

Montgomery County DOT
Division of Transportation Engineering
Attention Daniel Sheridan
100 Edison Park Drive, 4th Floor
Gaithersburg, MD 20878

February 17, 2016

Dear Mr. Sheridan:

An interconnected street grid is one way to reduce congestion on arterial roads by providing alternate routes for local traffic to use. The Olney Town Center has many connections in its master plan but few have been built. There is a current proposal to connect G Street (alley that connects N High St to Morningwood Dr) in the Olney town center. Even though the Greater Olney Civic Association (GOCA) advocates for connections, the time is not right for this connection. The purpose of an alley is to connect two through roads. North High Street currently ends before reaching Morningwood so if this alley connection is made now, it will inappropriately be used as a through street. GOCA will pursue the connection at N High St to Morningwood and once that is completed, then we would support this alley connection.


On February 9, 2016 the GOCA membership passed the following resolution unanimously:

Whereas the proposed alley connection would link N. High St to Morningwood Dr.
Whereas alleys are designed to connect two through streets
Whereas N. High Street will not be a through street until it is directly connected
with Morningwood Dr.
Whereas constructing the alley connection now without the direct N. High St.
to Morningwood Dr. connection would result in the alley being used as a through street

GOCA resolves the alley should not be connected until N. High St. is connected
to Morningwood Dr.

Every time the community had a question or concern, you responded, and if you did not know the answer, you found the right person who did. Thank you for your work on this project!

Sincerely,


Greg Intoccia
GOCA President