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October 3, 2022

Mr. James F. Ports, Jr.  
Maryland Department of Transportation  
7201 Corporate Center  
Hanover, MD 21076

RE: 2023-2028 Draft Consolidated Transportation Program (CTP)

Dear Secretary Ports:

The Greenbelt City Council has had the opportunity to review the State's Draft Consolidated Transportation Program (CTP) for fiscal years 2023-2028. The City Council offers the following comments:

The City supports the vision, goals and priorities of the Maryland Transportation Plan, particularly those with emphasis on transit, transit-oriented development, economic development, zero emissions and safe pedestrian and bicycle travel.

The City strongly appreciates the inclusion of design 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. A full interchange at Greenbelt Metro Station is critical to attracting a major GSA tenant and transit-oriented development.

The City is appreciative of the participation of State Highway Administration and WMATA staff in the completion of the Greenbelt Road Corridor Study which was funded by a Transportation, Land Use and Connections grant. However, the City continues to be disappointed that the MD-193-Greenbelt Road Streetscape project, which was placed on hold in 2002, remains excluded from the CTP despite being a Prince George's County high priority project. Greenbelt Road is a major east-west corridor that connects three (3) jurisdictions - City of Greenbelt, the City of College Park, and the Town of Berwyn Heights. While being a critical local and regional corridor, Greenbelt Road largely only accommodates motorists. The City, along with its neighboring municipalities, has and continues to engage in planning activities to identify how this critical

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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.

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

- **Baltimore-Washington Superconducting Maglev (SCMAGLEV)** The City has and continues to strongly oppose the SCMAGLEV. The impacts this project will have on the natural, socioeconomic, cultural, and built environment are unacceptable and are in direct conflict with the stated goals of the Maryland Department of Transportation. This project should be removed from the CTP in its entirety.
- **The I-270 Eisenhower Memorial Highway and I-495 Capital Beltway P3 Program (Traffic Relief Plan)** project. While the City is aware that the preferred Alternative, Alternative 9, does not include recommended improvements on I-495 east of the I-270 spur to MD 5 at this time, the City would like to restate its strong opposition to projects, such as this one, that will do little to address the region's congestion, but will have high environmental, human, and financial cost.
- **The MD 201 Extended (Edmonston Road) / US 1 (Baltimore Avenue)** project. This project will have significant negative environmental impacts on wetlands to the north of the City as well as on Beltsville Agricultural Research Center (BARC) property.

The projects listed above represent a direct conflict to the State's identified priorities outlined in the Maryland Transportation Plan (MTP) including ensuring environmental protection and sensitivity, promoting fiscal responsibility, and providing better transportation choices and connections.

The City remains fully supportive of the following projects:

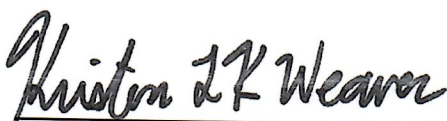
- The State's continued support for the construction of the **Purple Line** and investment in the **WMATA Metrorail System**.
- The **US 1 Baltimore Avenue** reconstruction project. The City urges that funding be programmed for engineering and construction for Segments 2 and 3, MD 193 to I-95 of this project.
- The allocation of funding to **Bicycle and Pedestrian Related Projects**. The City shares the State's and Prince George's County's concern for pedestrian and bicycle safety and strongly urges that projects continue to be added that support this State and local priority.

Thank you for the opportunity to review and comment on the CTP. If you have any questions please contact, Terri Hruby, Director of Planning and Community Development at (301)474-0569 or at [thruby@greenbeltmd.gov](mailto:thruby@greenbeltmd.gov).

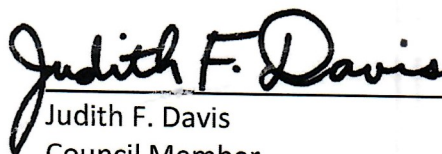
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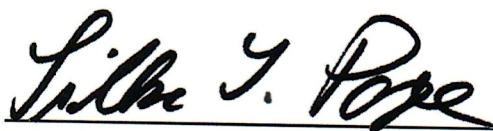
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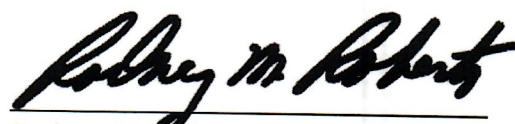
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