

March 21, 2014

Melinda Peters, Administrator  
Maryland State Highway Association  
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RE: Mandatory Referral for the Purple Line

The Planning Board reviewed the Purple Line Mandatory Referral at our regularly scheduled meeting on March 20, 2014 and approved it with comments to your agency, the Maryland Transit Administration (MTA), the Maryland Department of Transportation (MDOT), 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.

Thank you for your assistance in coordinating a joint response with MTA 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