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Montgomery County Department of Transportation
Attention: Kyle Lukacs, AICP
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100 Edison Park Drive, 4th Floor SE, Gaithersburg, MD 20878

Dear Kyle,

On March 8th the Washington Grove Town Council endorsed Brown Street (alignment 3) as the Town's preferred bikeway connection to Crabbs Branch Way. Thank you for the helpful interim findings the Study reported at the public meeting in February. With this action, the Council expresses support for recommendation of this alignment by the Washington Grove Connector Study, and for the County to proceed with detailed design and construction in the near future.

We want to emphasize that Washington Grove residents and the Town Council remain very concerned over the environmental impacts, safety, "gateway" design, potential placement of bike racks, as well as specifics of the route at the Metro "end", Gaithersburg's connection plans, and more.

In adopting this recommendation, the Town Council has charged me to insure that the Town be involved in detailed planning decisions during construction of the connector. Residents and the Town Council wish to insure the design of the pathway minimizes adverse effects on the residents of Brown Street, the woodlands and the wetlands (decisions including width, type and exact path through wetlands, aesthetics, tree loss and replacement, etc.).

It is in our joint interest to cooperate in building the best pathway possible. I request that all players involved sit down to discuss how to assure the Town's participation in the process. A Memo of Understanding may be appropriate, wherein we define the Town's participation and perhaps also expectations of all parties for the work. I will identify a small group of residents having interest and some expertise to work with the County.

Please let me know how we should proceed to assure that Washington Grove has a significant role in the bikeway implementation process. And thank you for continuing to work towards the best possible outcome for all.

Sincerely,


John G. Compton, Mayor