Sector Plan*. The sector plan recommends retaining this right-of-way and ultimately establishing a connection between the current terminus of Kensington Boulevard and Veirs Mill Road. Page 62 of the sector plan specifically states: “retain the right-of-way for the unbuilt portion of Kensington Boulevard between East Avenue and Veirs Mill Road. Use of the right-of-way should be determined during development review for any redevelopment of the adjacent Lindsay Ford property. The right-of-way may be used for a bicycle or pedestrian connection if it is determined that a street is not needed or feasible at this location.”

This abandonment would preclude the future connection of Kensington Boulevard to Veirs Mill Road and may also limit access to the Wheaton Gateway redevelopment on the adjacent Lindsay Ford property, which is anticipated in the near term. Planning staff is committed to working with the Wheaton Gateway applicant to discourage vehicular movement through the petitioner’s private property.

Planning staff appreciate the opportunity to review this petition. Please do not hesitate to contact Jessica McVary, 301.495.4723 or Jessica.McVary@montgomeryplanning.org, if you have any questions or require additional information.

Sincerely,

Carrie Sanders
Chief
Area 2 Division