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April 6, 2018

Mr. John Thomas, PTP
Planning Section Manager, Division of Transportation Engineering
Montgomery County DOT
100 Edison Park Drive, 4th Floor SE
Gaithersburg MD 20878

**Re: Summit Avenue Extension Project
Town of Kensington**

Dear Mr. Thomas: JT

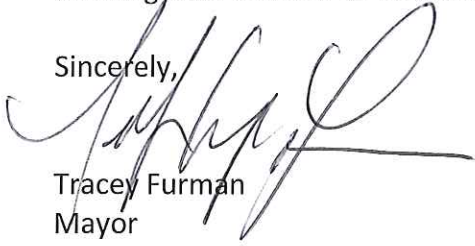
On behalf of the Town Council, we would like to thank you for presenting the alternative improvement options for the proposed Summit Avenue Extension project at our March 12th Town Council Meeting. In discussing the proposed alternatives with the Council, we understand the benefit and cost analysis of extending Summit Avenue compared to the proposed alternatives; however, with pending redevelopment projects on Knowles, Plyers Mill, and Summit, we believe that the Summit Avenue Extension project should remain under active consideration within the County's CIP.

With respect to the short-term alternatives presented, the Council and I are very favorable towards all three (S-A, S-B, and S-C) proposals. Although we do have reservations on converting the existing traffic signal at Plyers Mill Road and 192 Metropolitan Avenue from flashing to fully operational, as this was done previously with deleterious results. In addition, we would like to see ADA sidewalks installed between Connecticut and Summit Avenue and pedestrian crosswalk improvements between Connecticut and Howard Avenue as we continually hear from our residents about safety concerns.

As for the long term improvements, we hope that MCDOT will continue to consider the extension of Summit Avenue (L1), as previously noted. We are encouraged by the possible benefits of widening Connecticut Avenue along the CSX Bridge (L3) by providing a dedicated turn lane from Howard Avenue to Plyers Mill Road. However, we have some concerns about L4 and would need additional information before supporting alternative lanes on Connecticut between Knowles and Plyers Mill

Thank you again for presenting these alternatives to the Town Council, as we look forward to working with MCDOT on these future projects to help alleviate traffic congestion within the Town.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Tracey Furman', written over the printed name and title.

Tracey Furman
Mayor

Cc: Kensington Town Council
Bruce Johnston, P.E. Division Chief
Hans Riemer, County Council President