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September 13, 2019

Ms. Christiana Rigby
 Howard County Council Chair
 3430 Courthouse Square
 Ellicott City, MD 21043

RE: CR 120 – Complete Design Policy

Dear Councilwoman Rigby:

As the President of Howard County Chamber, an organization charged with business and economic development support, I can tell you that providing connectivity to our County's places of business for patrons and employees is of vital importance. By adopting Complete Streets policy as reflected in CR 120, we will have roads designed to enable safe access for all users, regardless of age, ability, or mode of transportation. This means that every transportation project will make the street network better and safer for drivers, transit users, pedestrians, and bicyclists—making Howard County a better place to live.

This policy also encourages an inclusive process ensuring that both public and private input and coordination when the County makes important decisions about infrastructure. This bill continues the progress started in the previous year when record funding was provided for bike and pedestrian infrastructure in last year's budget. The Chamber is pleased to see that the County Executive is ready to take another important step with this policy.

We appreciate your ongoing work to enhance our transportation network in Howard County. The Chamber encourages the Council to pass this resolution into law.

Thank you for your consideration,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads 'Leonardo McClarty'.

Leonardo McClarty, CCE
 President/CEO, Howard County Chamber of Commerce

CC: Dr. Calvin Ball, Howard County Executive
 Howard County Chamber Board of Directors
 Howard County Chamber Legislative Affairs Committee

Sayers, Margery

From: Regan Mercer <reganmercerc@gmail.com>
Sent: Thursday, September 12, 2019 9:37 PM
To: CouncilMail
Subject: Complete Streets Oakland Mills and Dobbin

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Hi Dr. Jones,

I am emailing you in support of the capital project to connect Oakland Mills to Dobbin. Being able to shop at Wegmans without a car would be very helpful. It's so vital that the two communities (Owen Brown and Oakland mills) are safely joined to the additional employment and nutritional opportunities available at Dobbin. The path already comes so close, it's frustrating to be so close, yet cut off by the lack of walk/bikeability for the last bit.

Thanks,
Regan Mercer

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From: Joel Broida <jbroida1@gmail.com>
Sent: Thursday, September 12, 2019 11:47 AM
To: Jeryl Baker
Cc: CouncilMail; Dean Dworkin; Kevin Fitzgerald; Kirsten Coombs; Lin Eagan; Lynn Foehrkolb; Robin Hillen; Jennifer White
Subject: Re: Resolution 120-2019 - Complete Streets

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Jeryl...the testimony is just fine, if is still in draft form, I very much like the personal experiences Lynn cited with "complete streets" that Lynn that she biked on during her recent visit in several European countries. In this regard, I believe that it would be quite appropriate for her to sign the document as Chair.

No big deal if it has already gone out.

Joel

Sent from my iPad

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Thank you.

Jeryl Baker

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<Testimony on Complete Streets.pdf>

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From: Robin Hillen <beausimon6@gmail.com>
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To: Jeryl Baker
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Thank you Lynn and Jeryl.

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Lin Eagan

Date: September 12, 2019

To: Howard County Council

From: Town Center Community Association Board of Directors

Re: Resolution No. 120-2019

The Town Center Community Association Board would like to offer support of Resolution No. 120-2019, adopting the Howard County Complete Streets Policy and requiring the development of a Complete Streets Design Manual.

This summer took me to the Netherlands and Germany where walking and biking are valued options to the use of cars, and actually a way of life. Through the use of pathways, bike lanes and appropriate signage and signaling, these two modes of travel easily integrate into the busy city life as well as tie into the urban settings. I took part in a bike/barge trip that had us cycling from Frankfurt to Coblenz, into small towns along the Rhine. The path system made a 30 mile per day ride a do-able task.

Now that I am retired, I find myself biking more often to do errands around town. The benefits? Decreasing my carbon footprint, and hopefully, increasing my lifespan. Obviously, Columbia is more accessible with its abundant paths, but who says this way of life couldn't be extended into the entire county?

Millennials and seniors are a growing demographic in our county, and they are looking toward climate change initiatives that will improve our current outlook. Both of these vital groups support increased access to pedestrian and bike friendly travel.

As part of the Resolution, I would like the Council to take a look at the accessibility issues at the Columbia Mall. Being able to maneuver there, whether as a biker or pedestrian, remains a huge problem. I have experienced this firsthand when biking there on a Sunday. Because it is a private property, Town Center Community Association board has been minimally successful in getting the Mall to comply with pedestrian and bike safety. I would point out that it is the most "public" part of the county, attracting more cars and people than anywhere else.

Thank you for accepting our testimony