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April 20, 2015

Montgomery County Planning Board  
8787 Georgia Avenue  
Silver Spring, MD

Subject: Bowie Mill Road Bikeway (Olney)

Dear Chairman Anderson and Planning Board Commissioners:

The Greater Olney Civic Association (GOCA) represents over 35 homeowner and civic associations in the Olney Master Plan area. For over 30 years, GOCA has promoted the civic, cultural, and economic welfare of the Olney community.

The construction of a bi-directional bikeway on either side of Bowie Mill Road from Route 108 to Muncaster Mill Road is part of the regional Bikeways Master Plan, but is currently unfunded in the most recently published Maryland-National Capital Park and Planning Commission's 2015 Capital Improvement Plan (CIP). GOCA's Transportation Committee has reviewed multiple alternatives for improvements to the bicycle/pedestrian trail network in and around the Olney Master Plan Area and has determined that constructing the Bowie Mill Road Bikeway is our highest trail network priority at this time. A complete Statement of Purpose and Need supporting our position on the Bikeway is attached to this letter.

At our April 14, 2015 Executive Board meeting, GOCA's members overwhelmingly supported the following resolution regarding the Bowie Mill Road Bikeway:

***Whereas GOCA has identified that Olney lacks substantive bicycle connections to other areas within Montgomery County and the region as a whole; and***

***Whereas GOCA's Transportation Committee has determined that bike lanes along Bowie Mill Road represent a unique and viable opportunity for regional connectivity to schools and mass transit; and***

***Whereas Bowie Mill Road currently lacks the necessary infrastructure to ensure bicycle safety, but is designated for such improvement in the Montgomery County Bikeways Master Plan ("BL-20")***

***GOCA hereby resolves to endorse the recommendation of its Transportation Committee and request inclusion of the Bowie Mill Road bike lanes in the County's Capital Improvement Plan***

Bowie Mill Road is a heavily-traveled corridor, providing a critical link from Olney Town Center and surrounding neighborhoods to destinations such as Sequoyah Elementary School, Magruder High School, Lake Needwood, and the Shady Grove Metrorail station. GOCA strongly believes that now is the right time to invest in the construction of the Bowie Mill Road Bikeway and formally requests the Planning Board's support for this vital project.

Sincerely,

John Webster  
President

Cc: The Honorable Isiah Leggett, Montgomery County Executive  
Montgomery County Council