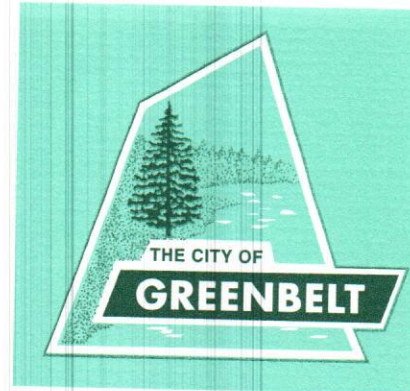


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RE: 2018-2023 Draft Consolidated Transportation Program (CTP)

Dear Secretary Rahn:

The Greenbelt City Council has had the opportunity to review the *State's Draft Consolidated Transportation Program (CTP) for fiscal years 2018-2023*. The City Council offers the following comments on those items in the CTP that are of greatest interest to Greenbelt.

The City strongly opposes the removal of the Full Interchange at Greenbelt Metro Station from the Construction Program. The City requests that funding be restored to this important project. If the State, County and City are to be successful at attracting a large tenant to anchor high quality transit oriented development at this Station, a full interchange must be constructed. We need to be proactive in attracting economic development to our region and not take a wait and see approach.

The City also strongly opposes the I-495 Capital Beltway Planning Study and the Baltimore-Washington Superconducting Maglev project. The impacts these projects will have on the natural, socioeconomic, cultural and built environment are unacceptable. These projects will do little to address the region's congestion, but have high environmental, human and financial costs. These projects, combined with the removal of the Full Interchange at Greenbelt Metro Station project from the Construction Program, are in direct conflict with the State's priorities outlined in the CTP, including the following: Use resources wisely; Deliver transportation solutions and services of great value; Be a good neighbor; Be a good steward of our environment; and Be fair and reasonable to our partners. The CTP should support the State's transportation priorities, not be in direct conflict with them.

The City agrees with the State's continued support for the construction of the Purple Line, for investing in the WMATA metrorail system and for funding locally operated transit systems capital procurement projects. The City recently incurred the loss of its Greenbelt Connection bus and is actively working with our transit partners in securing a replacement bus.

The City also continues to support the US 1, Baltimore Avenue Improvement projects, and supports College Park's request to have funding programmed for design and engineering of Segments 2 and 3 of this project. The City further supports the City of College Park's request for resources to be

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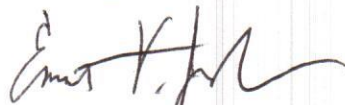
allocated to the I-495 and US 1 Interchange project, so that the State Highway Administration and the City of College Park can continue to work to identify needed operational improvements.

The City continues to support the allocation of funding to pedestrian and bicycle improvement projects. The City shares the State's and Prince George's County's concern for pedestrian and bicycle safety and strongly urges that projects continue to be added that support this State and local priority. The City also remains supportive of the State's sound barrier program and continues to be dedicated to working with State and County officials on how to revise the program and direct funding to established neighborhoods that struggle with the adverse impacts associated with highway noise.

In closing, the City is disappointed that the MD-193 – Greenbelt Road Streetscape project, which was placed on hold in 2002, remains excluded from the CTP. Greenbelt Road is a vital east-west roadway link that serves as a major gateway to our Community and represents Prince George's County to many who travel along it. This project is a priority of Prince George's County and the communities it serves and should be included in the draft CTP. Currently, there are too many curb cuts, intersections, signs, power poles and wiring that create an unsafe and unattractive roadway for all users. Safety improvements, especially for pedestrians and bicyclists, are desperately needed in this highly-travelled and highly-developed corridor. Furthermore, investment in this corridor directly supports the long-term land-use and redevelopment goals of Prince George's and Montgomery Counties in coordination with the Purple Line project.

Thank you for the opportunity to review and comment on the CTP. If you have any questions, please contact Terri Hruby, Acting Director of Planning and Community Development at 301-474-0569.

Sincerely,



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