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Additional Testimony before the County Council on the Shady Grove Minor Master Plan Amendment

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As an original participant in the creation of the 2006 Shady Grove Master Plan, and since then a member of the Shady Grove Master Plan Advisory Committee, I'm writing to urge the Board to consider the following modification to this Amendment to the Shady Grove Master Plan. Master Plans carry weight in planning and decision making, and this recommendation, though minor, better reflects the intentions of the Plan:

Bikeway Connection to Washington Grove

Recommended change/clarification:

- In Table 4 (p130) Amendments to the 2018 Bicycle Master Plan For the Project "Oakmont Street", modify the Status description to read, "Focus on Safer Parallel Connection **at ~~Brown Street~~ to Washington Grove**".

The creation of a safe and direct bikeway/multiuser pathway connection to the Shady Grove Metro will realize a significant goal of the Washington Grove Master Plan. Montgomery County has funded facilities planning and constructing thsuch a pathway, and currently the MCDOT "Washington Grove Connector – Crabbs Branch Extension" study is in progress. They are evaluating a number of roughly parallel alternative routes from Crabbs Branch, any of which achieve the desired connection to Washington Grove. *A specific route for construction will not be chosen until this study is completed and the Town of Washington Grove and County agree on how to proceed.*

In previous plans we viewed naming "Brown Street" as shorthand for Washington Grove. This Amendment should recognize the current study goals of MCDOT study and accurately describe the connection as being to Washington Grove rather than identifying Brown Street specifically.

Thank you for making this change in the context of Washington Grove and a viable Metro-centered residential community.

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