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March 29, 2021

The Honorable Tom Hucker
President
Montgomery County Council
Council Office Building
100 Maryland Avenue, 6th Floor
Rockville, Maryland 20850

Dear Mr. Hucker:

We have reviewed the Montgomery County Executive’s Recommended FY22 Capital Budget and Amendments to the FY21-26 Capital Improvements Program (CIP) to determine the program's potential impact on federal properties or other federal interests in the National Capital Region. None of the recommendations appear to have adverse impacts. The CIP is consistent with the planning principles and policies of the Comprehensive Plan for the National Capital: Federal Elements (Comprehensive Plan).

We support the accelerated schedules recommended for the Seneca Science Corridor Transit Improvements (P502202) and the US 29 Managed Lane Project (P502201) projects. Both projects are integral to providing improved alternatives to manage the region's road congestion. We understand the CIP recommends delaying the White Flint Metro Station Northern Entrance (No. P501914), Forest Glen Passageway (No. P501911), and Capital Crescent Trail (No. P501316). These projects support multiple Comprehensive Plan policies related to advancing an interconnected transportation system, sustainable transportation, equitable mobility, and smart growth. We appreciate that the County Executive is exploring remedies to mitigate the delays, and we recommend further evaluation to ensure that short-term changes in project scope or timing do not compromise long-term benefits to the transportation network.

Overall, the recommended CIP represents a remarkable investment in the region. Successful implementation on these projects will require continued coordination with applicable federal agencies including the National Park Service and U.S. Department of Transportation. For your reference, the Transportation Element of NCPC’s Comprehensive Plan was updated last year and is available at www.ncpc.gov/plans/compplan.

Thank you for the opportunity to review and comment on your recommended CIP. We look forward to working with you to continue advancing our shared regional goals in the future. If you have any questions, please have a member of your staff contact Kael Anderson at 202-482-7273 or kael.anderson@ncpc.gov.

Sincerely,

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Executive Director