



DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

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County Executive

Arthur Holmes, Jr.
Director

December 8, 2014

Mr. John Webster, President
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Dear Mr. Webster:

Thank you for your December 4, 2014 letter to County Executive Isiah Leggett. He asked me respond on his behalf regarding the status of the Bus Rapid Transit (BRT) study for the MD 97/Georgia Avenue corridor.

Following County Executive Leggett's letter to Senator Karen Montgomery of September 30th, he gave direction to the Montgomery County Department of Transportation to put on hold any further consideration of the alternatives outlined in the study, and directed the Maryland State Highway Administration (SHA) to prepare a summary report of all work done on the study to date, including the ridership analysis projections.

We are currently in the process of forming Corridor Advisory Committees (CACs) for each of the corridors under study. The purpose and mission of these committees is to provide input into the planning and design process for the four BRT studies that are currently underway in Montgomery County. The committees will address potential community impacts and will provide a forum for educating the community about these projects. The CACs will be part of a broader community engagement effort that will guide these studies. The kick-off meeting for the CACs is expected to be in mid-February, with regular committee meetings commencing soon afterwards.

We plan to share and discuss the MD 97 BRT study summary report with the two Georgia Avenue CACs at the first regular committee meetings. At that time, based on input from the committees, we will determine how to proceed with the study.

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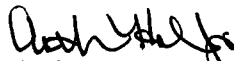
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We also wanted to thank you for sending a number of very good ideas related to transit service in your letter, as well as the results from your commuter survey. We will have a response to you on these points soon, and look forward to discussing these ideas with you in the future.

Sincerely,


Arthur Holmes, Jr.

cc: Isiah Leggett, County Executive
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