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April 8, 2022

The Honorable Calvin S. Hawkins, II
Chair
Prince George's County Council
14741 Governor Oden Bowie Drive
2nd Floor
Upper Marlboro, Maryland 20772

Dear Mr. Hawkins, II:

We have reviewed Prince George's County's *Proposed Capital Budget and Program Fiscal Years 2023-2028* (CIP) to determine the program's potential impact on federal properties or other federal interests in the National Capital Region. None of the capital projects 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).

The CIP includes multiple projects that will improve regional mobility, which is particularly important for the effectiveness of the federal workforce. We particularly support the **Bus Mass Transit/Metro Access 2, Southern Maryland Rapid Transit, and Transit Oriented Development Infrastructure, Maryland Purple Line** projects, which support multiple Comprehensive Plan policies, particularly those related to integrated regional transportation system.

Likewise, we support the incorporation of multiple trail development projects, including: **Trail Development Fund, Central Avenue Trail Connector, Southern Area Connector Trails, Piscataway Creek Stream Valley Park, Rhode Island Avenue Trolley Trail, WB&A Trail Spur, Bowie Heritage Trail, Oxon Run Trail Rehab/Extension, and Little Paint Branch Stream Valley Park**. We note the latter of which includes acquisition of trail right-of-way from the Beltsville Agricultural Research Center. These investments are consistent with multiple Comprehensive Plan policies to improve water quality and protect the Chesapeake Bay, enhance the existing trail network, and increase access to parks and open spaces. The region's watersheds, trails and open spaces represent valuable, and in many respects, unique natural resources.

The County's CIP also embraces a commendable program of environmental improvements. Several projects would include stream and water quality restoration of the Capper-Cramton stream valleys and other regional watersheds including the **Bear Branch Sub-Watershed, and Stream Restoration/SWM [Storm Water Management] Retrofit**.

Successful implementation on these projects will require continued coordination with applicable federal agencies including the U.S. Department of Agriculture, U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, U.S. Department of Transportation, and National Park Service. For your reference, the

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recently updated Transportation Element of the National Capital Planning Commission's Comprehensive Plan 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 Melissa Lindsjo at 202-482-7237 or melissa.lindsjo@ncpc.gov.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Marcel C. Acosta". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a long horizontal stroke extending to the right.

Marcel C. Acosta
Executive Director