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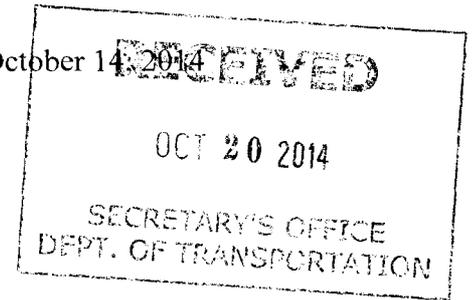
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Re: Draft Consolidated Transportation Program (CTP) 2015-2020

Dear Secretary Smith:

The College Park City Council reviewed the FY 2015-2020 Draft CTP, and appreciates the passage of the Transportation Infrastructure Investment Act of 2013 as a sustainable funding source that has enabled important projects to move forward. The City also supports the vision and goals of the Maryland Transportation Plan and new priorities that include an emphasis on transit, transit-oriented development and bicycle and pedestrian travel. While the reconstruction of US 1 remains the City's highest priority, College Park, as a state-designated sustainable community and revitalization area, has needs in these priority areas and welcomes the opportunity to work with MDOT to achieve our shared goals.

The following are the City Council's specific comments on the Draft CTP:

US 1, Baltimore Avenue Reconstruction

This project has reached the 90% design milestone but remains unfunded for construction. Given the schedule and allocation of funding for right-of-way acquisition and utility relocation design, it appears that the proposed Fall 2016 date for the project to be advertised for construction is optimistic. A briefing to the City Council on the status of the project design has been requested and is anticipated next month. As you know, the City has entered into a Letter of Agreement with the State Highway Administration (SHA) to pay for the design for the undergrounding of overhead utilities and is interested in pursuing a joint application for a TIGER grant to help offset some of the total costs of the project. It will be important going forward to maintain close collaboration between the City and SHA to address final design decisions, schedules and funding to keep this long-delayed project on track.

Full Interchange at Greenbelt Metro Station

This is a project that will have a direct impact on the residential neighborhoods of north College Park and the City has requested to be included in design coordination meetings for the project. The City supports the Greenbelt Station site for the FBI Headquarters Consolidation and Relocation as well as the full interchange to make this transit-oriented development more feasible. We want



and need to be a full participant in the process especially as related work along the Capital Beltway could result in significant noise, visual and property impacts.

Purple Line

The City looks forward to the selection of a concessionaire this fall under the P3 program and to working with the consultant team on final alignment and station design issues.

SHA Sidewalk Program

The City is pleased to be working with SHA to construct sidewalk and pedestrian safety improvements along the section of US 1 from MD 193 to I-495. A recent letter from the City has indicated our willingness to assist SHA staff with outreach efforts to property owners and to maintain the improvements.

I-95/I-495, Capital Beltway Widening and Managed Lanes

The City does not support the widening of the Capital Beltway and would like to see this project dropped from the CTP. It is preferable to focus on more limited operational improvements in specific locations.

Thank you once again for the opportunity to provide input on the 2015-2020 Draft CTP.

Sincerely,



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