

## Shared-Use Bike Path Petition

In accordance with Section 15(c) of the Charter of the Town of Washington Grove, we, the undersigned, petition the Mayor and Town Council to:

- (1) Set aside the Council's vote at the March 2021 Town Council meeting to endorse connecting the proposed shared-use bike path to Crabb's Branch Way at the southern end of lower Brown Street; and
- (2) Retract in writing the Mayor's communication to MCDOT on March 24, 2021 that this was the Town's preferred route, given the lack of formal engagement by town residents to assess shared-use bike path connection options.

These immediate actions are necessary for these reasons:

- After the February 2020 presentation by MCDOT to the Town, the Mayor and Council created a reasonable expectation that they would pursue a formal, transparent and deliberative process to assess the broad implications and impacts of various shared-use bike path connections to the Town, conduct a Special Town Meeting to formalize town resident opinions, and possibly establish a task force based on statements recorded in the Town Meeting minutes during the last 15 months.
- The Special Town Meeting scheduled for March 2020 was cancelled due to the worsening COVID-19 pandemic and was never rescheduled, even as a virtual meeting, while MCDOT continued to pursue its study to determine options for connection without further Town input.
- The Town Meeting form of government is enshrined in our Town Charter, assuring all residents are able to participate in important decisions. Further, common practice in the Town's governance is consultation with the Town's commissions and committees prior to making major decisions. These actions were absent in the Town Council's endorsement of lower Brown Street as the specified shared-use bike path connection to Town.

Therefore, this petition further requires the Town Council to:

(3) Initiate a Task Force at the June Town Council meeting, following discussion of this petition, to be comprised of a representative from the Planning Commission, the Historic Preservation Commission, and standing Town Committees, including Woods, Forestry and Beautification, Border, Emergency Preparedness & Safety. The Task Force members will be selected by their respective Commissions and Committees to be formed within 30 days of adoption of this plan. In consultation with their respective commissions and committees and with solicitation of input from all town residents, the Task Force will evaluate options for a shared-use bike path connection to or near the Town, and submit a consensus report with recommendations to the Mayor and Town Council within 60 days of their formation. Thereafter, the task force will continue to act as liaison between the Town and County agencies in discussions concerning the shared-use bike path.

Study of the options by the Task Force should include fact-based evaluation of short-term and long-term effects to the Town by each connection using criteria such as:

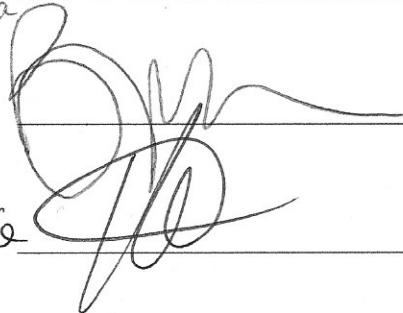
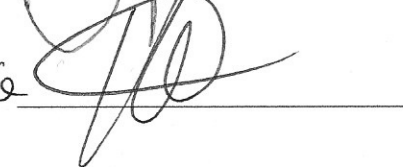
- Overall safety concerns from new and increased use of roadways or walkways
- Impacts on specific town homes, blocks, or neighborhoods
- Environmental and historic cultural impact
- Any legal implications of the Town's responsibilities for maintenance and liability of a shared-use bike path
- Ease of Access to Metro by Town and neighboring communities
- Recreational value of the shared-use bike path
- Social equity implications of the selected route
- Mitigations needed for any pathway route
- Contact MCDOT to provide data on the 10-year projected use of the shared-use bike path

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- ① Sarah Campbell Harris 507 Brown St. 5/30/21
- ② Paul B. Campbell 507 Brown St 5/30/21
- ③ Wendy E. Harn 507 Brown St 5/30/21
- ④ Alessandra J. Stylos 123 Chestnut Ave. 5/31/21
- ⑤ Emilia L. Styts 301 First Avenue 5-31-2021
- ⑥ Jeff McCrehan 410 Brown St. 5-31-2021
- ⑦ Freda Temple 114 Ridge Rd 5/31/21
- ⑧ Lucy Doyle 114 Ridge Rd 5/31/21
- ⑨ P.J. Langford 5/31/21
- ⑩  505 Brown St. 5/31/21
- ⑪  506 Brown St 6/01/21

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| (12) | David Stopak<br>501 Brown Street             | 5/27/21   |
| (13) | Shelley Winkler<br>501 Brown St.             | 5/27/21   |
| (14) | Carol Mahaffey<br>102 Ridge Rd.              | 5/27/21   |
| (15) | Joan M Mahaffey<br>102 Ridge Road            | 5/27/21   |
| (16) | <u>Yasmine Bouchlaghem</u><br>102 RIDGE ROAD | 5/27/21   |
| (17) | <u>Zied Bouchlaghem</u><br>102 Ridge Road    | 5/27/21   |
| (18) | Charles Mahaffey<br>104 Maple Ave            | 5-27-2021 |
| (19) | Nori S. Iracheta<br>502 Brown St.            | 5-27-2021 |
| (20) | Oscar R. Iracheta<br>502 Brown st.           | 5/27/2021 |
| (21) | Peggy Koniz-Bocher<br>111 Maple Ave.         | 5/29/21   |
| (22) | Thomas L. Ragland, Jr.<br>3 Ridge Rd.        | 6/1/21    |

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| (23) | <del>GARY HAYWARD</del> 201 CHERRY AVE.<br>WASHINGTON GROVE, MD 20880   | May 30, 2021  |
| (24) | <del>Janet Lotters</del> 201 Cherry Ave.<br>Janet Lotters Washington Grove, MD 20880  | May 30, 2021  |
| (25) | <del>DAVE CUNIK</del> 118 RIDGE RD.<br>WASHINGTON GROVE, MD 20880   | May 30, 2021  |
| (26) | <del>William J Garoni</del> 116 Ridge Rd.<br>Washington Grove, md 20880   | May 30, 2021  |
| (27) | <del>Kenneth M. Cathran</del> 2 the Circle<br>Kenneth M. Cathran Washington Grove, MD, 20880  | May 30, 2021  |
| (28) | <del>Joli A. M<sup>c</sup> Cathran</del> 2 the Circle<br>Joli A. M <sup>c</sup> Cathran Washington Grove, MD 20880<br>Ernest S. Kawasaki 217 Ridge Rd | May 30, 2021  |
| (29) | ERNEST S. KAWASAKI W.G., MD 20880<br>meredith horan 127 maple Ave   | May 30, 20880 |
| (30) | MEREDITH L. HORA Washington Grove md 20880<br>Margaret Ebner 119 Maple Ave.   | May 31, 2021  |
| (31) | Margaret Ebner Washington Grove, md. 20880  | May 31, 2021  |
| (32) | Brenda F. Gumula 207 Maple Ave<br>BRENDA F. GUMULA Washington Grove, MD 20880   | May 31, 2021  |
| (33) | David S. Gumula 207 MAPLE ROAD<br>J. DANIEL GUMULA WASHINGTON GROVE, MD 20880   | MAY 31, 2021  |


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| 34 | Elizabeth B. Robertson 315 Brown St<br>Elizabeth B. Robertson Washington Grove, MD 20880 | May 28, 2021 |
| 35 | William B. Robertson 315 Brown St.<br>William B. Robertson Washington Grove, MD 20880    | May 28 2021  |
| 36 | GREGORY SILBER 205 MAPLE AVE<br>GREGORY SILBER WASH. GROVE. 20880                        | 31 May 2021  |
| 37 | D. E. Henninger 113 Grove Rd<br>D. E. Henninger Washington Grove, MD 20880               | 5/31/2021    |
| 38 | Birgit Henninger 113 Grove Rd<br>Birgit Henninger Washington Grove                       | 5/31/2021    |
| 39 | Ann A. Philips 403 McCauley St<br>Ann A. Philips Washington Grove MD 20880               | 5/31/2021    |
| 40 | Kenneth Shapiro 403 McCauley<br>Kenneth Shapiro WASH GROVE 20880                         | 5/31/21      |
| 41 | Removed per signer's request   |              |
| 42 | Krista A Zanetti 127 Washington Grove Ln<br>Krista A Zanetti                             | 5/31/21      |
| 43 | DAVID A. LUTTER 127 Washington Grove Ln<br>David A. Lutter                               | 5/31/21      |
| 44 | Jane L Seegal 315 Grove Ave<br>JANE L. SEE GAL   | 6/1/21       |

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| (45) | <br>Sung Chung 119 Wash Grov Ln | 5/31/2024 |
| (46) | Jim Dan 207 Washington Grov Ln   | 5/31/21   |
| (47) | AS Maske 205 Washington Grov Lane  | 5/31/21   |
| (48) | Charles Kershaw 103 Brown St   | 6/3/21    |
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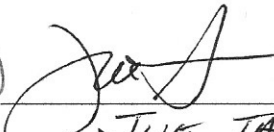
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| (50) | <br>JUE TANG | 506 Brown St | 06/02/21 |
| (51) | Cynthia Werts   | 410 Oak St.  | 6/2/21   |