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Mr. Gregory Slater  
Transportation Secretary  
Maryland Department of Transportation  
7201 Corporate Center Drive  
Hanover, MD 21076

### **Re: Request to fund engineering and design for Baltimore Avenue segments two and three.**

Dear Secretary Slater:

On behalf of the College Park City Council and residents, I respectfully request that the Department of Transportation (MDOT) provides funding for the engineering and design work on segments two and three of the Baltimore Avenue Reconstruction project. I am sure you are aware of the long delays—more than a decade—that preceded the recent announcement of the start of construction for segment one. We are thrilled that this 1.4-mile segment from College Avenue to MD 193 will be completed in 2023, but we simply cannot rest until the entire project is completed. Regrettably, no work has been funded for the project north of MD 193 to I-495.

This project is required to increase safety for all users of Baltimore Avenue and to create an attractive “main street” for the City of College Park and University of Maryland. Safety improvements include the elimination of the shared center turn lane; the addition of bike lanes; improved intersections; and wider sidewalks. The City, the University, and the private sector have invested heavily in the Baltimore Avenue corridor and these safety improvements will lead to additional investment. It is a smart growth investment for the State.

Thank you for your consideration of our request.

Sincerely,

Patrick L. Wojahn  
Mayor

cc: Angela Alsobrooks, Prince George’s County Executive  
Maryland 21<sup>st</sup> District Delegation  
Dr. Wallace Loh, President, University of Maryland College Park  
Dr. Darryll J. Pines, incoming President, University of Maryland College Park