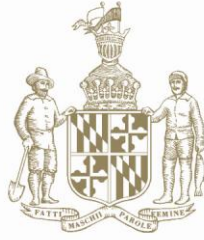


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Mr. John Webster
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Greater Olney Civic Association
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Dear Mr. Webster,

Thank you for forwarding to the Delegation the recent GOCA Resolution regarding the proposed Route 97 bus rapid transit line. We appreciate the continued communication between GOCA leadership, the leadership of the Olney Chamber of Commerce, and officials at all levels on this issue.

While many of the decisions regarding the line will be made by the County and State Highway Administration, we intend to be fully involved as the debate continues and use what leverage we can apply to support the community. In the near term, our efforts will include:

- Advocating for re-allocation of effort and limited available planning funds to BRT corridors with more demonstrable need, such as the Route 29 and 355 corridors;
- And making clear to state planners that we will oppose funding for any project that takes residential or commercial structures within the Olney Master Plan area.

Given the County's prioritization of the BRT lines on Route 29 and 355, and the limited available funding for transit, we expect that it will be quite some time before a serious debate on whether and how to construct a Route 97 BRT line begins anew. Regardless, when it does begin, we will advocate for an inclusive and transparent process including early community involvement, clear demonstration of need, and evidence that such a project will reduce traffic. And it goes without saying that we will continue our advocacy for funding of the 28/97 interchange project.

Thank you again for your continued communication with us about Olney community priorities, and please do not hesitate to contact us on this or any other issue of concern.

Sincerely,

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Delegate Eric Luedtke

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Delegate Anne Kaiser

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Senator Karen Montgomery