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Dear Ms. Park,

I am providing this letter to you on behalf of the Washington Grove Shared Use Pathway Project Liaison (SUPPL) Committee. To better inform our community, we request that Montgomery County DOT tell us how and when several issues that are important to the town will be addressed during the design process of the Washington Grove Connector. A joint understanding of these issues early on will help achieve successful completion of the project to the satisfaction of the County and the Town. Here are the topics we wish to see addressed as part of the design process.

- 1) Safety and visibility where the trail intersects Brown St.
- 2) Construction that minimizes ecologic damage, including tree loss and water run-off.
- 3) Providing a welcoming entrance to Washington Grove, one that improves the attractiveness of the end of Brown St. and respects the town's architecture, lighting, signage, and layout.
- 4) As noted in the mayor's letter to you on March 22nd, 2022, a design that would allow the extension of the shared use path to Railroad St.

We understand that it may not be possible to be precise at this point in the process. Additional issues may also need to be addressed. Currently, however, we ask how and when DOT expects to address these issues. As the project moves forward, we would be pleased to meet with you to discuss these and other issues. We also look forward to seeing the completed report and recommendations to the Planning Commission.

Yours truly,

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