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

Dear Kyle,

On June 30th the Washington Grove Town Council approved plans to review potential impacts on the Town of a new shared use path connection to the Montgomery County bikeway system. This review will begin with the preparation of a Task Force report on this subject for residents and the Town Council, presentation and discussion of the report's findings at a Special Town Meeting of residents, and subsequent action by the Town Council on proceeding with a specific shared use path connection.

The timeline for this review process is:

- Creation of the Task Force charged with preparing a report which objectively evaluates the benefits and any negative consequences from increased pedestrian and bicycle use of Washington Grove roads overall, and specifically for each connection option in the MCDOT study, and any other alternative connection location. *The "Shared Use Bike Path Connection Task Force" has been appointed and has started work.*
- Delivery of the Task Force report on or before the November 8th to the Town Council.
- Public discussion of the report findings by residents at a Special Town Meeting scheduled no more than 60 days after November 8th.
- Thereafter the Town Council will discuss and act on proceeding with a specific shared use path connection, which may happen as early as December 13th.

Based on our recent conversation, it is my understanding that this timeline is largely concurrent with a pause in initiating the next phase of facilities planning for the Washington Grove Connector while the MCDOT study focuses on the extension of Amity Drive and a shared use path alternative between Crabbs Branch and Amity Drive.

As always, please contact me with concerns or for further information.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "John G. Compton".

John G. Compton, Mayor