

July 31, 2023

Mr. Christopher Conklin, PE, Director
Montgomery County Department of Transportation
Executive Office Building
101 Monroe Street, 10th Floor
Rockville, Maryland 20850

SUBJECT: **Project Briefing – Crabbs Branch Way and Washington Grove Connector Trail – Study Update**

Dear Director Conklin:

At its regularly scheduled meeting on July 20, 2023, the Montgomery County Planning Board received a briefing from Planning staff and the Montgomery County Department of Transportation (MCDOT) on the Crabbs Branch Way Extension and Washington Grove Connector Trail – Study Update. The Planning Board provided the following comments on the study update:

1. The traffic analysis conducted for the Crabbs Branch Way Extension project supports the master planned road extension.
2. MCDOT should prioritize construction of the Brown Street Connector portion of the Washington Grove Connector project, as this segment of the overall project has substantial public support, including from the Town of Washington Grove, is far along in the design process, and has a relatively low cost.
3. MCDOT should continue to advance development of a trail through Piedmont Crossing Local Park to Amity Drive. If the Council decides to fund construction of the Crabbs Branch Road Extension, this trail should be constructed adjacent to the roadway. Any trail alignments pursued are required to proceed through Montgomery Parks Concept Review process and receive Park Construction Permit Review and Approval prior to any construction.

Thank you for your attention to this matter. If you have questions, please contact Stephen Aldrich at 301-495-4528 or Stephen.Aldrich@montgomeryplanning.org.

Sincerely,



Artie L. Harris
Chair

Attachment:
Staff report to the Planning Board, July 20, 2023

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