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Office of the County Executive Executive Office Building (EOB) 101 Monroe Street, 2nd Floor Rockville, Maryland 20850

Subject: GOCA supports the Brookeville Bypass project

Dear Mr. Leggett:

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.

At our July 14 Executive Board meeting, GOCA members overwhelmingly passed the following resolution in support of the Brookeville Bypass project:

Whereas the town of Brookeville has historic significance that will be enhanced by the rerouting of through traffic around (as opposed to through) the center of town; and

Whereas trucks and cars have trouble navigating the hilly roads and sharp turns of the current configuration, evidenced by the damage to yards, houses, trees, cemetery, and lamp posts; and

Whereas truck vibrations crack the plaster walls of the historic homes; and

Whereas the intersection in the center of Brookeville and the narrow, winding route significantly impede traffic flow, creating back-ups that change the character of the town; and

Whereas the creation of the Bypass will have the result of improving the above problems,

GOCA hereby resolves to support the construction of the Brookeville Bypass.

We understand this vital transportation project is currently funded with construction scheduled to begin in August of 2016. The purpose of our resolution and letter to you at this point is to make certain this project remains at the forefront of the County's transportation priorities in the face of budgetary uncertainties and other unforeseen events that may occur over the next 12 months.



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Thank you for taking action to improve the safety and efficiency of the Georgia Avenue corridor and relieve the Historic Town of Brookeville from the present commuter traffic burden.

Sincerely,

John Webster President, GOCA

Cc: State Senator Karen Montgomery, District 14

Delegate Anne Kaiser, District 14 Delegate Craig Zucker, District 14 Delegate Eric Luedtke, District 14 Montgomery County Council

Douglas H. Simmons, Acting State Highway Administrator

Al Roshdieh, Acting Director, Montgomery County Department of Transportation