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The MBT functions very well as of today. It had a recent up-grade which made the surface smooth as silk. This "Silk Road" is adequate in all respects.

Please leave it alone as it now stands. So called up-grades will only muck it up at a great cost. We are opposed to the removal of any mature trees along the alignment. TP is a Tree City. Let's remember this. We are opposed to the removal of smaller trees also for they help to provide a sound barrier to the CSX, Metro Rail, Marc and Amtrak trains. Unfortunately we will lose 15 mostly Little Leaf Linden trees along Selim Rd about a block away. We made some of these same recommendations to TP Planners years ago during the first trail up-grade.

We haven't noticed any problem with the short span of narrower trail and the removal of the "cattle-penning" wood fence and it had needed periodic maintenance. Recommend not replacing it. Just remove 2 metal trash cans from blocking the trail near its halfway point.

The current raised cross walk is in a great location for the neighborhood, only feet from the Buffalo Ave. Ride-On Route 18 bus stops. Leave it be. Besides, its proposed location across Buffalo Ave. is adjacent to storm sewer inlets on both sides of Takoma Ave.

Think about what has gone wrong with capital projects that Planners have pushed which have turned out badly. We have had to put up with a lot of bad Planning over the years. Consider the ICC environmental and other issues, the S.S. Civic Center 10 years in the making, the Sarbanes Transit Center, 5 years over estimates, and serious construction problems, and the never ending Purple Line tragic fiasco, disrupting dozens of neighborhoods in Montgomery and PG counties. And \$ millions over budget! and years behind completion.

Please reject Planners' suggestions and "Let it Be," the Trail that is.

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