

March 21, 2014

William Parks, Project Director  
Maryland Transit Administration  
6 St. Paul Street  
Baltimore, MD 21202

Re: Mandatory Referrals for the Purple Line, Bethesda Metro Station South Entrance, Capital Crescent Trail, and Silver Spring Green Trail

The Planning Board reviewed the Mandatory Referral of the above projects at our regularly scheduled meeting on March 20, 2014 and approved them with comments to your agency, as well as to the Maryland State Highway Administration (SHA) and the Montgomery County Department of Transportation (MCDOT). While the comments are directed to the agency that is most directly responsible for initiating a response, we have also requested that the Secretary of the Maryland Department of Transportation coordinate a joint response by MTA and SHA. A copy of that letter is attached as are the Board's comments.

[TEXT TO BE ADDED BY DEPARTMENT OF PARKS]

Thank you for your assistance in coordinating a joint response with SHA via MDOT. As noted in the letter to the Secretary, we request that responses to the individual Planning Board recommendations be provided to us within 45 days. If you have any questions or comments concerning our review, please do not hesitate to call me at 301-495-4605, or you may call David Anspacher at 301-495-2191.

Sincerely,

Françoise M. Carrier  
Chair