Item 7 - Correspondence

From: Seth Grimes
To: MCP-Chair

Subject: Testimony on Tuckerman Lane Sidewalk/Bikeway Project – Segment 1, Mandatory Referral MR2023007

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The Washington Area Bicyclist Association is pleased to submit the attached testimony on Tuckerman Lane Sidewalk/Bikeway Project – Segment 1, Mandatory Referral MR2023007, scheduled for Planning Board hearing on May 11, 2023.

Thank you.

Seth Grimes

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Tuckerman Lane Sidewalk/Bikeway Project – Segment 1, Mandatory Referral MR2023007

Montgomery County Planning Board

May 9, 2023

Chair Zyontz and Planning Board Members,

The Washington Area Bicyclist Association (WABA) is a nonprofit organization with over 700 Montgomery County members. We envision a just and sustainable transportation system where walking, biking, and transit are the best ways to get around.

WABA endorses the Tuckerman Lane Sidewalk/Bikeway Project – Segment 1 project, to design and construct pedestrian and bicycle improvements along Tuckerman Lane between Falls Road (MD 189) and Seven Locks Road, which as noted would fill a longstanding need to improve east-west bicycle connectivity between Bethesda and Potomac, as well as provide improved pedestrian connectivity.

Further, WABA supports staff recommendations to reduce the speed limit, widen street buffers, and install protected crossings, crosswalks, and curb ramps.

We look forward to future mandatory referrals hearings for Tuckerman Lane Sidewalk/Bikeway Project Segments 2, 3, and 4.

Thank you for the opportunity to comment.

Seth Grimes, Maryland Organizer Washington Area Bicyclist Association seth.grimes@waba.org From: Sharon Doyle
To: MCP-Chair

Subject: Tuckerman Lane Diet Plan

Date: Thursday, May 4, 2023 7:15:26 AM

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Good Morning,

Please accept this email and my supportive comments during the May 11th public meeting.

I remember when this section of Tuckerman Lane was carved out of what us natives called The Shriver Property. And I have lived in The Gables on Tuckerman for 7 years and am aware of the increased vehicle volume and speed and welcome your plans to slow down vehicles and create a safe place for bicycles and pedestrians. Nine residential communities and one rehab community border Tuckerman Lane. The Bethesda Trolly Trail crosses Tuckerman. Despite signage for 35 mph, a pedestrian crosswalk with a stop light and 3 additional stop lights Tuckerman Lane is unsafe for anyone outside of a vehicle. As you know, two people died by car in the lighted crosswalk.

Please continue your efforts to make Tuckerman safe for the many age groups that daily walk their children & dogs and for the many bikers going to and from the Trolly Trail. If a 'road diet' is not approved due to community resistance to change, then I encourage you to install speed cameras in each direction. You'll be amazed at the revenue generated!!

Thank you! Sharon M. Doyle 5821 Inman Park Circle #400 N. Bethesda, MD 20852