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The Honorable Nancy Floreen
President, Montgomery County Council
100 Maryland Avenue
Rockville, MD 20850

Dear Council President Floreen:

The Greater Olney Civic Association (GOCA) would like to reiterate its strong support for funding related to three projects pending before you in the FY17-22 Capital Improvements Program (CIP). Each project received unanimous support from its respective Council committee, and we ask for the same support from the full Council:

Olney Civic Center and Town Commons (funds for planning study) -- The Olney community has been advocating for this project for almost 20 years:

- there is a need for a community gathering place, a center where a variety of community-based services can be housed jointly.
- The project is supported by many Olney organizations, including homeowners associations, civic associations in GOCA, and the Olney Chamber of Commerce.

North High Street to Morningwood Dr. Road Connection (funds for design and construction) --

- The Olney Master Plan indicates that this is an important connection. Currently North High Street is a dead-end street, impeding economic development. The connection will help to improve traffic flow on Georgia Avenue in the heart of the Olney town center area.

Bowie Mill Bikeway (funds for a planning study) --

- We believe that the Bowie Mill Bikeway will:
 - open a safe path for both commuters and recreational bikers across the Upper Rock Creek to the Shady Grove Metro and Lake Needwood,
 - enhance our existing bikeway networks,
 - take more cars off our roads, and
 - ultimately improve connectivity in the County.

These three projects are ones that the Olney community is passionate about and there is a high degree of visible support across the entire community. We would very much appreciate your continued support!

Sincerely,


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