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Ms. Samantha J. Biddle
Maryland Department of Transportation
7201 Corporate Center
Hanover, MD 21076

RE: Draft FY 2026-2031 Consolidated Transportation Program (CTP)

Dear Acting Secretary Biddle:

The Greenbelt City Council has had the opportunity to review the State's Draft Consolidated Transportation Program (CTP) for fiscal years 2026-2031 and offers the following comments:

The City supports the vision, goals, and priorities of the Maryland Transportation Plan, particularly those with emphasis on safety, capacity improvements, sustainability and zero emissions, economic development, public transit and transit-oriented development, equity, and pedestrian and bicycle travel. The City is concerned about the increases in various fees and surcharges that impact citizens during a time of rising prices and inflation.

The City would like to reiterate its appreciation for the inclusion and/or increase in funding for the following projects:

- Engineering and construction funding for a **full interchange at the Greenbelt Metro Station** and the State's support for attracting the FBI Headquarters to Prince George's County. The County and City have long advocated for this project to advance regardless of the FBI relocation decision. The Greenbelt Metro site is ideally suited for transit-oriented development, and ensuring it is served by a full interchange is critical to attracting and supporting high-quality growth of this kind. The purpose and need statement within the CTP should be revised to include the need for the project as it relates to attracting and supporting TOD development.
- The City applauds the increase of \$6.4 million [estimated total of \$8.88 million] through FY 2028 to advance preliminary engineering of **Segments 2 and 3 of the US 1, Baltimore Avenue** project.
- The allocation of increased funding to **Bicycle and Pedestrian Related Projects & Transportation Alternative Program**. The City appreciates the increase in funding to \$537.5 million compared to \$467.6 million in last year's CTP. These programs are particularly important to municipal government to support the safety, access, and equity goals of local governments for all roadway users.

The City's requests the following projects be added to the FY 2026-2031 CTP:

- The City requests that funding be allocated for planning and engineering for **MD 193 – Greenbelt Road Streetscape Improvement project (referred to by the County as the MD 193 – University Boulevard project)**, which was placed on hold in 2002 and remains excluded from the CTP over a decade after being removed, despite being a high-priority project for Prince



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George's County. While being a critical local and regional corridor, Greenbelt Road primarily accommodates motorists. The City, along with its neighboring municipalities, has engaged, and continues to engage, in planning activities to identify how this critical roadway can be improved to include streetscape improvements and pedestrian and bicycle improvements. The City requests that this very important project for the State, County, and local communities be added to the CTP and funding allocated to planning and engineering.

- With the completion of the feasibility study, the City requests that funding be programmed for planning and engineering for **Segments 1-4 of the Greenbelt East Trail (GET)**.

In addition, the City strongly **opposes**:

- The **I-270 Eisenhower Memorial Highway and I-495 Capital Beltway – Phase 1 South** project. The City would like to restate its strong opposition to any alternatives in the project that involve widening I-495. Widening the highway will do little to address the region's congestion, but will have high environmental, human, and financial costs.

The City remains fully supportive of the following projects:

- The State's continued support for the construction of the **Purple Line** and investment in the **WMATA Metrorail System**. The City notes that additional mitigations are needed during construction on roads like East-West Highway so that people travelling by foot, by bike, via transit, and in cars may do so safely.
- The State's continued support for **Zero Emission Buses** and related infrastructure. However, the State should work to reduce funding for clean diesel buses because it conflicts with the goals of the program.
- Maintained funding in this Draft CTP for the **Prince George's County Local Bus Program**. The City would also like to see additional opportunities for **Locally Operated Transit Systems (LOTS)** to enhance transit services with grant funding focused on developing microtransit.

Thank you for the opportunity to review and comment on the draft CTP. If you have any questions, please contact Ryan Sigworth AICP, Community Planner II, at (240) 542-2042 or at rsigworth@greenbeltmd.gov.

Sincerely,

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Mayor

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