

Sayers, Margery

From: Doris <dorisisat@gmail.com>
Sent: Wednesday, January 23, 2019 12:57 AM
To: CouncilMail
Cc: elsassers@gmail.com
Subject: Plan to realign Sheppard to the West

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Dear Howard County Council Members,

As a Howard County resident who often must travel MD Route 108 from Beaverbrook to help with grandchildren or visit my daughter's family in River Hill, I am opposed to the plan to realign Sheppard to the west. It introduces a dangerous curve onto Sheppard Lane as it approaches MD108. This will exacerbate traffic congestion MD108 eastbound. After this proposed change, it would no longer be possible to add an extra MD108 eastbound through lane at the Sheppard Lane intersection. An extra lane to alleviate traffic congestion on MD108 eastbound is badly needed. I am also opposed to the use of capital funds as proposed in CR-3 2019 because it would be for the benefit of a single developer instead of in the public interest.

Please ensure that, not only, is Howard County and its Planning and Zoning Department (DPZ) are acting in the best interest of the local community, but all Howard County taxpayers, and commuters. Decisions and actions should NOT be made in the best interests of a single developer. Please use our tax dollars for road changes that improve the roads for the SAFETY and benefit of Howard County Taxpayers.

Sincerely,

Doris Coleman
5020 Castle Moor Dr.
Columbia, MD 21044

Sayers, Margery

From: Angela Dalton <gigi.dalton@gmail.com>
Sent: Tuesday, January 22, 2019 8:28 PM
To: CouncilMail; Ball, Calvin
Cc: David/Kristina Elsaesser; James Dalton
Subject: My statement from this evening's public hearing

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Dear Howard County Council Members and Howard County Executive Dr. Calvin Ball,

Thank you for listening to my testimony this evening and considering my and so many other community members' concerns. As I said at the beginning I have never testified before but I was moved to do so because I am so concerned about CR-3 2019. I have included the text of my testimony below. I once again ask that you reject this resolution.

Testimony:

My name is Angela Dalton and I have been a Clarksville resident since 2012. The majority of Clarksville residents moved here to live in a rural community that is safe and has great schools. This proposal states that the road changes are in the "public's interest," but I and my neighbors take strong exception to that.

It is my view that the only benefit of these so-called improvements will be for the developer of River Hill Square, yet this resolution would force my neighbors and me to pay for the developers' project through tax dollars that would be far better spent on projects that increase the safety, traffic management, and infrastructure for our community. Others have pointed out some of those projects.

I want to express two specific, personal concerns about the road development. The first I share with most members of the community - concern for the effects of the traffic and intersection configuration that is right in the CES and River Hill High School school zones, especially as a parent of two children who are approaching driving age, one who is already at RHHS and the other who just this year moved on to Clarksville Middle School from CES.

My other concern is for my own safety and that of others who are frequent bicyclists. Sheppard Lane is an access to the many regularly used recreational bike routes throughout Western Howard County. The proposed changes make an already problematic road far worse, with greater curvature and worse sight lines (rather than a change that would make the intersection a right angle). It also will make the commuting route for me that traverses that section of 108 from Trotter Road to get to the bike lanes on Great Star even more unsafe.

I oppose this plan and ask that the Council Members and County Executive instead use our tax dollars to make our community better and safer. Please do not approve this plan.

I voted for Dr. Ball as County Executive because of his position stating that he is concerned about development that happens after backroom deals are made without a transparent, open process. There was no pre-submission meeting for this plan and it is not supported by the community who lives here. Please hear our voices and reject this deal.

Sincerely,
Angela Dalton
11716 Trotter Crossing Lane

Sayers, Margery

From: viviana simon <simon_viviana@hotmail.com>
Sent: Tuesday, January 22, 2019 8:10 PM
To: CouncilMail; Ball, Calvin
Cc: elsassers@gmail.com
Subject: opposed to the plan to realign Sheppard to the west and to expend any capital funds for this purpose as proposed in CR-3 2019

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Sincerely,

Viviana Simon
6063 Majors Lane
Columbia, MD

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From: Sumeet Seth <seth.sumeet@gmail.com>
Sent: Tuesday, January 22, 2019 7:05 PM
To: David/Kristina Elsaesser
Cc: CouncilMail; Ball, Calvin
Subject: Re: Correction, Details on My Opposition to CR-3 2019

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Dr. Calvin Ball, Howard County Executive,

Howard County Council Members:

Liz Walsh, Opel Jones, Christiana Mercer Rigby, Deb Jung, David Yungman,

From - Sumeet Seth
Resident of - 12156 Flowing Water Trail, Clarksville, MD 21029

I join David and Kristina Elsaesser in opposing CR-13 2019. I have reviewed the plans, and agree how it compromises the safety and well being of our community. This one-sided proposal will jeopardize the safety and traffic flow on Route 108. While I cannot be at the meeting in person because of this being in the middle of high school mid-terms, I fully support the rationale of David's submission to Dr. Ball and Howard County Council.

If you need to reach me for any clarifications, I will be happy to talk in person, and will provide my cell phone details as well.

Thanks,
Sumeet Seth

On Tue, Jan 22, 2019 at 6:09 PM David/Kristina Elsaesser <elsaessers@gmail.com> wrote:
Sorry I fixed some typos in the file attached below.
Also concerned citizens who reply to this message should give their name and address.

[Elsaesser Opposition to CR-13 2019](#)

On Tue, Jan 22, 2019 at 5:03 PM David/Kristina Elsaesser <elsaessers@gmail.com> wrote:

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Sincerely,

David W. Elsaesser
5737 Whistling Winds Walk, Clarksville, MD 21029

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From: luo wenbo <luowenbo@yahoo.com>
Sent: Tuesday, January 22, 2019 6:46 PM
To: CouncilMail; Ball, Calvin
Cc: elsassers@gmail.com
Subject: Against CR-3

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Mr. Ball and County Councils,

I live in 5728 Whistling Winds Walk, Clarksville. I am against County Council Resolution CR-3 2019. It will spend \$1.26 million county money without really solving an issue that concerns the county residents living in the area.

Professor David Elsaesser has been following the issue for a long time. I believe that he sent you emails about his reasons and his plan. I just want to make one supplement. I saw a few curb-rash accidents happened when cars turning on to 108 West from Sheppard Lane. The county new plan CR-3 will make it even worse. Please consider the opinions from the residents who do live in the area.

Sincerely,
Wenbo Luo

Sayers, Margery

From: Robert Bena <benarobert@hotmail.com>
Sent: Tuesday, January 22, 2019 6:24 PM
To: CouncilMail; Ball, Calvin
Cc: elsassers@gmail.com
Subject: Opposition to Realignment at Sheppard Lane 1-22-19

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Dear Howard County Executive Dr. Calvin Ball and Howard County Council Members,

I am a current resident in River Hill and I am strongly opposed to the plan to realign Sheppard to the west and to expend any capital funds for this purpose as proposed in CR-3 2019, because it is not in the public interest and it is obviously in the interest of a single developer. It introduces a dangerous curve onto Sheppard Lane as it approaches MD108 and will exacerbate traffic congestion on MD108 eastbound. After this proposed change it would no longer be possible to add an extra MD108 eastbound through lane at the Sheppard Lane intersection to alleviate traffic congestion on MD108 eastbound. Please ensure that the county and its Planning and Zoning Department (DPZ) are acting in the best interest of the local community, Howard County taxpayers, and commuters and NOT in the best interests of a single developer. Please use our tax dollars for road changes that actually improves the roads for the benefit of the community.

My daughter attends River Hill High School and I am extremely concerned with what is being recommended.

Sincerely,

Robert Bena
5725 Western Sea Run Clarksville MD 21029

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From: David/Kristina Elsaesser <elsaessers@gmail.com>
Sent: Tuesday, January 22, 2019 6:06 PM
To: CouncilMail; Ball, Calvin
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From: Jack Sacchetti <jacksacchetti@msn.com>
Sent: Tuesday, January 22, 2019 5:26 PM
To: CouncilMail; Ball, Calvin
Cc: David/Kristina Elsaesser
Subject: Fw: Details on My Opposition to CR-3 2019

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I strongly support the the position of Mr. Elsaesser set forth below. I believe it would be prudent for the Council to study this road construction proposal thoroughly and any expense be closely scrutinized. Expenditure of county monies for the road as proposed below is not an appropriate expenditure of county funds.

John M Sacchetti

From: David/Kristina Elsaesser <elsaessers@gmail.com>
Sent: Tuesday, January 22, 2019 5:03 PM
To: councilmail@howardcountymd.gov; calvinball@howardcountymd.gov
Subject: Details on My Oppyosition to CR-3 2019

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From: K Yoder <kyoder05@gmail.com>
Sent: Tuesday, January 22, 2019 5:22 PM
To: CouncilMail
Subject: Opposition to CR-3 2019

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Dear Howard County Council Members: Liz Walsh, Opel Jones, Christiana Mercer Rigby, Deb Jung, and David Yungman

Portions of the message below may be cut and pasted from a sample, but my opposition to this plan is my own and is very personal: my child attends River Hill High School and will very soon be a rookie driver, along with hundreds of her classmates. In addition, Rte 108 is quite literally "the road to grandmother's house." I'm asking the county not to take taxpayer funds to make my child's likely first solo driving experiences less safe. And I ask this for the parents of all of the children who attend Clarksville Elementary School and River Hill High School.

I deeply believe that Rte 108 is in need of improvement to relieve traffic congestion and to improve safety, but it would be preferable to do nothing than to do the plan proposed in CR-3 2019.

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Sincerely,

Karen Yoder
12009 Floating Clouds Path
Clarksville, MD 21029

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Sent: Tuesday, January 22, 2019 5:04 PM
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David W. Elsaesser
5737 Whistling Winds Walk, Clarksville, MD 21029

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From: Tim Shaw <tlshaw01@gmail.com>
Sent: Tuesday, January 22, 2019 4:58 PM
To: Ball, Calvin; CouncilMail
Cc: David/Kristina Elsaesser; Shawn Shaw
Subject: Council Resolution CR-3 2019 - Residential Opposition

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Dear Dr. Ball,

I am writing to you regarding Council Resolution CR-3 2019, which has to do with construction at the River Hill Garden Center (or River Hill Square) and the realignment of the intersection of Route 108 and Sheppard Lane.

I am vehemently opposed to the plan that you are considering, and am beside myself as to how we got to this point. My neighbors and I expended much time and energy during the last few years to fight the zoning go-round regarding this property and Sheppard Lane.....and now, we have to start over and fight a new round of planned construction and a planned realignment of that intersection.

I am vehemently opposed to the plan to realign Sheppard to the west and to expend any capital funds for this purpose as proposed in CR-3 2019, because it is not in the public interest and it is obviously in the interest of a single developer. It introduces a dangerous curve onto Sheppard Lane as it approaches MD108 and will exacerbate traffic congestion on MD108 eastbound. My teenaged kids drive on these roads, and the proposed changes put them at more risk.

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I voted for you, Dr. Ball, because I wanted someone in your office who would look out for the residents, not the developers. Now, without a pre-submission hearing and outside the purview of the people impacted the most, the County has decided to let developers over-build on what is already a dangerous and congested stretch of road.

Additionally, how does this construction and realignment fit within the vision for Route 108 in Clarksville that the County has long touted? This resolution, if approved, throws that plan out the window.

I'm upset, and I do hope that you take residents' complaints seriously. We pay a lot of money (and taxes!) to live where we do, and we've complained for almost a decade now about the haphazard process by which these types of projects are approved. Please stand up for the residents and reject CR-3 2019.....I'm counting on you, Dr. Ball, and on the County Council, to do the right thing.

Sincerely,

Tim

Timothy and Shawn Shaw

5729 Whistling Winds Walk

Clarksville, MD 21029

Cell: 410.336.1027

Sayers, Margery

From: Albert Zanger <ajzanger@gmail.com>
Sent: Tuesday, January 22, 2019 4:55 PM
To: CouncilMail; Feldmark, Jessica; djungmann@howardcountymd.gov
Subject: CR-3-2019

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David, Jessica, et all,

It is my understanding that a hearing concerning resolution CR-3-2019 is being held this evening at 7 PM. The purpose of this is to waive competitive bidding and allow over \$1.2 million of taxpayer funds to be spent on road improvements for a developer and his business.

Unless I am missing something here, I am writing to request that this resolution not be approved. First, I do not understand how taxpayer funds should be spent for private business gain. Why aren't the developers paying for the road improvements?

Second, if there is some reason I do not understand that would require the taxpayers to fund road improvements for the benefit of private business, I am requesting that the competitive bid process not be waived. Competitive bidding is a mandatory requirement for all government acquisitions unless there are dire circumstances involving things like life and death.

If this amendment is passed, I will do everything possible to vote out every public official within the oversight and approval process at the earliest opportunity.

Thank you for your support.

Al Zanger

Sayers, Margery

From: CAROL STOVER <carolstvr56@gmail.com>
Sent: Tuesday, January 22, 2019 4:48 PM
To: CouncilMail
Subject: Sheppard Lane realignment

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I am opposed to the realignment of Sheppard Lane to the West. An eastern realignment would be more efficient .

Carol Stover
11450 High Hay Drive
Columbia MD

Sayers, Margery

From: Keivan Ghoseiri <keivan_g@yahoo.com>
Sent: Tuesday, January 22, 2019 4:18 PM
To: CouncilMail; Ball, Calvin
Cc: David/Kristina Elsaesser; Azadeh Norouzi
Subject: Opposition of CR-3 2019

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Sincerely,

Keivan Ghoseiri and Azadeh Norouzi
5749 Whistling Winds Walk,
Clarksville, MD 21029

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From: Susan Koehler <susankoehler_15@yahoo.com>
Sent: Tuesday, January 22, 2019 1:51 PM
To: CouncilMail; Ball, Calvin
Cc: elsassers@gmail.com
Subject: Re: Opposition to CR-3 2019 Realignment of Sheppard Lane

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Here are more details:

The RHGC (Riverhill Garden Center) was required by County Law to give a community pre-submission meeting on this plan, but they DID NOT because they knew the community would be opposed!

Their plan produces a dangerously curved Sheppard Lane that does not conform to county road design requirements. Specifically, RHGC is excessively bending the last several hundred feet of Sheppard Lane as it approaches MD108 into a roller coaster configuration in order to enable a signalized entrance at the Sheppard signal.

This Road configuration will make traffic congestion on MD108 much worse due to the extra delays at this signal for the shopping traffic and it will make the single lane eastbound bottleneck of MD108 at Sheppard lane permanent, preventing the addition of an extra east bound MD108 through lane to alleviate traffic congestion on MD108 East. Click here to show the Westward realignment of Sheppard Lane:



This section of MD108 is our School Zone for River Hill High School and Clarksville Elementary School. River Hill, Clarksville, Dayton, and Highland use these roads gets to the schools and to points east. These are our roads! The RHGC is taking over our roads and relocating Sheppard for its purpose of maximizing use of this triangular property as a high-throughput shopping center! The RHGC current entrance is perfectly sufficient and most businesses on MD108 do not have a signalized entrance.

There is a much better realignment of Sheppard to the east on MD108, using an existing right-of-way that the County set aside for this purpose. This configuration is better for the community, since it provides a safer Sheppard Lane, brought more gently into a standard perpendicular intersection and better traffic flow on MD108. This Sheppard configuration allows adding an extra MD108 through lane at the Sheppard intersection to enhance traffic flow to the east. Click here to show the superior Eastward realignment of Sheppard:



This is because the purpose of the Sheppard configuration is to align with the RHS entrance which runs along the east side of the RHGC triangular property which is aligned with the current Sheppard lane. For safety and sight lines a standard 90 degree/perpendicular intersection is preferred.

A far superior realignment of Sheppard Lane is to bend Sheppard gently to the east as it approaches MD108. The curved yellow line to the east of Sheppard shown in both figures, which is bending to the east away from Sheppard, reserves a

right-of-way between the road and the residential properties of Clearview Estates. On the plat the purpose of this right-of-way is identified as "for the purpose of a road". Therefore, county planners had previously established that the best way to realign Sheppard Lane would be to gently bend it to the east as it approaches MD108, easily bringing it into a standard and safer 90 degree/perpendicular intersection. In addition, the terrain on the east side of Sheppard is far less steep compared with the west side (Limestone Valley Farm). Therefore, the gentle (single direction) bending and the smaller elevation rise will make the east realignment far safer and better for vehicles on Sheppard Lane.

It is important to remember that the Sheppard Lane/MD108 intersection is in the school zone and many new and inexperienced high school drivers will be traveling through this intersection and onto and off of Sheppard Lane. Therefore, the county should put extra effort in providing both a safe realignment of Sheppard and a safe Sheppard/MD108 intersection.

The movement of Sheppard to the east allows an extra through lane to the east on MD108. This will greatly alleviate traffic congestion on MD108 eastbound. This 5 lane section of road would be consistent with the 5-lane section of MD108 which already exists from Ten Oaks to Linden Linthicum Lane. The Highway Needs Inventory regional transportation plan calls for MD108 to be a 5 lane road between MD32 and MD29 and the east realignment complies with that plan. This [5 lane section road](#) also allows for better movement of emergency vehicles, including fire engines, even during rush hour, to the east past the Sheppard intersection to the schools and to the residential communities east of Sheppard.

In regards to the latter, I have witnessed numerous horrible accidents in front of the Riverhill High School and the Clarksville Middle School and the intersection in front of Trotter Rd. due to poor visibility, on the East bound traffic past Sheppard Lane and the fast traffic that comes downhill going west on 108. It is especially bad during icy conditions and fog. It is essential that emergency vehicles can easily approach from the east on 108!

[Sent from Yahoo Mail for iPhone](#)

On Tuesday, January 22, 2019, 1:12 PM, Susan Koehler <susankoehler_15@yahoo.com> wrote:

Dear Howard County Executive Dr. Calvin Ball,
Dear Howard County Council Members,

I am opposed to the plan to realign Sheppard to the west and to expend any capital funds for this purpose as proposed in CR-3 2019, because it is not in the public interest and it is obviously in the interest of a single developer. It introduces a dangerous curve onto Sheppard Lane as it approaches MD108 and will exacerbate traffic congestion on MD108 eastbound. After this proposed change it would no longer be possible to add an extra MD108 eastbound through lane at the Sheppard Lane intersection to alleviate traffic congestion on MD108 eastbound. Please ensure that the county and its Planning and Zoning Department (DPZ) are acting in the best interest of the local community, Howard County taxpayers, and commuters and NOT in the best interests of a single developer. Please use our tax dollars for road changes that actually improves the roads for the benefit of the community.

Furthermore, any changes at this stretch of MD108 and Sheppard Lane should take into consideration proposed changes that could come as a result of the Erickson Development on the property along this stretch.

Sincerely,

Susan Koehler and John Hartung

6420 Misty Top Pass
Columbia, MD 21044

[Sent from Yahoo Mail for iPhone](#)

Sayers, Margery

From: Susan Koehler <susankoehler_15@yahoo.com>
Sent: Tuesday, January 22, 2019 1:13 PM
To: CouncilMail; Ball, Calvin
Cc: elsassers@gmail.com
Subject: Opposition to CR-3 2019 Realignment of Sheppard Lane

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Dear Howard County Executive Dr. Calvin Ball,
Dear Howard County Council Members,

I am opposed to the plan to realign Sheppard to the west and to expend any capital funds for this purpose as proposed in CR-3 2019, because it is not in the public interest and it is obviously in the interest of a single developer. It introduces a dangerous curve onto Sheppard Lane as it approaches MD108 and will exacerbate traffic congestion on MD108 eastbound. After this proposed change it would no longer be possible to add an extra MD108 eastbound through lane at the Sheppard Lane intersection to alleviate traffic congestion on MD108 eastbound. Please ensure that the county and its Planning and Zoning Department (DPZ) are acting in the best interest of the local community, Howard County taxpayers, and commuters and NOT in the best interests of a single developer. Please use our tax dollars for road changes that actually improves the roads for the benefit of the community.

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Columbia, MD 21044

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Sayers, Margery

From: Jung, Deb
Sent: Tuesday, January 22, 2019 1:09 PM
To: Sayers, Margery
Subject: FW: CR 3-2019 - Written Testimony

From: Joseph Key <jkey69@gmail.com>
Sent: Tuesday, January 22, 2019 11:35 AM
To: Jung, Deb <djung@howardcountymd.gov>
Cc: Williams, China <ccwilliams@howardcountymd.gov>
Subject: Fwd: CR 3-2019 - Written Testimony

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Dear Ms. Jung -

I wanted to forward you my written testimony in opposition to CR 3-2019, which is on tonight's council agenda.

I am a resident of District 4 and want to express how important this issue is to me and to my fellow District 4 residents. I sincerely hope that you and your colleagues will step back and take a more comprehensive and coordinated view of the MD 108 corridor and the MD 108 / Sheppard Lane intersection that takes into account all of the proposed development along MD 108 so that road and traffic improvement decisions are made with the overall bigger development picture in mind. I see this as an opportunity for the County Council and the Department of Public Works to ensure that the traffic and road needs of the local residents are met by taking a bigger picture view and not a piecemeal, development by development approach that satisfies the needs of individual developers but leaves the road and traffic improvements unsatisfactory over the course of the entire corridor. A developer's interest only goes as far as their individual development boundaries so we need you and your Council colleagues to require a solution that takes into account all of the development in this particular area.

As noted in my testimony, I welcome the development and the return of the River Hill Garden Center, the return of the promised Clarksville Post Office and the Erickson retirement community. My testimony also includes a suggestion to consider a Developer Agreement with multiple developers and the County to formulate a better road and traffic improvement plan than the one currently proposed by the River Hill Garden Center developer. While I am sure this is a more complex task, the local residents who travel MD 108 and Sheppard Lane every day deserve the time and effort required for a comprehensive and coordinated plan even if it means scrapping the proposed Developer Agreement and coming up with a new agreement that includes multiple developers. This is one suggestion and I am sure there are other means for achieving a better solution than the one currently proposed.

The current proposal is a Win for this developer. I urge you and the Council to require a solution, especially since our tax dollars are being used, that is a Win-Win-Win - Win for the River Hill Garden Center developer, Win for the Erickson continuing care community developer and Win for the local residents because of comprehensive road and traffic improvements.

I am happy to discuss this with you more by phone.

I thank you very much for your time and consideration of my concerns and testimony on this issue.

Respectfully,
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From: Joseph Key <jkey69@gmail.com>
Date: Mon, Jan 21, 2019 at 9:38 PM
Subject: CR 3-2019 - Written Testimony
To: <councilmail@howardcountymd.gov>, <calvinball@howardcountymd.gov>

Dear Mr. Ball and Members of the Howard County Council -

My name is Joseph Key and I am a resident of Howard County in the Village of River Hill. I am writing to express my opposition to Council Resolution (CR) 3-2019 in its current form with the proposed road improvements as illustrated in Exhibit 1 of CR 3-2019.

I strongly urge you :

- 1) to take a more comprehensive look at the MD 108 and Sheppard Lane road improvements that takes into account both the development proposed by River Hill Square LLC for the redevelopment of the River Hill Garden Center AND the development proposed by Erickson Living Properties II, LLC for the development of a continuing care retirement community "Erickson at Limestone Valley" on the corner of MD 108 and Sheppard Lane; and
- 2) to coordinate the road improvements between the developers of both projects such that an overall road improvement plan better aligns the Sheppard Lane and MD 108 intersection closer to the ideal intersection angle of 90 degrees and widens MD 108 in both directions to account for thru traffic in both directions as well as appropriate access to both developments.

An intersection that is closer to 90 degrees will be a safer solution for the residents of surrounding communities including for parents and students driving to River Hill High School. A widened MD 108 will provide for an appropriate number of thru lanes in both directions, including the opportunity for bike lanes, without creating any bottlenecks as you transit MD 108 past both development projects.

Generally, I welcome both development projects as improvements to the community. I look forward to the re-opening of the River Hill Garden Center as well as new shops and the return of the Clarksville Post Office. I also welcome an Erickson continuing care retirement community.

Please take this opportunity to work in cooperation with both developers so that a comprehensive and coordinated plan is developed for the benefit of the surrounding communities. Please consider a single Developer Agreement with both developers that partners both developers with the county for the benefit of the surrounding communities.

Thank you for not rushing into a decision when there is an opportunity to formulate a better plan for MD 108 and the MD 108 / Sheppard Lane intersection.

Respectfully,
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Sayers, Margery

From: Nick Hernick <nhernick@gmail.com>
Sent: Tuesday, January 22, 2019 12:58 PM
To: CouncilMail
Cc: elsassers@gmail.com
Subject: CR-3 2019 I oppose this as 19 year resident of this area and Howard county

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Dear Howard County Council Members,

I am opposed to the plan to realign Sheppard to the west and to expend any capital funds for this purpose as proposed in CR-3 2019, because it is not in the public interest and it is obviously in the interest of a single developer. It introduces a dangerous curve onto Sheppard Lane as it approaches MD108 and will exacerbate traffic congestion on MD108 eastbound. After this proposed change it would no longer be possible to add an extra MD108 eastbound through lane at the Sheppard Lane intersection to alleviate traffic congestion on MD108 eastbound. Please ensure that the county and its Planning and Zoning Department (DPZ) are acting in the best interest of the local community, Howard County taxpayers, and commuters and NOT in the best interests of a single developer. Please use our tax dollars for road changes that actually improves the roads for the benefit of the community.

Sincerely,

Nicholas and Nancy Hernick
5817 Silent Sun Place
Clarksville, MD 21029
410-718-3490

Sayers, Margery

From: bobgto65@aol.com
Sent: Tuesday, January 22, 2019 11:26 AM
To: debbarker@comcast.net; elsassers@gmail.com; Ball, Calvin; CouncilMail
Subject: Re: W/attachment: Sheppard Lane/Route 108 intersection change request by River Hill Garden Center

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I cannot attend but I oppose the CR-3 2019

Robert W. Antelman
13844 Russell Zepp Drive
Clarksville, MD 21029

-----Original Message-----

From: Deb Barker <debbarker@comcast.net>
To: Deb Barker <debbarker@comcast.net>
Sent: Tue, Jan 22, 2019 10:13 am
Subject: W/attachment: Sheppard Lane/Route 108 intersection change request by River Hill Garden Center

This time...with attachment.

Hello all,

Apparently this meeting was not made public until today. It's being held tonight, Tuesday, Jan 22, 7pm, 3430 Courthouse Drive, Ellicott City, 21043.

Here are details behind the assertions (also attached full PDF to see graphics and complete info I was provided).

"In order maximize the re-development of the River Hill Garden Center (RHGC) site as a high-throughput shopping center (called River Hill Square, RHS) the owner and developers are proposing to add a signalized entrance at the corner of their property near the Linthicum Cemetery. This requires alignment with Sheppard Lane which they would accomplish by moving Sheppard Lane to the West onto the Limestone Valley Farm and shifting the traffic signal to the west as well. The new Sheppard will traverse very hill terrain as it bends first to the west and then back towards the east. They are turning the last several hundred feet of Sheppard as it approaches MD108 into a ROLLER COASTER. The new Sheppard DOES NOT MEET County Road Design Guidelines because it has a high curvature, both horizontally and vertically. However, the County granted a waiver for the sub-standard road because the RHGC developer said that it was the only way to realign Sheppard lane to for an improvement in Sheppard and MD108. This is FALSE!"

If you would like to testify against CR-3 2019 and against the plan to realign Sheppard to the West for the sole benefit of the RHGC. You have up to 3 minutes to speak. See the PDF to click to sign up to testify.

If you don't want to testify but are opposed to this resolution and support the position that developers of the properties along this section of MD108 should be required to actually improve the roads not for themselves but for the community, please let me know and I will ask you to stand up to support my testimony.

EMAIL Opposition of CR-3 2019 to County Council and Count Executive
councilmail@howardcountymd.gov
calvinball@howardcountymd.gov
Please CC me at elsassers@gmail.com

Please email the county council and the county executive, Calvin Ball, and tell them that you are opposed to the plan to realign Sheppard to the west and that the county and its Planning and Zoning 17 January 2019

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Sayers, Margery

From: Sue <sue.rasheed@gmail.com>
Sent: Tuesday, January 22, 2019 11:16 AM
To: CouncilMail
Cc: elsassers@gmail.com
Subject: CR-3

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To the County Council:

I am a resident in Howard County and am opposed to CR-3 2019 . The 108/Shepherd Lane intersection is already a mess and the modification being proposed by RHGC in no way addresses the current issue and will in fact increase the problems. New development should improve the community not add to its problems.

Sincerely
Susan Rasheed
11226 Peartree Way
Columbia MD. 21044
410-992-6789
Sue.rasheed@gmail.com

Sayers, Margery

From: Phyllis Kelley <thekelleyfamily4@verizon.net>
Sent: Tuesday, January 22, 2019 9:59 AM
To: CouncilMail
Cc: elsassers@gmail.com
Subject: Opposition of CR-3 2019 to County Council and Count Executive

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Dear Howard County Council Members,

I am opposed to the plan to realign Sheppard to the west and to expend any capital funds for this purpose as proposed in CR-3 2019, because it is not in the public interest and it is obviously in the interest of a single developer. It introduces a dangerous curve onto Sheppard Lane as it approaches MD108 and will exacerbate traffic congestion on MD108 eastbound. This proposed change is in our school zone with many inexperienced high school drivers, and soon, with the development of the retirement community, elderly drivers will also be navigating this dangerous stretch of congested road.

After this proposed change it would no longer be possible to add an extra MD108 eastbound through lane at the Sheppard Lane intersection to alleviate traffic congestion on MD108 eastbound. Please ensure that the county and its Planning and Zoning Department (DPZ) are acting in the safety and best interest of the local community, Howard County taxpayers, and commuters and NOT in the best interests of a single developer. Please use our tax dollars for road changes that actually improves the roads for the benefit of the community.

Sincerely,

Phyllis and Warren Kelley
5709 Whistling Winds Walk
Clarksville, MD 21029

Sayers, Margery

From: Amanda Mariano Brooks <acmariano@gmail.com>
Sent: Tuesday, January 22, 2019 8:35 AM
To: Ball, Calvin; CouncilMail
Cc: elsassers@gmail.com
Subject: Road Expansion on 108 in Clarksville

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As a citizen of Clarksville and a parent of a CES student, I urge you to consider the impact of the decision to alter traffic patterns at the request of a developer at the cost of tax payer dollars. The proposal will drastically alter traffic for the schools in this area. Please do not spend tax payer money on a proposal that will not improve our community for our children.

Thank you,

Amanda Brooks

Sayers, Margery

From: Diane Mason <diane.b.mason@gmail.com>
Sent: Tuesday, January 22, 2019 7:15 AM
To: CouncilMail; Ball, Calvin
Cc: Kristina and David Elsaesser; Mark Mason
Subject: Opposition to plan to realign Sheppard Lane Intersection in Clarksville

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Dear Howard County Executive Dr. Calvin Ball and Howard County Council Members,

I am emailing to let you know of my opposition to the plan to realign Sheppard to the west and to expend any capital funds for this purpose as proposed in CR-3 2019, because it is not in the public interest and it is obviously in the interest of a single developer. It introduces a dangerous curve onto Sheppard Lane as it approaches MD108 and will exacerbate traffic congestion on MD108 eastbound. After this proposed change it would no longer be possible to add an extra MD108 eastbound through lane at the Sheppard Lane intersection to alleviate traffic congestion on MD108 eastbound.

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I am an active community member living in Clarksville since 2004 with two high school children at River Hill High School - I am very concerned about the safety of this intersection.

I will be attending the meeting tonight to show my opposition to this proposed intersection.

Sincerely,

Diane Mason
12116 Shining Stars Lane
Clarksville, MD 21029

Sayers, Margery

From: James Dalton <james.w.dalton@gmail.com>
Sent: Tuesday, January 22, 2019 6:45 AM
To: CouncilMail; Ball, Calvin
Cc: David/Kristina Elsaesser; Angela Dalton

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Dear Howard County Executive Dr. Calvin Ball,
Dear Howard County Council Members,

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Sincerely,

James and Angela Dalton,
11716 Trotter Crossing Ln
Clarksville MD 21029

Sayers, Margery

From: Jack Sacchetti <jacksacchetti@msn.com>
Sent: Monday, January 21, 2019 11:42 PM
To: CouncilMail; Ball, Calvin
Cc: David/Kristina Elsaesser
Subject: Objection to CR-3 2019

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Dear Howard County Executive Dr. Calvin Ball,
Dear Howard County Council Members,

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Sincerely,

John M Sacchetti

6000 Same Voyage Way #304
Clarksville, MD 21029

Sayers, Margery

From: Joseph Key <jkey69@gmail.com>
Sent: Monday, January 21, 2019 9:39 PM
To: CouncilMail; Ball, Calvin
Subject: CR 3-2019 - Written Testimony

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Dear Mr. Ball and Members of the Howard County Council -

My name is Joseph Key and I am a resident of Howard County in the Village of River Hill. I am writing to express my opposition to Council Resolution (CR) 3-2019 in its current form with the proposed road improvements as illustrated in Exhibit 1 of CR 3-2019.

I strongly urge you :

1) to take a more comprehensive look at the MD 108 and Sheppard Lane road improvements that takes into account both the development proposed by River Hill Square LLC for the redevelopment of the River Hill Garden Center AND the development proposed by Erickson Living Properties II, LLC for the development of a continuing care retirement community "Erickson at Limestone Valley" on the corner of MD 108 and Sheppard Lane; and

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An intersection that is closer to 90 degrees will be a safer solution for the residents of surrounding communities including for parents and students driving to River Hill High School. A widened MD 108 will provide for an appropriate number of thru lanes in both directions, including the opportunity for bike lanes, without creating any bottlenecks as you transit MD 108 past both development projects.

Generally, I welcome both development projects as improvements to the community. I look forward to the re-opening of the River Hill Garden Center as well as new shops and the return of the Clarksville Post Office. I also welcome an Erickson continuing care retirement community.

Please take this opportunity to work in cooperation with both developers so that a comprehensive and coordinated plan is developed for the benefit of the surrounding communities. Please consider a single Developer Agreement with both developers that partners both developers with the county for the benefit of the surrounding communities.

Thank you for not rushing into a decision when there is an opportunity to formulate a better plan for MD 108 and the MD 108 / Sheppard Lane intersection.

Respectfully,
Joseph Key
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Sayers, Margery

From: Steve Breeden <sbreeden@sdcgrou.com>
Sent: Monday, January 21, 2019 4:05 PM
To: CouncilMail
Subject: Council Resolution 3-2019

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January 21st, 2019

Council Members,

CR 3's purpose is not to approve or deny the realigned Sheppard Lane, but only to allow River Hill Square LLC (SDC) to construct the project without going through the bidding process. A delay in this construction will delay a return of the Post Office to Clarksville. Many residents of Clarksville and the Post Office itself, very much want it back as soon as possible, since it was closed in 2011. A traffic light at the realigned Sheppard Lane is a Post Office requirement.

The public purpose is that SDC, which has done similar projects for the county, can be more efficient than other contractors would be, as we will construct the work at the same time, and with the same contractors, as the rest of the Route 108 and Site Development plan improvements. The Sheppard Lane realignment plans are already approved by Howard County and the State Highway Administration.

I am aware that a certain Clarksville resident has a grudge against the former garden center owner, since at least 2010. The garden center was operating in this location since before his home was built. That garden center owner has since moved out of state.

The proper venue for a dissatisfied resident is through the appeal process. In fact, he has appealed not only the Sheppard Lane realignment, but also the Site Development plan, both of which plans are approved by Howard County and the State Highway Administration.

Steve Breeden

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Sayers, Margery

From: Jinfeng Tian <tian0025@umn.edu>
Sent: Monday, January 21, 2019 11:02 AM
To: CouncilMail; Ball, Calvin
Cc: elsassers@gmail.com
Subject: Fwd: FW: CRITICAL! Please attend County Council Meeting on 22 Jan at 7pm to oppose plan for spending \$1.26 Million in Ho Co Tax dollars to make a BAD Sheppard Lane Intersection that WILL make MD108 traffic worse!

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Dear respected Council Members,

As a father driving my son on 108 every school day, I oppose the CR-3.

Thanks

Jinfeng Tian

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Subject:FW: CRITICAL! Please attend County Council Meeting on 22 Jan at 7pm to oppose plan for spending \$1.26 Million in Ho Co Tax dollars to make a BAD Sheppard Lane Intersection that WILL make MD108 traffic worse!
Date:Mon, 21 Jan 2019 15:58:11 +0000
From:Tian, Jinfeng <Jinfeng.Tian@fda.hhs.gov>
To:Jinfeng Tian <tian0025@umn.edu>

From: Guo, Rong

Sent: Friday, January 18, 2019 9:22 AM

To: VP_Clarksville <VP_Clarksville@fda.hhs.gov>

Subject: FW: CRITICAL! Please attend County Council Meeting on 22 Jan at 7pm to oppose plan for spending \$1.26 Million in Ho Co Tax dollars to make a BAD Sheppard Lane Intersection that WILL make MD108 traffic worse!

Dear all,

If you are annoyed by the increasingly heavy traffic on 108 like me, please make an effort to attend the county council meeting on January 22, 7 pm, at county courthouse to testify or just show up to oppose CR-3, to limit the over-development of River Hill Garden Center. Or you can email Opposition of CR-3 2019 to County Council and Count Executive. RHGC is asking the county to pay our tax dollars to modify Sheppard Lane traffic light, for their own benefit, and sacrificing our traffic! Please read the below email for details.

I will attend the meeting and testify. Please join me, join our many disappointed neighbors, to make our voice heard!

Thank you!

Rong

Location: [3430 Courthouse Drive, Ellicott City - 21043](#)

January 22 at 7pm

Banneker Room, George Howard Building

Click [here](#) to sign up to testify

Begin forwarded message:

Dear Neighbors, (please forward to other local residents and commuters on MD108, see below for **ACTIONS** where you can help)

The River Hill Garden Center (RHGC), redeveloping as the River Hill Square (RHS), has put together a SECRET and OUTRAGEOUS road plan for Sheppard Lane and MD108 (Clarksville Pike) that is beneficial for them but horrible for community!

The RHGC is asking the County to pay 1.26 Million of our tax dollars to fund this movement of Sheppard in Council Resolution [CR-3 2019](#), to be considered at the 22 Jan Council Meeting. Our tax dollars are being used to make our roads less safe and exacerbate traffic congestion on MD108.

And there will be NO TRAFFIC SIGNAL AT LINDEN LINTHICUM LANE! This is where the county should be spending our tax dollars!

The RHGC was required by County Law to give a community pre-submission meeting on this plan, but they DID NOT because they knew the community would be opposed!

Their plan produces a dangerously curved Sheppard Lane that does not conform to county road design requirements. Specifically, RHGC is excessively bending the last several hundred feet of Sheppard Lane as it approaches MD108 into a roller coaster configuration in order to enable a signalized entrance at the Sheppard signal.

This Road configuration will make traffic congestion on MD108 much worse due to the extra delays at this signal for the shopping traffic and it will make the single lane eastbound bottleneck of MD108 at Sheppard lane permanent, preventing the addition of an extra east bound MD108 through lane to alleviate traffic congestion on MD108 East. Click here to show the Westward realignment of Sheppard Lane:



[WestRelocationOfSheppard.PNG](#)

This section of MD108 is our School Zone for River Hill High School and Clarksville Elementary School. River Hill, Clarksville, Dayton, and Highland use these roads gets to the schools and to points east. These are our roads! The RHGC is taking over our roads and relocating Sheppard for its purpose of maximizing use of this triangular

property as a high-throughput shopping center! The RHGC current entrance is perfectly sufficient and most businesses on MD108 do not have a signalized entrance.

There is a much better realignment of Sheppard to the east on MD108, using an existing right-of-way that the County set aside for this purpose. This configuration is better for the community, since it provides a safer Sheppard Lane, brought more gently into a standard perpendicular intersection, and better traffic flow on MD108. This Sheppard configuration allows adding an extra MD108 through lane at the Sheppard intersection to enhance traffic flow to the east.

Click here to show the superior Eastward realignment of Sheppard:



[EastRelocationOfSheppard.PNG](#)

ACTIONS:

Please attend the County Council Meeting on Tuesday, Jan 22, 7pm, 3430 Courthouse Drive, Ellicott City, 21043, and testify against CR-3 2019 and against the plan to realign Sheppard to the West for the sole benefit of the RHGC. You have up to 3 minutes to speak, but you have to click here to sign up to testify: Click here: [Jan 22, 2019 County Council Meeting Information and Sign Up to Testify](#)

If you don't want to testify but are opposed to this resolution and support the position that developers of the properties along this section of MD108 should be required to actually improve the roads not for themselves but for the community, please let me know and I will ask you to stand up to support my testimony.

EMAIL Opposition of CR-3 2019 to County Council and Count Executive

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Please email the county council and the county executive, Calvin Ball, and tell them that you are opposed to the plan to realign Sheppard to the west and that the county and its Planning and Zoning Department (DPZ) should be acting in the best interest of the local community, Howard County taxpayers, and commuters and NOT in the best interests of a single developer. Tell them to use our tax dollars for a road changes that actually improves the roads for benefits the community.

Sincerely,

Dave

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Here are more details behind the assertions above.

In order maximize the re-development of the RHGC site as a high-throughput shopping center (called River Hill Square, RHS) the owner and developers are proposing to add a signalized entrance at the corner of their property near the Linthicum Cemetery. This requires alignment with Sheppard Lane which they would accomplish by moving Sheppard Lane to the West onto the Limestone Valley Farm and shifting the traffic signal to the west as well. The new Sheppard will traverse very hill terrain as it bends first to the west and then back towards the east. They are turning the last several hundred feet of Sheppard as it approaches MD108 into a ROLLER COASTER. The new Sheppard DOES NOT MEET County Road Design Guidelines because it has a high curvature, both horizontally and vertically. However, the County granted a waiver for the sub-standard road because the RHGC developer said that it was the only way to realign Sheppard lane to for an improvement in Sheppard and MD108. **This is FALSE!**

Besides the dangerously curved Sheppard Lane (which is more severe than depicted above) there are other problems with the westward realignment of Sheppard lane to provide a signalized entrance for the RHGC.

- This configuration precludes the possible to actually improve the throughput of MD108 by adding a second eastbound MD108 lane through the MD108/Sheppard intersection. There will only be the one through lane choke point that we have now, which is shared with the entrance to River Hill High School past the intersection. This single through lane causes backups to MD32 during the morning and evening rush hours.
- Due to vehicles entering and exiting the shopping center at this signal there will be at least two extra phases on the traffic signal causing further delays for traffic on MD108 and Sheppard Lane. This will be a disaster for the school traffic in the morning.
- The proposed left turn from MD108 eastbound lane onto Sheppard Lane North would be 1200 ft long and would extend to Linden Linthicum Lane. MD108 eastbound vehicles will treat this left lane as a through lane and only merge to the single through lane near Sheppard. This will cause the left turn lane to be blocked at rush hour when vehicles are trying to force their way to the right and funnel into the single through lane.
- Finally, the realigned Sheppard lane will only improve from a 55 deg angle of intersection with MD108 to a 60 degree angle. This is because the purpose of the Sheppard configuration is to align with the RHS entrance which runs along the east side of the RHGC triangular property which is aligned with the current Sheppard lane. For safety and sight lines a standard 90 degree/perpendicular intersection is preferred.

A far superior realignment of Sheppard Lane is to bend Sheppard gently to the east as it approaches MD108. The curved yellow line to the east of Sheppard shown in both figures, which is bending to the east away from Sheppard, reserves a right-of-way between the road and the residential properties of Clearview Estates. On the plat the purpose of this right-of-way is identified as "for the purpose of a road". Therefore, county planners had previously established that the best way to realign Sheppard Lane would be to gently bend it to the east as it approaches MD108, easily bringing it into a standard and safer 90 degree/perpendicular intersection. In addition, the terrain on the east side of Sheppard is far less steep compared with the west side (Limestone Valley Farm). Therefore, the gentle (single direction) bending and the smaller elevation rise will make the east realignment far safer and better for vehicles on Sheppard Lane.

It is important to remember that the Sheppard Lane/MD108 intersection is in the school zone and many new and inexperienced high school drivers will be traveling through this

intersection and onto and off of Sheppard Lane. Therefore, the county should put extra effort in providing both a safe realignment of Sheppard and a safe Sheppard/MD108 intersection.

The movement of Sheppard to the east allows an extra through lane to the east on MD108. This will greatly alleviate traffic congestion on MD108 eastbound. This 5 lane section of road would be consistent with the 5-lane section of MD108 which already exists from Ten Oaks to Linden Linthicum Lane. The Highway Needs Inventory regional transportation plan calls for MD108 to be a 5 lane road between MD32 and MD29 and the east realignment complies with that plan. This 5 lane section road also allows for better movement of emergency vehicles, including fire engines, even during rush hour, to the east past the Sheppard intersection to the schools and to the residential communities east of Sheppard.

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I am opposed to the plan to realign Sheppard Lane to the west and believe the county and its Planning and Zoning Department (DPZ) should be acting in the best interest of the local community, Howard County taxpayers, and commuters and NOT in the best interests of a single developer. Please use our tax dollars for a road changes that actually improve the roads for benefit and safety of the community, for example a light at 108 and Linden Linthicum Lane.

Thank you,

Marjorie Arnheim