

County Council of Howard County, Maryland

2019 Legislative Session

Legislative Day No. 11

Resolution No. 120 -2019

Introduced by: Chairperson at the request of the County Executive
Co-sponsored by: Opel Jones, Deb Jung and Christiana Mercer Rigby

A RESOLUTION adopting the Howard County Complete Streets Policy and requiring the development of a Complete Streets Design Manual.

Introduced and read first time September 3, 2019.

By order *Diane Schwartz Jones*
Diane Schwartz Jones, Administrator

Read for a second time at a public hearing on September 16, 2019.

By order *Diane R.A. Jones*
Diane Schwartz Jones, Administrator

This Resolution was read the third time and was Adopted , Adopted with amendments , Failed , Withdrawn , by the County Council
on October 7, 2019.

Certified By *Diane Schwartz Jones*
Diane Schwartz Jones, Administrator

NOTE: [[text in brackets]] indicates deletions from existing law; TEXT IN SMALL CAPITALS indicates additions to existing law; Strike-out indicates material deleted by amendment; Underlining indicates material added by amendment

1 **WHEREAS**, on April 4, 2016, the County Council adopted Council Resolution No. 35-
2 2016 (“CR 35”) that approved the Bicycle Master Plan of Howard County and endorsed a
3 Complete Streets policy as the road use approach for Howard County; and
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5 **WHEREAS**, the County Executive believes that streets should be safe and
6 accommodating for everyone, whether they are driving, walking, biking, riding a motorcycle, or
7 taking public transit; and
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9 **WHEREAS**, safer, more accessible active transportation networks increase physical
10 activity, which can reduce the risk of chronic diseases like heart disease, cancer, stroke, diabetes
11 and obesity; and
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13 **WHEREAS**, equitable transportation via a Complete Streets will greatly improve the
14 health, economic opportunity and overall wellbeing of residents; and
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16 **WHEREAS**, safer streets and more accessible transportation networks will enable people
17 with disabilities, children and seniors to more easily access grocery stores, schools, medical care,
18 local businesses, economic opportunities and places of worship; and
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20 **WHEREAS**, better access to safe transportation will enable local businesses to recruit
21 and retain a diverse, 21st century workforce in Howard County and boost economic growth; and
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23 **WHEREAS**, reducing car use will help reduce our community’s carbon footprint and
24 promote cleaner air; and
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26 **WHEREAS**, CR 35 directed that a Complete Streets Implementation Team be
27 established to draft a Complete Streets Policy and to develop a Complete Streets Design Manual
28 that implements the Complete Streets Policy; and
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1 **WHEREAS**, the Complete Streets Implementation Team has prepared the Howard
2 County Complete Streets Policy based on national best practices, substantially in the form
3 attached as Exhibit A; and
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5 **WHEREAS**, the Complete Streets Policy establishes a data driven project selection
6 process, prioritizes projects in communities with vulnerable populations, requires transparent
7 decision making and reporting and emphasizes that safety is the top priority for our streets; and
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9 **WHEREAS**, the Complete Streets Policy has been reviewed and endorsed by the
10 Howard County Multimodal Transportation Board, presented at stakeholder meetings, and
11 posted on the Howard County Office of Transportation’s website in the form of Exhibit A since
12 July 5, 2019; and
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14 **WHEREAS**, the County Executive wishes to adopt the Complete Streets Policy,
15 substantially in the form attached as Exhibit A, and has further directed the Complete Streets
16 Implementation Team to continue its work on the development of a Complete Streets Design
17 Manual, to be submitted to Council within 24 months of County Council’s vote to approve the
18 Complete Streets Policy.
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20 **NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** by the County Council of Howard County,
21 Maryland, this 7th day of October, 2019, that it hereby adopts the
22 Howard County Complete Streets Policy, substantially in the form attached as Exhibit A.
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24 **AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that the Complete Streets Implementation Team
25 shall provide ~~regular updates~~ semiannual reports to the Council on the implementation of the
26 various elements of the policy and develop a Complete Streets Design Manual to be submitted to
27 Council within 24 months of County Council’s vote to approve the Complete Streets Policy.

Howard County - Complete Streets Policy

1. Vision

"To ensure that Howard County is a place for individuals of all backgrounds to live and travel freely, safely, and comfortably, public and private roadways in Howard County shall be safe and convenient for residents of all ages and abilities who travel by foot, bicycle, public transportation or automobile, ensuring sustainable communities Countywide." - Council Resolution 35-2016.

2. Scope

The scope of this policy covers every transportation project, whether new or retrofit, capital improvement, or subdivision and land development. Certain operations, repair, and maintenance activities also create an opportunity for safer, more accessible streets for users of all ages and abilities, who walk, bike, take the bus, and drive cars, motorcycles, and trucks. Project phases within the scope of the policy include: planning, programming, design, land acquisition and rights of way, construction engineering, construction and reconstruction.

Provision of temporary accommodations during periods of facility disturbance must also be considered. Capital projects in the early stages of design will be included if possible. If opportunities arise for Complete Streets improvements to be incorporated into projects that have another primary purpose, the scale of Complete Streets improvements should be appropriate to the scale of the project. The Design Manual will provide guidance on the appropriate scale of improvements. County operations and maintenance procedures must take into account the needs of all street users. Emergency repairs and similar situations that require an immediate response are excluded from this policy.

The continuous, connected network of Complete Streets that will result from this policy will have significant benefits for the residents of Howard County, including improved safety, more travel options, reduced transportation costs, improved access to goods and services, enhanced equity, and even better health.

3. Exceptions

Complete Streets improvements may not be appropriate in some cases due to the context. There are different exception processes for capital projects and developer projects.

For capital projects within the scope of this policy, exceptions to this policy shall be reviewed and approved unanimously by the Director of Public Works, the Director of Planning and Zoning, and the Administrator of the Office of Transportation or their designees. When a Complete Streets exception is being considered for a particular project, public notice, including a description of the project and the reason for the exception, shall be given through the Office of Transportation website. The Multimodal Transportation Board shall be given the opportunity to offer an advisory opinion before an exception is granted.

For development projects, exceptions will be considered using the development review process, which provides opportunities for technical review and public input.

1 Exceptions may be considered for approval when the project (either capital or developer) involves:

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- 3 i. An accommodation that is not necessary on corridors where specific user groups are
- 4 prohibited;
- 5 ii. A justifiable absence of current and future need exists and is not recommended in any existing
- 6 planning documents;
- 7 iii. A project of equivalent scope and schedule exists or is already programmed for funding within
- 8 the next five years to provide connectivity for all users; or
- 9 iv. Cost of accommodation or degree of impact is grossly disproportionate to the need or probable
- 10 use.

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12 **4. Conflicting or Competing Needs**

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14 When there are conflicting needs among users and/or modes, safety shall be the highest priority;

15 particularly safety for the most vulnerable street users (pedestrians, bicyclists, children, seniors, and

16 people with additional accessibility needs). Selection and quantitative weighting of performance

17 measures shall also support investment in the most underinvested and underserved communities.

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19 Motor vehicle speed, flow, and driver convenience shall not be prioritized over safety for vulnerable

20 street users. Reducing excessive motor vehicle speeds on streets where vulnerable users are likely will be

21 considered a net benefit to the community.

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23 To the extent that current code allows, when space is a limiting factor and where vulnerable users are

24 likely, allocating space to a mode that is not currently accommodated shall be prioritized over providing

25 additional space to a mode that is already accommodated.

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27 **5. Creating a network**

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29 To connect people to the places they want to go, the entire trip should be safe and comfortable. This

30 requires a seamless, connected street network, regardless of mode, including safe and convenient

31 pedestrian crossings and access to transit. Even a small interruption in the connection or one hazardous

32 section can make a trip challenging.

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34 Every street does not necessarily need to provide separate accommodations for every mode, but a

35 network should be in place so that likely trips can be made by walking, biking, and taking public transit, as

36 well as driving. The street network is also complemented by pathway connections in many locations.

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38 The County shall require developers to implement Complete Streets as per this policy. Furthermore, the

39 County shall work proactively with the State of Maryland, neighboring communities and counties, and

40 businesses and educational institutions to develop plans, facilities, and accommodations that further the

41 County's Complete Streets policy. Such coordination should result in continuing such infrastructure

42 beyond the County's borders to the extent feasible.

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1 **6. Coordination and Engagement**

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3 Many organizations, agencies, and entities have a role to play in implementing Complete Streets.
4 Coordination and commitment from all agencies involved are required for success. Howard County is
5 committed to being a leader in this effort. Some of the groups involved include:
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- 7 • Howard County Government
- 8 • Howard County Public School System
- 9 • Community associations
- 10 • State Highway Administration
- 11 • Developers
- 12 • Property owners
- 13 • Engineering companies
- 14 • Construction contractors
- 15 • Advisory groups such as the Multimodal Transportation Board and Public Works Board
- 16 • Advocacy groups
- 17 • Groups working with those with limited English proficiency

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19 Community engagement is also essential to the success of Complete Streets, particularly in the planning
20 and design phases. Regular engagement should occur prior to the planning and design of specific capital
21 projects. For each capital project within the scope of this policy, input shall be sought from affected
22 stakeholders prior to setting the scope and budget of the project.
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24 Furthermore, resources should be allocated to proactive efforts to interact with the community to
25 identify and communicate their experience regarding existing transportation facilities and identify areas
26 of need and opportunity. At a minimum, this should be tied to the annual Complete Streets report or
27 preparation of the County’s MDOT priority letter. Local meetings or other opportunities for input should
28 provide easy access for all members of the community.
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30 Different types of projects benefit from different types of public engagement. Therefore, specific
31 procedures for initiating public engagement, focusing on traditionally disenfranchised and underserved
32 communities, shall be developed and made available to the public on the County website by agencies
33 responsible for implementation of this policy within 12 months of County Council’s vote to approve this
34 policy.
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36 **7. Design Guidelines**

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38 This policy shall provide the policy context, themes and tone for Howard County Design Manual Volume
39 III, Complete Streets and Bridges. Design of Complete Streets in Howard County shall draw on established
40 state of the art street design guidelines including but not limited to national guidance from the Federal
41 Highway Administration (FHWA), the American Association of State Highway and Transportation Officials
42 (AASHTO), and the National Association of City Transportation Officials (NACTO). In addition to reliance
43 on established street design guidelines, the design of Complete Streets in Howard County will be flexible
44 and responsive to the evolving nature of transportation needs and innovation in design practice.
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1 **8. Context Sensitivity**

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3 Context sensitivity allows for flexible evaluation of the community’s needs with respect to existing streets
4 and planned land use. The level of improvements should take into consideration the classification of the
5 existing roadway as defined in the Design Manual, adjacent land use, type of community, and plans and
6 guidelines, in particular, The Howard County General Plan. Improvements should consider the scale and
7 character of the community and strive for connectivity between communities based on the expected
8 transportation needs.

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10 Context sensitivity also reflects the desires of communities affected by implementation of transportation
11 improvements. At the planning phase of a capital project, before scope and budget are finalized, the
12 County will obtain public input to identify transportation needs related to all modes of travel. Input will
13 explicitly be sought from traditionally underrepresented populations in the project area. Unintended
14 consequences to those populations, including potential gentrification and/or involuntary displacement,
15 will be considered and mitigated.

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17 **9. Performance Measures**

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19 Performance measures shall be used to track Complete Streets implementation progress, prioritize
20 projects, and evaluate designs. *Evaluating Complete Streets Projects: A Guide for Practitioners* by AARP,
21 Smart Growth America, and the National Complete Streets Coalition provides guidance for municipalities
22 implementing Complete Streets policies. The performance measures listed below fit into several
23 categories as listed in the guide and prioritized by Howard County stakeholders: access, equity/safety
24 (tied), public health, place, and economy. Specific measures for each goal were evaluated by the
25 Complete Streets Implementation Team in consideration of stakeholder feedback, staff feedback, and
26 measurability.

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28 The Complete Streets Implementation Team, in conjunction with the Office of Transportation, shall
29 maintain a publicly-available list of performance measures on the County website and prepare an ~~annual~~
30 a semiannual report documenting the County’s progress with respect to these performance measures as
31 described in Section 10 of this policy. The following performance measures shall be used:

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33 i. Safety/Public Health: Number and location of fatalities by road type and mode of travel, and by
34 age and gender as data are available
35 ii. Safety/Public Health: Number and location of serious injuries by road type and mode of travel,
36 and by age and gender as data are available
37 iii. Access: Miles of sidewalk, trail, and bicycle infrastructure installed or repaired
38 iv. Access: Number of curb ramps installed or repaired
39 v. Access: Number of crosswalks installed or repaired
40 vi. Access: Number of transit stops with sidewalk access installed or repaired
41 vii. Access: Percentage of transit stops with marked crosswalks within 150 feet
42 viii. Access: Percent of Bike Howard short term network completed
43 ix. Access: Percent of Walk Howard network completed
44 x. Access: Percent of the population with direct access to a low-stress bike network
45 xi. Access/Place: Connections to important destinations, including schools, libraries, parks,
46 community centers, village centers, social service centers, significant health care facilities, and
47 government centers
48 xii. Access/Economy: Connections to employment centers
49 xiii. Equity: Percentage of new roadway projects or roadway repairs in priority communities

1 Equity shall be incorporated into every performance measure listed above to the extent data are
2 available. Equity will be measured using the Vulnerable Population Index method, a system developed by
3 the Baltimore Metropolitan Council which is compliant with the requirements of Title VI of the Civil
4 Rights Act of 1964 and Executive Order 12898, "Federal Actions to Address Environmental Justice in
5 Minority and Low-Income Populations."
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7 The Vulnerable Population Index uses U.S. Census Bureau data to measure the percentages of the
8 following population groups in each census tract:
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- 10 • Poverty
- 11 • Non-Hispanic, Non-White
- 12 • Hispanic
- 13 • Limited English Proficiency (LEP)
- 14 • Disabled
- 15 • Elderly
- 16 • Carless
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18 When the percent of the seven population groups in each census tract is higher than the County mean,
19 this tract is counted as vulnerable. Tracts with even greater disparity receive additional weight. Data from
20 each group is combined to create a composite score to measure the degree to which each tract is
21 vulnerable.
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23 Priority shall be given to projects in census tracts that are within the top 20-25 percent of scores on the
24 Howard County Vulnerable Population Index.
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26 **10. Implementation**

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28 **Responsibility:** It shall be the responsibility of the Office of Transportation to convene a Complete Streets
29 Implementation Team, consisting of an equal number of internal and external stakeholders, to guide and
30 track implementation of this policy. Initial composition of the Team shall be determined within 60 days of
31 County Council's vote to approve this policy.
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33 **Update of Regulations, Standards, and Plans:** The County shall incorporate this policy into all county-
34 developed land use and transportation plans and policies.
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36 The County shall review this policy every five years to ensure the policy is in line with current best
37 practices.
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39 The County shall establish a routine process for project delivery that reflects the Complete Streets policy.
40 The Department of Public Works, Department of Planning and Zoning, Office of Transportation, and all
41 other relevant County departments and agencies will review, seek and incorporate public input and
42 amend current design standards, including the Design Manual and the portions of the Subdivision and
43 Land Development Regulations that apply to roadway and bridge construction or reconstruction, to
44 ensure that they reflect the best available standards and effectively implement this policy. Updates to the
45 Design Manual shall be finalized by the County Executive and submitted to Council within 24 months of
46 County Council's vote to approve this policy. The County will issue interim updates to design guidance
47 while the Design Manual is being updated.
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1 The County shall review Subdivision and Land Development Regulations concurrently with the Design
2 Manual updates. The County shall make recommended updates to the Regulations, including public
3 engagement procedures, as soon as possible but not more than 9 months after the Design Manual is
4 updated.

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6 **Establishing Priority Projects:** Projects shall be prioritized quantitatively on an annual basis using the
7 project performance measures listed in this policy. The County shall establish a detailed project
8 prioritization process within 12 months of the County Council's vote to approve this policy.

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10 **Education and Training:** The County shall provide training to all staff in all County departments who are
11 responsible for site and road improvements on the content of this policy and the County's new standards
12 for using the policy for project development and review. Training shall also be provided for staff who are
13 responsible for street maintenance and operations to offer an understanding of how maintenance and
14 operations activities affect the experience of all street users. The County shall also encourage staff
15 professional development and training on non-motorized transportation issues through attending
16 conferences, classes, seminars and workshops, as appropriate.

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18 The County shall provide training to citizens serving on relevant boards and commissions on the content
19 of this policy and best practices for implementing the policy. Education for the public on Complete
20 Streets concepts, the policy, and the implementation process shall also be provided. Demonstration
21 projects can be used as educational opportunities to build familiarity with new street designs.

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23 The County shall provide educational opportunities to developers, civil engineering firms, land use
24 attorneys, and similar parties to understand the policy and subsequent changes to regulations, standards,
25 and plans.

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27 **Tracking and Reporting:** Tracking progress with Complete Streets project implementation will facilitate
28 coordination and transparency. The Office of Transportation – with the support of the Complete Streets
29 Implementation Team, the Department of Public Works, and the Department of Planning and Zoning –
30 shall track and document progress made in implementing this policy in the form of an annual report. The
31 annual report shall include:

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- 33 • Progress made on each performance measure during the previous year;
 - 34 • Public engagement undertaken;
 - 35 • A description of the Complete Streets related education or training undertaken by the County;
 - 36 • Exceptions granted to incorporating Complete Streets into transportation projects, citing specific
37 reasons; and
 - 38 • The measures listed below:
 - 39 ○ Journey to work by mode
 - 40 ○ Percentage of urban/suburban roadway mileage with sidewalks on one or both sides
 - 41 ○ Transit ridership
 - 42 ○ Number (or percentage) of students within the recognized Howard County Public School
43 walk zones (safe walk or bike route to school within the minimum distance set by HCPSS)
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1 **Communication:** Project plans and objectives shall be clearly communicated to stakeholders and the
2 public at large. As more fully described in Section 6 of this policy, the public shall be given ample
3 opportunity to provide input to the annual tracking and reporting process for the policy as a whole, as
4 well as to capital projects before scopes and budgets are set. The Department of Public Works, the
5 Department of Planning and Zoning, and the Office of Transportation shall develop department-specific
6 outreach procedures and present them at a monthly meeting of County Council within 12 months of
7 County Council's vote to approve this policy.
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9 **Maintenance:** Transportation facilities shall be maintained until they are decommissioned or replaced.
10 All forms of transportation shall be equitably maintained, including during times of repair, upkeep or
11 construction. "Maintenance of traffic" shall be applied to all modes. To the extent possible, maintenance
12 of facilities for one mode should not disadvantage another.
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14 The County shall update or establish maintenance procedures as follows:
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- 16 • Roads and streets shall be kept clear of debris through regular sweeping.
- 17 • Spot repair shall keep surfaces smooth and manholes or access covers flush with the pavement.
- 18 • Snow plowing should, to the extent that conditions allow, keep sidewalks, bicycle facilities, and
19 bus stops clear of snow.
- 20 • Property owner responsibilities to keep sidewalks passable should be enforced.
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22 **Funding sources:** Funding for construction, operations, and maintenance is expected to come from a
23 variety of areas including County budgets, developer projects, state, federal and other grants.
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25 **11. Conclusion** 26

27 A Complete Streets approach will make the street network safer and more convenient for those who
28 drive, bicycle, walk, or take the bus – improving quality of life and making Howard County a better and
29 more equitable place to live, work, and play.
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33 Endorsed by Howard County Multimodal Transportation Board: June 25, 2019

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35 Submitted to County Council by Howard County Executive Calvin Ball: August 23, 2019

Amendment 1 to Council Resolution No. 120-2019

BY: The Chairperson at the request
of the County Executive

Legislative Day 12
Date: October 7, 2019

Amendment No. 1

(This amendment requires reports twice a year.)

- 1 On page 2, in line 25, strike “regular updates” and substitute “semiannual reports”.
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- 3 In the Complete Streets Policy, attached to the Resolution as Exhibit A, on page 4, in line 29,
- 4 strike “an annual” and substitute “a semiannual”.

ADOPTED 10/7/2019
FAILED _____
SIGNATURE Dean R. Jones

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CR 120-2019

Sayers, Margery

From: Jung, Deb
Sent: Thursday, October 3, 2019 4:43 PM
To: Sayers, Margery
Subject: FW: We need a world-class complete streets law in Howard County

Deb Jung
Councilmember, District 4
Howard County Council
3430 Court House Dr., Ellicott City, MD 21043
410-313-2001

Sign-up for my District Update here.

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

From: abrinker@everyactioncustom.com <abrinker@everyactioncustom.com>
Sent: Wednesday, September 18, 2019 12:12 PM
To: Jung, Deb <djung@howardcountymd.gov>
Subject: We need a world-class complete streets law in Howard County

[Note: This email originated from outside of the organization. Please only click on links or attachments if you know the sender.]

Dear District 4 Councilmember Deb Jung,

Too many of our streets are not accessible or safe for walkers, bikers, bus riders or people with disabilities. As a result, it is too difficult for children to walk safely to school, for people to be more physically active and for people with disabilities and older adults to travel easily and independently.

Passing Council Resolution 120-2019 is an important step forward. But it should be immediately followed up with the passage of a law that will that will establish stronger, binding commitments to streets for all.

This world-class complete streets law should include added performance measures, better transparency mechanisms and community engagement processes and more efficient and accountable implementation. By following national best practices, this law will ensure that we build streets for ALL, not just cars.

I urge you to pass CR 120-2019 followed by a world-class complete streets law that follows national best practices.

Sincerely,
Anne Brinker
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Sayers, Margery

From: Jung, Deb
Sent: Thursday, October 3, 2019 2:03 PM
To: Sayers, Margery
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Dear District 4 Councilmember Deb Jung,

Too many of our streets are not accessible or safe for walkers, bikers, bus riders or people with disabilities. As a result, it is too difficult for children to walk safely to school, for people to be more physically active and for people with disabilities and older adults to travel easily and independently. My children desire to walk and bike to their elementary school, but I do not feel comfortable with some of the intersections they need to cross in order to do this. I hope complete streets will also encourage the Board of Education to keep families districted to their local, walkable schools and reduce transportation costs for the county while improving the health of the community.

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Sincerely,
Elizabeth Van Patten
3202 Brookmede Rd Ellicott City, MD 21042-2462 elizabethvanpatten@gmail.com

Sayers, Margery

From: bluebirds09@yahoo.com
Sent: Friday, September 20, 2019 9:29 AM
To: Ball, Calvin; Walsh, Elizabeth; CouncilMail
Subject: Fw: LTE-More biking, pedestrian infrastructure could be coming to Howard County

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My unpublished LTE....

Glass and debris litter Centennial Lane, particularly at the intersection at Glastonbury as of 845AM this morning...

----- Forwarded Message -----

From: Jo McLaughlin <bluebirds09@yahoo.com>
To: hcletters@tronc.com <hcletters@tronc.com>
Sent: Saturday, September 14, 2019, 1:53:52 PM EDT
Subject: LTE-More biking, pedestrian infrastructure could be coming to Howard County

I read with interest, Erin B. Logan's article "More biking, pedestrian infrastructure could be coming to Howard County" in the September 5th issue of the Columbia Flier. As someone who walks 50+ miles a week in and around Howard County, I would like to see safer pedestrian pathways, sidewalks and shared bike ways.

For example, Howard County spent millions of County capital dollars building and rebuilding the Centennial "Streetscape". Howard County Government acquired both sides of Centennial Lane from the Burleigh developer in the 80s to retain the character of the Lane and the tree canopy. (I worked for Rec and Parks) Part of the plan was to create a Streetscape, including a sidewalk and lighting. A bike lane along the east side of Centennial Lane was removed during a Centennial Lane realignment. Bike Lanes were added in the 2016-2017 retrofit of the Streetscape.. An auto accident that took out a streetlamp Labor Day Weekend resulted in the street being cleared, yet the bike lanes and sidewalk were littered by glass and other debris. A flag down of a police officer, doing a "school patrol" at 9 AM on 9/11, and a discussion of public safety with that officer, yielded no County action. Debris remained as of 9/14.

It's unclear who, in County Government, planned for maintenance, safety augmentation and enhancements. The sidewalk is not maintained. Callers to the County are told that it's the adjacent property owners responsibility to maintain the sidewalk, but don't offer who the adjacent property owner is... There are no signs indicating where County maintenance ends, and property owner responsibility begins.

How many County Departments (HCPD, HCDPW, HCR&P, HCCommServices, etc.) does it take to manage, maintain and enhance safe, accessible sidewalks/pathways; to manage, maintain, and enhance (shared) bike lanes? How and when will Howard County be responsible AND accountable for caring for the capital pedestrian and bike lane facilities it already has??

Thank you!
Jo McLaughlin, Centennial

Jo McLaughlin
10138 Century Drive
Ellicott City, MD 21042
410-465-9119

Sayers, Margery

From: Chiara D'Amore <cdamore@communityecologyinstitute.org>
Sent: Friday, September 20, 2019 7:58 AM
To: CouncilMail
Subject: Support for Complete Streets

[Note: This email originated from outside of the organization. Please only click on links or attachments if you know the sender.]

Dear Howard County Council,

I am writing in support of enacting a new, world-class "streets for all" law that will ensure a future with better biking and walking, requiring new neighborhoods, new businesses and rehabbed public spaces to have safe places to bike and walk. This will help create communities where all people can thrive.

Howard County needs better and better connected streets, sidewalks, paths, bus stops and intersections so people can walk, bike, use their wheelchair or ride the bus more safely and easily. It is important that everyone in Howard County feel like they can safely, easily and comfortably get where they need to go without dependence on a car.

In the Columbia neighborhood where the Community Ecology Institute recently purchased a farm the sidewalks stop about a block away and we watch the students from Atholton walking down Harriet Tubman road to get to and from school, which is not safe. The lack of a bus stop from which people can walk to the farm via complete sidewalks is a also constraint on being able to make the farm accessible to as many Howard County residents as possible.

The Complete Streets effort is a chance to take a strong leadership position in Howard County and improve human quality of life and environmental quality at the same time.

Thank you for your consideration,

Chiara D'Amore
District 4

Chiara D'Amore, Ph.D.
President, The Community Ecology Institute
Director, Columbia Families in Nature

Sayers, Margery

From: qizong lao <laoqizong@hotmail.com>
Sent: Wednesday, September 18, 2019 11:02 AM
To: CouncilMail
Subject: opposition to resolution CR112-2019

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Council members,

My name is Qizong Lao, I am a resident of Clarksville, Howard county.

I am writing today to express my opposition to resolution CR112-2019, which urges a school redistricting causing significant anxiety and anger among our community.

I would like to urge you politicians to leave us hard working middle class alone and should not always trying to steal something from us. If posing any negative impacts, your social engineering projects should always pursue the potential victims' consent, that should be a very common sense for a good human being.

Best

Qizong Lao
Clarksville

Sayers, Margery

From: hrm80@everyactioncustom.com on behalf of Maribet Brute <hrm80@everyactioncustom.com>
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The cost of climate change does not compare to the cost of building infrastructure that will have a generational impact on our planet.

Sincerely,
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Dear Howard County Council,

I commute by bicycle daily from Ellicott City to Sykesville, where I work as an Engineering Manager. My wife and I look forward to having a safer route for me to ride to work in a healthy and environmentally friendly way.

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Subject: Testimony Submission - CR120-2019
Attachments: Race Pace Bicycles Letter.pdf

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Good Afternoon,

We are delighted to submit this testimony on behalf of Race Pace Bicycles in support of CR 120-2019.

Thank you,

Jennifer Arice White, MSPH
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September 16, 2019

Howard County Council,

Race Pace Bicycles has served the Greater Baltimore Area for 42 years and in Howard County since 1983. Race Pace Bicycles employees more than 100 employees with approximately 35 in our Howard County locations. Thank you for the opportunity to contribute to this process and making complete streets a priority for Howard County. We applaud the work you have already done in this regard – the County's recent historic investment of \$2.2 million for bike infrastructure is truly a step in the right direction, as is this complete streets resolution.

For the past 15 days I have been walking in England, following a continuous pedestrian path connecting many towns in the English countryside. Hundreds of miles long, this network is an amazing system put in place over the last 30 years. While I certainly had no involvement in its creation, I can imagine it took the cooperation of numerous individuals and town councils, as well as state and federal policy and monetary contributions. It is a remarkable example of recognizing that given choices, many choose not to be in a car.

Decades of policy decisions have resulted in transportation systems that do not allow for individuals to safely and efficiently travel without an automobile. Howard County is no exception to decisions such as these. There are many reasons why a Howard County resident might choose to walk, bicycle or use well designed public transportation to travel throughout the County. This should be encouraged. It is healthy, environmentally positive and economical for county residents.

A complete streets policy in Howard County should be implemented and put into practice quickly and comprehensively. While CR 120-2019 is a good launching point to get us closer to streets for all, Race Pace Bicycles recommends that the County Council work to improve upon on the work already done by passing an ordinance that codifies the resolution with some key improvements that include added performance measures, better transparency, more equitable engagement and more efficient and accountable implementation.

While each of us recognizes that travel by automobile has its place, it should be one of several alternatives available for County residents. The implementation of a complete streets law in Howard County should prioritize walking, cycling and public transportation and not be of secondary consideration to the automobile. We have a fully active automobile infrastructure in place and it is time to move to a system that works for every resident – not just those traveling by car.

Thank you for your consideration.

Alex Obriecht
Owner, Race Pace Bicycles



11825 West Market Place | Fulton, MD 20759 | 301-776-6242

September 16, 2019

Re: OPPOSITION OF the Complete Streets Policy (CR120-2019)

Dear Chairwoman Mercer Rigby and Members of the Howard County Council:

The Howard County Chapter of the Maryland Building Industry Association (MBIA) writes in opposition of Council Resolution 120, which would require Howard County to adopt a Complete Streets Policy and develop a Design Manual.

MBIA generally supports Complete Streets policies; they improve our neighborhoods and promote strong communities, public health, and environmental sustainability. In fact, homebuyers tell developers and builders that a walkable community is among the neighborhood amenities most appealing to them. However, this policy creates onerous requirements without a funding source, and could generate some valueless results.

For example, with some exceptions, most new residential subdivisions in Howard County are small infill projects surrounded by existing neighborhoods that were built without sidewalks or paths. Pedestrian safety concerns are often raised by residents in existing neighborhoods as an objection during pre-submission community meetings for these in-fill projects. The concerns are generally that sidewalks in new subdivisions cannot make a connection to the existing neighborhood.

The "missing tooth" nature of the County's sidewalk/path system is more directly attributable to the Euclidean zoning which deliberately separated residential uses from other uses and the task of improving access by non-automotive means should carefully balance the County's authority to require compliance from new development with the practicality and complexity of the need to fill in substantial gaps through existing infrastructure. Complete Streets implementation may be more practical and achievable in some areas than others, and any new policy should take the complexity of actually achieving the desired interconnections (through existing infrastructure) into consideration.

Without a fiscal impact study, sensible funding source, and a connection to the master plan, this bill is an unfunded mandate that will generate some negative results. We respectfully request the Council to vote no on Council Resolution 120-2019.

If you have any questions about these comments and would like to discuss MBIA's position further, please do not hesitate to contact me at abailey@marylandbuilders.org or (202) 815-4445.

Best regards,

Angelica Bailey, Esq., Vice President of Government Affairs

Cc: Councilman David Yungmann	County Executive Calvin Ball
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CLEAN WATER ACTION | CLEAN WATER FUND

County Council of Howard County
3430 Court House Drive
Ellicott City, MD 21043

Re: CR120-2019, Complete Streets Resolution

Position: Favorable

Dear Chairwoman Mercer Rigby and Members of the Council,

Clean Water Action is a grassroots advocacy group with over 7,000 supporting members in Howard County. Our focus is on policies that protect drinking water quality, whether it is surface water into reservoirs or groundwater. In support of that focus, understanding that land use and development patterns and their associated transportation requirements have massive implications for climate change, air pollution, and polluted runoff, we support CR120-2019 and urge Howard County to not only adopt this Complete Streets resolution, but to quickly implement design manual updates and development regulations.

Complete street policies are an important tool for facilitating last mile connections, active transportation within communities, and safe recreation for residents and visitors. Reducing reliance on single-occupant personal vehicles enables healthier lifestyles and reduces tailpipe emissions, which are a source of nitrous oxides, volatile organic compounds (VOCs), and greenhouse gases. Many communities around the country have adopted complete streets policies, expanding their network and taking advantage of opportunities to provide connections through new developments.

Through the history of complete streets in Maryland, it is clear that these policies need persistent commitment and enforcement mechanisms. With every year that passes, Howard County is letting opportunities slip away. New developments are built, but without a mandate for complete streets they continue to be built without connections for people traveling by foot or pedal. Sidewalk requirements continue to be waived for new developments, citing existing unsafe conditions that limit the utility of a sidewalk. This feeds the cycle of not building infrastructure, and then not retrofitting because it is far more expensive to come back to an existing neighborhood, take property, and install sidewalks.

Furthermore, in other jurisdictions, like the District of Columbia and Lancaster, PA, complete streets have been successfully paired with stormwater infrastructure. Micro

bioretention facilities can be used as buffers for sidewalk bump outs, medians, and protected bike lane features. By incorporating green stormwater infrastructure, projects that slow and collect rainwater and filter it into the ground, the county can promote active transportation, meet storm water requirements, and install projects that beautify the county while providing pollinator habitat.

We urge the county council to pass this resolution, but to follow it swiftly with meaningful and enforceable changes that build the network identified in Bike and Walk Howard and create a Howard County where residents and visitors can safely and comfortably travel without relying on personal vehicles.

Thank you,

Emily Ranson
Maryland Program Coordinator
Clean Water Action
eranson@cleanwater.org



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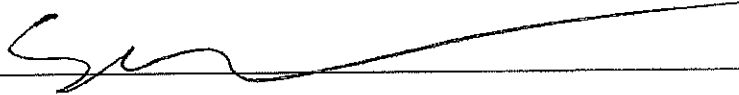
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(bill or resolution number)

support for / opposition to / request to amend this legislation.
(Please circle one.)

Printed Name: Emily Ranson

Signature: 

Date: 9/12/19

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Organization Address: Baltimore, MD 21202

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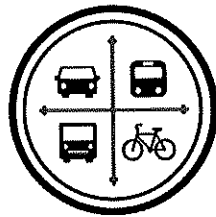
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Caryn York
CEO, Job Opportunities Task Force



Transportation Alliance

September 16, 2019

Howard County Council
George Howard Building
3430 Court House Drive
Ellicott City, MD 21043

Dear Council Members:

On behalf of the Central Maryland Transportation Alliance I am writing to urge Howard County to enact a strong, comprehensive, world-class complete streets law.

The Transportation Alliance is a coalition of corporate and civic leaders whose singular focus is to be a catalyst for improving the region's transportation. We believe a great transportation system will grow the economy, give residents more choices, and keep people and the environment healthy.

For decades governments have invested heavily in roadways, parking facilities, subdivisions and site plans that resulted in more and longer trips made in cars and trucks. Complete streets policies adjust roadway designs to make it safer and more appealing for people to walk, bike, or ride public transportation for some trips. It redesigns streets with all people, of all ages and abilities, in mind.

The resolution is an important step. However, we urge you to make a greater difference by codifying an ordinance. It is the best practice recommended by the National Complete Streets Coalition and other experts. Doing so would create strong, binding commitments to bring about streets that are more accessible and safe for children to walk to school, for people to be more physically active and for people with disabilities and older adults to travel easily and independently.

Other Maryland communities, including Baltimore City and Anne Arundel County, have recently passed complete streets laws. We

urge you to take the next step and do the same.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Brian O'Malley". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a large loop at the end of the "y".

Brian O'Malley
President & CEO



Bridging Cultures. Building Community.

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410-992-1923

September 16, 2019

Board of Directors

Howard County Council,

Patti Pape Caplan
President

We want to, first, acknowledge the County's historic investment of \$2.2 million in biking for safer paths and lanes, as well as the introduction of this complete streets resolution.

Becca Niburg
Vice President

We are excited to know you share our same commitment to better, safer streets.

Brendan Mahoney
Treasurer

Despite this step forward, we cannot ignore the reality that this county has lagged behind when it comes to making transportation healthier, more affordable, sustainable, and equitable. There have only been piecemeal changes to infrastructure in certain areas of the county. Across the county, we lack sidewalks and safe intersections. In

Jillian Watt
Secretary

WalkHoward, the county's draft pedestrian plan, residences identified 1,312 areas that needed sidewalks. The need for continued improvement to the streets in our communities urges us to support a new, world-class complete streets law.

Laura Hook

As you know, FIRN's mission is to empower immigrants, refugees, asylees and other foreign-born individuals by helping them access community resources and opportunities.

Jonelle Ocloo

We service over 15,000 individuals a year. Many lower income and younger community members are more likely to walk to work, compared to other demographics. Hispanic

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and multicultural Americans also have the highest rates of bicycle commutes in the country!

John L Sindler

Director J. Garcia, Jr.
*CEO &
Executive Director*

FIRN supports a complete streets law for a number of reasons. A law would require developers and the county to design safe, connected roads for everybody, not just cars. This in turn would create better access to safe transportation, which would boost the economic growth of the county, and enable local businesses to recruit and retain a diverse, 21st century workforce in Howard County.

While CR120-2019 is a good launching point to get us closer to streets for all, FIRN recommends that the County Council work to improve upon on the work already done by passing an ordinance that codifies the resolution with some key improvements that include added performance measures, better transparency, more equitable engagement and more efficient and accountable implementation.

A complete streets law would lead to equitable and accessible transportation in the county, improving the health, economic opportunity, and overall wellbeing of communities of color and low income populations. They would have more opportunities to be active and connected to schools, grocery stores, medical care, local business, cultural institutions, and places of worship.

We encourage County Executive Ball and the Howard County Council to enact a strong, comprehensive complete streets law. This law is for all of us! Communities of color and low-income populations will have more equitable access to transportation. Howard County will no longer be car-dependent, but rather a place where all Howard County residents can walk, bike, use a wheelchair, or ride the bus more safely and easily.

Thank you for your consideration,

FIRN, INC.



Howard County Council,

I am writing to express support for a new, world-class complete streets law that will ensure safety and accessibility for all community members, whether walking, biking, or busing.

At Gilchrist, we are leaders in serious-illness and end-of-life care that allows people to live life to the fullest. Because we see every day how precious life is, our motto is "Cherish every moment of life." The data below demonstrate that with complete streets more county residents can do that.

I applaud the historic investment you made towards biking and current efforts to implement complete streets in Howard County. But it remains too difficult for older adults to travel easily and independently in the county. There are 1,312 identified areas around the county in need of sidewalks, according to WalkHoward. We must ensure future developments are made with all people in mind.

A lack of opportunity to be physically active or to enjoy the outdoors can have serious health consequences. Only half of adults meet the guidelines for physical activity per week. Lack of physical activity is a major contributor to heart disease, cancer, stroke, and diabetes; these chronic diseases contributed to half the deaths within the county in the past year.

Research shows that people who live near trails are 50% more likely to meet guidelines for physical activity. The risk of cardiovascular diseases also drops by 16% for people who walk 3 hours per week and 11% for people who actively commute compared to those who do not.

While CR 120-2019 is a good launching point to get us closer to streets for all, Gilchrist recommends that the County Council improve on the work already done by passing an ordinance that codifies the resolution with key improvements that include added performance measures, better transparency, more equitable engagement, and more efficient and accountable implementation.

A law will require the county to always design safe and connected roads that have everyone in mind. With a complete streets law, older adults and people with disabilities will be better able to travel more safely, easily, and independently, and remain better connected to surrounding communities.

Enacting a complete streets law is not just for the work we do at Gilchrist; its benefits will reach everyone and move Howard County closer to the top as the healthiest community in the country. This is bigger than just a sidewalk or a bus stop; this is access, equity, and quality of life.

Thank you for your consideration.

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Sheila Young". The signature is fluid and cursive.

Sheila Young

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September 16, 2019

Members of the Howard County Council,

The Howard County Autism Society recognizes the work that has already been done to improve our streets with the \$2.2 million investment in biking in the most recent county budget. As a county, we have made great strides in the right direction, but we also recognize that more needs to be done.

Recently, I participated in a bike race with my daughter. For 50 miles we biked from one town to the next, on both heavily traveled highways and two-lane roads where bike lanes and/or road "shoulders" were non-existent. Initially, we were excited for the event. We had been training for the longer distance and figured this would be a great way to get some exercise, spend some quality time together, and knock something off our bucket list. Anytime we were on the roads, I was scared. Drivers get impatient with bikers, the roads are too small to share, it causes traffic, and it just creates a ball of tension for everyone! You can wear all the right gear, and be visible, but if roads are not designed to have both groups in mind, it just does not work.

As the Executive Director of the Howard County Autism Society, I often wonder about the community I serve, and constantly notice spaces that are unsafe or inaccessible for them. It is common knowledge now that across Howard County, we lack sidewalks and safe intersection. Many of our bus stops lack landing pads and pedestrian lighting tool For the many members of our autism community who do not drive and rely on bus transportation, these are especially concerning.


A law that requires developers and the county to design safe, connected roads for everyone, not just cars, is what we need. Safer, more accessible streets also help connect surrounding communities. Complete streets promote active living and can reduce social isolation for all people, especially those who may be living with disabilities and/or may need additional supports to get around.

While CR 120-2019 is a good launching point to get us closer to streets for all, the Howard County Autism Society recommends that the County Council work to improve upon on the work already done by passing an ordinance that codifies the resolution with some key improvements that include added performance measures, better transparency, more equitable engagement, and more efficient and accountable implementation.

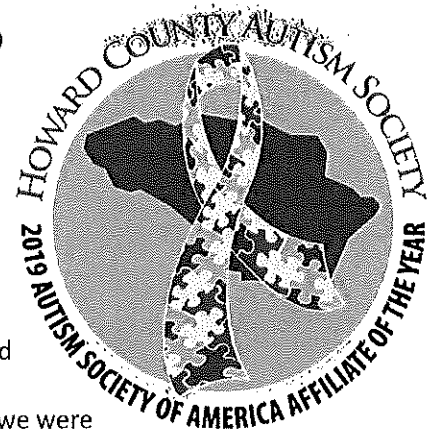
We strongly encourage County Executive Ball and the County Council to enact a complete streets law. This is the best way to ensure access to transportation is truly equitable and inclusive. For persons with autism and other disabilities, this means they can travel more independently with safety as a priority and remain more closely connected to their surrounding communities. A world of enrichment and opportunity is missed when groups of people are isolated. Let us make sure Howard County does not let this continue.

Thank you for your consideration.

Warm regards,



Melissa Rosenberg, Executive Director



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People Acting Together in Howard (PATH) is an affiliate of the Industrial Areas Foundation, the nation's first and largest community organizing network. We have seven decades of experience winning significant victories across the nation. Our 70 broad-based organizations have a deep grassroots presence in political and financial power centers in the United States, Europe, Australia and New Zealand.

We acknowledge the work that the County has done to improve biking access, a great first step. With a complete streets law, communities of color and low-income populations will have more equitable access to transportation, safer ways to be pedestrians, and improved neighborhood design.

Both Anne Arundel County and Baltimore City recently passed complete streets ordinances, while Howard County has yet to do so. We want Howard County to be a leader in pedestrian safety and access, and join its neighboring communities in redesigning streets with all people of all ages and abilities in mind.

Communities of color and low-income neighborhoods have a legacy of under-investment in many ways. In neighborhoods like Guilford and Savage, residents lack sufficient crosswalks, sidewalks, and safe and accessible transportation options. We continue to support transportation equity efforts that ensure all members of our community have access to safe and complete streets. We must consider pedestrians, bikers, and bus riders, in addition to the majority of drivers.

National organizations like the AARP, American Heart Association, and Smart Growth America have established best-practice standards for complete streets laws. CR 120-2019 is a launching point to get us closer to streets for all. Now PATH recommends that the County Council work to improve upon that work already done. Howard County needs to pass an ordinance that codifies the resolution with key improvements already in best-practice standards: performance measures, better transparency, more equitable engagement, and more efficient and accountable implementation. These standards should be in a law for all future transportation and infrastructure projects.



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September 16, 2019

Howard County Council,

impacting over 350,000 central Marylanders, the Y is deeply committed to strengthening the community's commitment to, and engagement with, healthy living, youth development and social responsibility. Advancing health and well-being for all is core to our mission and we applaud the County's historic investment of \$2.2 million in biking and walking infrastructure and the introduction of the complete streets resolution. This is a great step forward and we believe Howard County has an opportunity to advance its leadership even further by making transportation healthier, safer, more accessible and equitable. Bearing in mind the changes to the transportation infrastructure, the community still has areas that need sidewalks. For example, according to WalkHoward, the county's draft pedestrian plan, residences identified 1,312 areas that needed sidewalks.

We also know that too many people in Howard County do not have enough opportunities to be physically active; this can have serious consequences for public health. As such, we are urging Howard County to support a new, world-class complete streets law.

CR120-2019 is a good launching point to get closer to streets for all. The Y in Central Maryland recommends that the County Council build upon on the work already done by passing an ordinance that codifies the resolution with some key improvements including added performance measures, better transparency, more equitable engagement and more efficient and accountable implementation.

A world class complete streets law will ensure a future with better biking and walking, requiring new neighborhoods, new businesses and rehabbed public spaces to have safe places to bike and walk. With a complete streets law, Howard County residents will have more opportunities to be more physically active, helping to reduce chronic diseases.

Complete streets is a leadership strategy to improve the health and well-being of Howard County residents. Howard County deserves a comprehensive, world-class complete streets law. We need streets for all!

Thank you for your leadership and commitment to the health and well-being of Howard County residents.

John Hoey

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HOWARD COUNTY
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September 16, 2019

To: Howard County Council Chair Christiana Mercer Rigby and members of the Howard County Council
From: David Nitkin, Chief of Staff, Howard County General Hospital
Re: Support for CR120-2019, Complete Streets Policy and Design Manual

Thank you for the opportunity to provide testimony on Council Resolution 120-2019, which calls for the adoption of a Complete Streets Policy and the creation of design guidelines for implementation.

Howard County General Hospital fully supports this resolution and the contribution it will make toward improving the health of our community.

As a leading healthcare provider and the only hospital in Howard County, Howard County General Hospital operates with a mission to keep our community healthy and well. We are incentivized, financially and morally to keep our loved ones and neighbors out of our facility, and to ensure they are living free of disease and illness.

The health of our community is driven not just by the health care system, but by through supporting social determinants of health, such as education, access to food and economic stability. One of the most critical social determinants is transportation and walkability.

When Howard County public works and transportation make infrastructure investments following complete streets guidelines, we will gain more miles of bike paths, more sidewalks and more room for pedestrians and other non-vehicular users.

As an increasingly dense community, we must encourage our neighbors to walk, run, pedal and ride more. And this is what many want. Participating in these activities will burn calories, release endorphins, stave off disease and make us a healthier community.

U.S. News and World Report recently ranked Howard County as the 10th healthiest community in the nation, up from 20 in its previous survey. Our goal should be to get to number one, and this resolution is a step toward achieving that.

We applaud the leadership of County Executive Ball in introducing this resolution, and we thank the co-sponsors for their support of this important initiative.

Sincerely,

David Nitkin
Chief of Staff
Howard County General Hospital



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Sayers, Margery

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Margery,

I am having Christopher Tsien testify on Monday September 16th for Bicycling Advocates instead of me. Please transfer testifier name from me to him. Attached is Affidavit to speak in Support of CR120-19 as Bicycling Advocates of Howard County representative.

Please let me know when you receive and if we need to do anything else.

Jack Guarneri
President, Bicycling Advocates of Howard County/Bike HoCo



On Thu, Sep 12, 2019 at 10:39 AM Sayers, Margery <msayers@howardcountymd.gov> wrote:

Good Morning!

You have signed up to testify on behalf of a group for the Public Hearing before the County Council. Please fill out the attached Affidavit to Speak and return to councilmail@howardcountymd.gov.

If you have any questions, please feel free to contact me directly.

Sincerely,

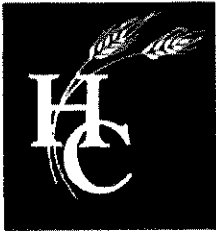
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September 16, 2019

The County Council of Howard County
3430 Court House Drive
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Re: CR120-2019

Dear Councilmembers:

Bicycling Advocates of Howard County (Bike HoCo) writes to support CR120-2019 but with reservations. We believe that Complete Streets is a powerful tool to help make non-automotive transportation an ordinary, everyday part of our community, one where everyone, regardless of ability or capacity, has full access and use of our community's byways.

Our support for complete streets remains unwavering. Our concerns center on timing and actual implementation of the thoughts and principles underlying complete streets. Bike HoCo, with some historic justification, fears that the actual implementation of complete streets faces untoward delays and that CR120-2019 will prove to be a paper tiger.

First, the time table for implementing what we all know are necessary design manual revisions is too long. We need not and should not reinvent the wheel, but that is what CR120-2019 seems to be expect. We have had more than enough meetings. Other jurisdictions have already enacted more than enough outstanding examples of what we should do and can follow.

We note that the amount of development that can happen in the next two years will likely render our eventual adoption of a design manual a look backward, not forward as it should be. Delaying enactment of design manual changes and development regulations will only lead to more of what we have recently seen: Cyclists badly injured because adverse road conditions are allowed.

Second, the adoption of a policy resolution is not strong enough. Policies come and go with political administrations, and even within an administration may or may not then be enforced. History again teaches us that the opaque and seemingly arbitrary granting of zoning, development, and design waivers ("alternative compliance" or whatever the jargon of the day states) has led to many outcomes benefitting the few but in fact adverse to the general public interest. Laws force real compliance and put teeth into enforcement. That is what this policy should be. A law.

Christopher C. Tsien
Bicycling Advocates of Howard County



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Bill No: CR-120-2019

Title: Resolution adopting the Howard County Complete Streets Policy and requiring the development of a Complete Streets Design Manual.

Position: SUPPORT

The Horizon Foundation is a lead partner in the Streets for All coalition, which brings together 16 partners such as AARP Maryland, American Heart Association and Bicycling Advocates of Howard County along with other community groups to advocate for a strong, comprehensive, world-class complete streets law.

CR120 is a good launching point to get us closer to streets that are more accessible and safe for children to walk to school, for people to be more physically active and for people with disabilities and older adults to travel easily and independently. We support passage of this resolution.

However, the Streets for All Coalition also suggests that the County introduce a complete streets ordinance next month to codify and improve upon CR 120-2019. Attached to this testimony is a letter from the National Complete Streets Coalition and several other national expert groups suggesting that passing an ordinance is the best practice, a world-class way to ensure streets for all.

The law should include added performance measures, better transparency mechanisms and community engagement and more efficient and accountable implementation. Howard County deserves a world-class complete streets law that would: (a) prioritize communities facing the greatest challenges and state a clear goal for every street to serve all users; (b) design complete streets as a default, with limited but clear exceptions; (c) include measures that capture additional outcome data, such as whether the changes improved walkability, bikeability, access, etc.; (d) include measures of progress for communities that have historically been left behind and ensure an inclusive community engagement process; and (e) set up reasonable timelines for completing milestones, including the design manual.

A law with these measures would build on the vision of this resolution to ensure we are building a more bikeable and walkable Howard County for future generations, no matter who holds elected office or runs county departments.

As Howard County's community health foundation and the largest independent health philanthropy in the state, the Horizon Foundation fully supports efforts to make healthy choices easier for local residents. Our newly designed streets will encourage active transportation which will result in healthier residents. We urge you to take the next step by introducing a complete streets law, to ensure all people, no matter who they are or where they live, are able to get around safely and easily in the manner in which they choose. Thank you for your consideration.



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June 7, 2019

Dr. Calvin Ball
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Dear County Executive Ball:

On behalf of the National Complete Streets Coalition (NCSC), a program of Smart Growth America, along with the undersigned national expert groups working to implement Complete Streets policies across the country, we thank you for your vision and leadership in identifying and addressing critical transportation needs in Howard County.

NCSC launched the Complete Streets movement in 2004 and continues to promote the development and implementation of Complete Streets policies and professional practices that lead to a transportation system where the needs and safety of all people who use the streets are balanced equitably. To date, more than 1300 agencies at the state and local levels have adopted Complete Streets policies, which has translated to more than 1400 policies across the country. We are pleased that Howard County will soon be one of the localities committed to this movement.

For years, many of the organizations listed below have assisted local and state governments to craft policies, resolutions, and ordinances based on NCSC's ten elements of an ideal Complete Streets policy (available for free on NCSC's website). We strongly believe that these elements are the base of a comprehensive and effective policy. In particular, the elements emphasize binding, accountable next steps toward implementation, including revising other policies and practices to support Complete Streets implementation and designating a committee or oversight body to ensure implementation progresses. Although many municipalities have passed Complete Streets policies and resolutions, these commitments have not always translated to substantive implementation on the ground often because they lacked strong, binding language and accountability measures to spur equitable implementation.

To strengthen their commitment to Complete Streets, many localities that started with resolutions have enacted a subsequent ordinance that holds government agencies, contractors, and developers accountable to implementation schedules, performance measurement, transparency, and inclusive community engagement.

While passing a policy or resolution is an important step forward to establish a commitment to Complete Streets, **ordinances establish stronger, binding commitments to Complete Streets implementation by directly modifying city or county codes, leading to more sustainable and accountable implementation.** We recommend crafting an ordinance that includes the ten elements of an ideal Complete Streets policy and including accountable next steps to equitably implement this policy across the county.

The NCSC and many of the organizations below support communities to strengthen their Complete Streets policies and can serve as a resource for you and your staff. We look forward to supporting Howard County as you continue to make your community a safer and healthier place to live.

Sincerely,

Emiko Atherton
Director
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cc: Howard County Council
Howard County Complete Streets Implementation Team
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**Howard County Council
Hearing on CR120-2019
September 16, 2019**

Thank you for allowing me to present written testimony to the Howard County Commissioners regarding the county's Complete Streets Effort. My name is Nancy Carr, Associate State Director for Communications with AARP Maryland. AARP has nearly 875,000 members across the state, including more than 87,000 in Howard County.

I am here tonight on behalf of AARP Executive Council member and Howard County resident David Conway. David was scheduled to testify tonight, but has been called away on a family emergency:

"I am both a long time citizen of Howard County and a volunteer with AARP. My personal experiences have lead me to understand the critical importance of a safe, walkable neighborhood on an individual's mental and physical health. My mother, well into her 90's is an anomaly. She has never slowed down for a minute. When I ask her 'Mom, how do you do it?' she says, 'I don't know David, I guess because I always keep moving.'

"She has remained engaged socially, physically without major ailments or disease for nearly a century because she is always on her feet.

"Each year, as is tradition, my wife and two daughters set a date in a miles-long walk through some of the many pathways Howard County has to offer. It has become a special day we all look forward to, for both the memories and the opportunity to push our bodies as far as we can together as a family.

"All of this to say, that since my joining the AARP Maryland team, and shortly thereafter being recruited into the America Walks Fellowship Program, I have learned more about the effects of walking on our physical emotional wellbeing as it pertains to the prevention of social isolation which, by all accounts...is a death sentence.

"I have come to learn more about my county, and while I treasure the many beautiful and safe pathways that exist close to my own home, I have also come to recognize that so many of my neighbors do not have the same benefit of safe travel by foot or bicycle. In many cases this is their primary form of transportation.

"AARP supports Complete Streets policies because they offer the opportunity to improve the travel options of people of all ages. Planning, designing, and building roads that respond to the needs of all users will provide older adults a variety of options for getting around, whether walking, taking public transportation, driving their own cars, or sharing rides with family and friends.

With that, I thank you for taking a step toward creating a Complete Streets policy that can lead to greater pedestrian and bicycle safety for *all* of Howard County's residents. CR 120-2019 is a good launching point to get us closer to streets for all. AARP Maryland recommends that the County Council move forward on this effort by passing an ordinance to codify the resolution with some key improvements that include added performance measures, better transparency, more equitable engagement and more efficient and accountable implementation. With a law, we can provide the people living in this thriving area of the state a way to engage in healthy behaviors that will lead them to thrive in the same way my mother, my inspiration, has enjoyed.

"Respectfully submitted, David Conway."

Thank you.

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September 13, 2019

Howard County Council,

On behalf of the Association of Community Services of Howard County (ACS), a network representing over 160 Howard County organizations and individuals servicing more than 100,000 Howard County families and residents, we are writing to express our support in implementing a strong, comprehensive, world-class complete streets law.

We recognize the historical \$2.2 million investment the County has made in biking, which is a great step forward – however, for years prior the county has lagged in making transportation healthier, sustainable, and equitable. As a result, it remains too difficult to get around Howard County without a car, and there is a strong need for better sidewalks, bus stops and safer intersections, in addition to bike infrastructure. In WalkHoward, the county's draft pedestrian plan, residents identified 1,312 areas that need sidewalks. Implementing a complete streets law would help solve these problems. Comparative to our neighboring counties, we are falling short on making our community accessible for all residents.

At ACS, we work together to improve the lives of Howard County residents, with the vision that Howard County will be a community where all residents have access to the resources they need to thrive. A complete streets law will greatly improve the health, economic opportunity, and overall wellbeing of communities of color, low-income populations, older adults, and individuals with disabilities, which would also help us reach our vision as a network.

This resolution is a great launching point to make streets in Howard County safer and more accessible, but it can be made stronger. While CR 120-2019 is a good launching point to get us closer to streets for all, ACS recommends that the County Council work to improve upon on the work already done by passing an ordinance that codifies the resolution with some key improvements that include added performance measures, better transparency, more equitable engagement, and more efficient and accountable implementation.



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We urge you to enact a strong, comprehensive complete streets law to ensure accountability and help us see all the benefits of complete streets well into the future. Complete streets will increase the access and connections residents have to services and will improve the collaborative efforts for all the organizations working to improve Howard County as well. We want Howard County to be a leader in walking and biking and join its neighboring communities in redesigning its streets with all people, of all ages and abilities, in mind.

Sincerely,

Joan Driessen
Executive Director



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County Council regarding CR 120-2019 Complete Streets to express the organization's
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Printed Name: Nancy Carr

Signature: Nancy P Carr

Date: 9/16/19

Organization: AARP Maryland

Organization Address: 200 St. Paul Pl. Ste 2510

Baltimore, MD 21202

Number of Members: 874, 882

Name of Chair/President: Frank Greenberg, AARP MD State Director

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American
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Association.

September 16th, 2019

Testimony of Jose Maldonado
American Heart Association
Favorable CR120-2019 Complete Streets Resolution

Good Evening Chair Mercer Rigby and Members of the Council,

Thank you for the opportunity to testify today in support of Complete Street. My name is Jose Maldonado and I am speaking on behalf of the American Heart Association. I address you today as someone who suffered a hemorrhagic stroke a little over 17 years ago. My left side is partially paralyzed and I also have aphasia. In the days after my stroke there was much uncertainty on if I would ever talk again, let alone walk.

As a resident of Howard County, I have seen the reality of what our sidewalks look like both from a wheelchair and with a cane as I walk now. We lack sidewalks and safe intersections. In WalkHoward, the county's draft pedestrian plan, residents identified 1,312 areas that need sidewalks.¹ For me and others this makes it difficult to get down around my community safely. Additionally, physical activity, such as walking and biking, is an important tool to prevent stroke and keep a healthy heart. Too many people in Howard County and around the country do not have enough opportunities to be physically active. This can have serious consequences for public health.

- Only 23% of U.S. adults ages 18 to 64 meet the federal physical activity guidelines.²
- 27% of Howard County residents have been told by a health care professional that they have high blood pressure.³
- More than half of all county deaths last year were caused by heart disease, cancer, stroke and diabetes. Lack of physical activity is a major contributor to all of these diseases.⁴

All of these issues are disproportionately felt by communities of color and low-income neighborhoods, which have not been prioritized in the past and lack safe and accessible transportation options. Many communities of color also face higher incidences of chronic disease, including heart disease.⁵

Complete Streets are essential to create walkable, accessible space for all. Although this resolution is a great first step, my community needs the certainty that a Complete Streets law

¹ WalkHoward Draft Pedestrian Plan, 2017

² Ducharme, Jamie. "Only 23% of Americans Get Enough Exercise, a New Report Says." *Time*, June 28, 2018: <https://time.com/5324940/americans-exercise-physical-activity-guidelines/>

³ Howard County Health Assessment Survey, 2018

⁴ Booth, et al. "Lack of exercise is a major cause of chronic diseases." *Comprehensive Physiology*, April 2012: <https://www.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/pmc/articles/PMC4241367/>

⁵ Kaiser Family Foundation, Key Facts on Health and Health Care by Race and Ethnicity, 2016: <https://www.kff.org/report-section/key-facts-on-health-and-health-care-by-race-and-ethnicity-section-3-health-status-and-outcomes/>

will ensure. I ask that this resolution is followed with a law to make sure that all residents in Howard County will have accessible streets to walk, bike, and play.



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Printed Name: Jose Maldonado

Signature: Jose Maldonado

Date: 7/16/2019

Organization: American Heart Association

Organization Address: 217 E Redwood St. suite 1100
Baltimore, MD 21201

Number of Members: 10,335 in Maryland

Name of Chair/President: Deepak Surj

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Testimony Supporting Council Resolution 120-2019
Howard County Council
Monday September 16, 2019

Good Evening, Chairwoman Mercer Rigby and members of the County Council.

My name is Jessica Bellah. I am a Community Planner with Columbia Association and a Howard County resident. I am here representing Columbia Association.

Tonight, I have come to testify in support of Council Resolution 120-2019 to adopt the Howard County Complete Streets Policy and require the development of a Complete Streets Design Manual.

Columbia Association has been working closely with Howard County and other members of the Complete Street Policy Implementation Team to draft the Complete Streets Policy. The Policy before you tonight reflects the input from multiple stakeholders and professionals that will ultimately be tasked with bringing this vision to fruition.

This policy serves as a guide to recalibrate our approach to transportation. At its heart, adoption of the Complete Street Policy is about promoting and ensuring the best quality of life possible for Howard County residents. Our streets, sidewalks, pathways, transit and transportation systems are not separate, isolated entities that function apart from each other. They should and must be planned, designed, executed, and maintained to function as a whole.

The time consuming but important detail work of updating and rewriting the design manual is the next step before us. We would urge the Council to provide the Implementation Team, County staff, and consultants sufficient time and resources to comprehensively update the Design Manual and to do this work right. Translating the Complete Streets Policy into a thoughtful, well-constructed design manual is necessary to ensure the built environment serves the needs of everyone in our community.

In closing, Columbia Association supports the approval of the Complete Street Policy as drafted in Exhibit A and the directive of Council Resolution 120-2019 to develop a Complete Street Design Manual.

Thank you very much.

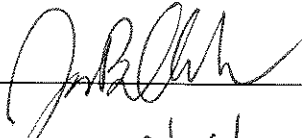
Sincerely,
Jessica Bellah, AICP



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Printed Name: Jessica Bellah

Signature: 

Date: 9/16/19

Organization: Columbia Association

Organization Address: 6310 Hillside Court

Columbia, MD 21046

Number of Members: 10

Name of Chair/President: Milton Matthews

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Testimony by Robert Marietta, Howard Community College
Howard County Complete Streets Policy – CR 120-2019

Thank you for the opportunity to speak tonight in support of the Howard County Complete Streets Policy on behalf of Howard Community College. I am Bob Marietta, environmental health and safety supervisor at the college, and a resident of Columbia.

At Howard Community College, our mission is providing pathways to success. Certainly, it is about educational pathways, but it is also about the physical pathways that our students and employees must travel to campus. They need safe access to all modes of transportation, whether biking, walking, driving, or taking transit, in order to reach the campus and succeed in their classes and in their careers.

A few weeks ago, Dr. Kate Hetherington, president of HCC, joined County Executive Ball and County Councilmember Jung at the ribbon-cutting ceremony for the new HCC Connector, just in time for the start of the semester. The trail supports both students and employees who commute to HCC, providing a much needed, safe, convenient, and sustainable way to walk or bike.

The proposed Complete Streets Policy before you takes a tremendous step forward toward securing even more multi-modal connectivity for Howard Community College students and employees, as well as all residents of Howard County. This policy also advances community participation by ensuring there public and private input and coordination when the county makes important infrastructure decisions.

This is the right time for the Complete Streets Policy, as downtown Columbia grows and attracts greater numbers of the community to its many amenities. It also fits with the college's focus on serving all members of the community, who rely on many different modes of transportation to travel.

HCC is pleased that the County Executive supports a multi-modal transportation policy and asks the Council to pass resolution 120-2019 into law. Howard County must have streets that are safe and equitable for all modes of transportation. When our roads are accessible by all, we will have a stronger and more sustainable Howard County for everyone.



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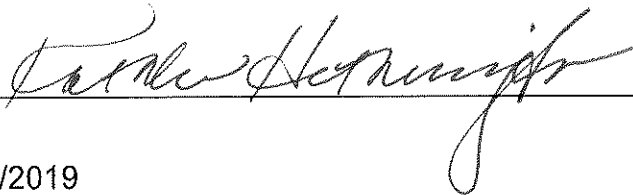
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Printed Name: Dr. Kathleen Hetherington, President

Signature: 

Date: 09/16/2019

Organization: Howard Community College

Organization Address: Columbia, MD 21044

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Number of Members: N/A

Name of Chair/President: Dr. Kathleen Hetherington

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Testimony by David Zinner
Member of the Howard County Multi-Modal Transportation Board
In support of CR 120-19
In front of the Howard County Council
on September 16, 2019

My name is David Zinner. I live at 8112 Sea Water Path in Columbia. I serve on the Howard County Multi-Modal Transportation Board. The MTB supports CR 120.

An MTB representative, Larry Schoen, was one of the interdisciplinary team members that oversaw the development of the Complete Streets policy.

The policy was presented to the MTB and discussed at a number of our meetings. We had significant public input, especially from the Streets For All Coalition. We took an extra month to review the input we received, and made changes that we believe significantly improved this policy to meet the needs of Howard County citizens.

While I and many others are strong advocates for Howard County to become even more friendly for biking and walking through Complete Streets, I want draw your attention to, and focus on, one particular aspect of the proposed policy.

At the urging of the Streets For All Coalition, and with the support of the Multi-Modal Transportation Board, the Howard County Transportation Department staff developed a model, based on research done by the Baltimore Metropolitan Planning Organization, that prioritizes Complete Streets improvements in certain areas. Seven key measures were identified to factor into the priority determination. They are:

- Poverty Levels
- Non-Hispanic, Non-White Population
- Hispanic Population
- Limited English Proficiency (LEP) Population
- Disabled Citizens
- Elderly Citizens
- Carless Citizens

Using these factors, the proposed Complete Street Policy determines which census tracts in Howard County have the highest prevalence of individuals challenged by an inadequate transportation system and then commits to prioritize investment in these areas.

This is but one example of the thoroughness and thoughtfulness that has gone into this policy development. We urge your approval of CR 120.



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MULTI-MODAL TRANSPORTATION BOARD to deliver testimony to the
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Printed Name: DAVID ZINNER

Signature: David Zinner

Date: 9/16/2019

Organization: MULTI-MODAL TRANSPORTATION BOARD

Organization Address: 6 EDGE HOWARD WOOD

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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,

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

Sayers, Margery

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

On Sep 12, 2019, at 9:10 AM, Jeryl Baker <villagemanager@columbiatowncenter.org> wrote:

County Council Members,
Please accept the attached testimony from the Town Center Board of Directors.
Thank you.

Jeryl Baker
Village Manager, Executive Director

Town Center Community Association
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From: Robin Hillen <beausimon6@gmail.com>
Sent: Thursday, September 12, 2019 9:25 AM
To: Jeryl Baker
Cc: CouncilMail; Dean Dworkin; Joel Broida; Kevin Fitzgerald; Kirsten Coombs; Lin Eagan; Lynn Foehrkolb; Jennifer White
Subject: Re: Resolution 120-2019 - Complete Streets

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Thank you Lynn and Jeryl.

On Thu, Sep 12, 2019, 9:10 AM Jeryl Baker <villagemanager@columbiatowncenter.org> wrote:

County Council Members,
Please accept the attached testimony from the Town Center Board of Directors. Thank you.

Jeryl Baker

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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

CE 120-2019

Sayers, Margery

From: hedturtle@everyactioncustom.com on behalf of Heather Dalton
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Sent: Monday, September 9, 2019 12:58 PM
To: CouncilMail
Subject: We need a world-class complete streets law in Howard County

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Dear Howard County Council,

Too many of our streets are not accessible or safe for walkers, cyclists, bus riders or people with disabilities. As a result, it is dangerous and challenging for people getting to work and walking to school and for people with disabilities traveling independently.

We need a world-class complete streets law that will require new developments and rehabbed public spaces to have better, safer places to bike and walk. This law should follow national best practices to ensure we build streets for ALL, not just cars.

I urge you to support and pass the kind of complete streets law we deserve.

Sincerely,
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Sayers, Margery

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I urge you to support and pass the kind of complete streets law we deserve.

Sincerely,

kathleen methric

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Sayers, Margery

From: starzgaiano@everyactioncustom.com on behalf of M Starz-Gaiano
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Sincerely,
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Sayers, Margery

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Sincerely,
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From: domack1@everyactioncustom.com on behalf of Donna Mack <domack1@everyactioncustom.com>
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Sincerely,
Donna Mack
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Sayers, Margery

From: dbroca@everyactioncustom.com on behalf of Diane Roca
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Sincerely,
Diane Roca
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From: gxknox49@everyactioncustom.com on behalf of Gabrielle Knox <gxknox49@everyactioncustom.com>
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Sincerely,
Gabrielle Knox
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Sayers, Margery

From: nancy_kusmaul@everyactioncustom.com on behalf of Nancy Kusmaul
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Sincerely,

Nancy Kusmaul

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Sayers, Margery

From: katcrave@everyactioncustom.com on behalf of Kathleen Craven
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Dear Howard County Council,

I want to be able to easily walk and bike on the streets around my home. I also want more crosswalks at intersections like Marshalee Drive/Montgomery Road/Deborah Jean Dr. Too many of our streets are not accessible or safe for walkers, cyclists, bus riders or people with disabilities. As a result, it is dangerous and challenging for people walking in their neighborhoods to businesses or parks or schools.

We need existing streets to have sidewalks, crosswalks and bike lanes to be added. We need a world-class complete streets law that will require new developments and rehabbed public spaces to have better, safer places to bike and walk. This law should follow national best practices to ensure we build streets for ALL, not just cars.

It better for our health, its better for our environment and it better for our county.

I urge you to support and pass the kind of complete streets law we deserve.

Sincerely,
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Sayers, Margery

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Sent: Thursday, August 29, 2019 3:08 PM
To: CouncilMail
Subject: We need a world-class complete streets law in Howard County

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Dear Howard County Council,

Too many of our streets are not accessible or safe for walkers, cyclists, bus riders or people with disabilities. As a result, it is dangerous and challenging for people getting to work and walking to school and for people with disabilities traveling independently.

We need a world-class complete streets law that will require new developments and rehabbed public spaces to have better, safer places to bike and walk. This law should follow national best practices to ensure we build streets for ALL, not just cars.

I urge you to support and pass the kind of complete streets law we deserve.

Sincerely,
Mary Dalnekoff
5481 Luckpenny Pl Columbia, MD 21045-2346 mdalnekoff@gmail.com

Sayers, Margery

From: candorsky530@everyactioncustom.com on behalf of Claudia Andorsky <candorsky530@everyactioncustom.com>
Sent: Wednesday, August 28, 2019 9:54 PM
To: CouncilMail
Subject: We need a world-class complete streets law in Howard County

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I urge you to support and pass the kind of complete streets law we deserve.

Sincerely,
Claudia Andorsky
4240 Red Bandana Way Ellicott City, MD 21042-5928 candorsky530@gmail.com

Sayers, Margery

From: casey.bryant@everyactioncustom.com on behalf of Casey Brent
<casey.bryant@everyactioncustom.com>
Sent: Wednesday, August 28, 2019 8:26 PM
To: CouncilMail
Subject: We need a world-class complete streets law in Howard County

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I urge you to support and pass the kind of complete streets law we deserve.

Sincerely,
Casey Brent
5242 Patriot Ln Columbia, MD 21045-1903 casey.bryant@gmail.com

Sayers, Margery

From: renegade_lxix@everyactioncustom.com on behalf of Jonathan Schultz
<renegade_lxix@everyactioncustom.com>
Sent: Wednesday, August 28, 2019 7:28 PM
To: CouncilMail
Subject: We need a world-class complete streets law in Howard County

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Dear Howard County Council,

I ride to work nearly every day from home in Ellicott City. I desperately look forward to safer road conditions in the years to come.

Too many of our streets are not accessible or safe for walkers, cyclists, bus riders or people with disabilities. As a result, it is dangerous and challenging for people getting to work and walking to school and for people with disabilities traveling independently.

We need a world-class complete streets law that will require new developments and rehabbed public spaces to have better, safer places to bike and walk. This law should follow national best practices to ensure we build streets for ALL, not just cars.

I urge you to support and pass the kind of complete streets law we deserve.

Sincerely,
Jonathan Schultz
3784 College Ave Ellicott City, MD 21043-4662 renegade_lxix@hotmail.com

Sayers, Margery

From: caren.f.ferris@everyactioncustom.com on behalf of Caren Ferris
<caren.f.ferris@everyactioncustom.com>
Sent: Wednesday, August 28, 2019 2:12 PM
To: CouncilMail
Subject: We need a world-class complete streets law in Howard County

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Dear Howard County Council,

I live in Bethgate community. I frequently bike for leisure and exercise. Based on personal experience, I will no longer ride on Rt. 99. I hate crossing Rt. 99-we need a crosswalk.
I have had to jump off my bike in my neighborhood when a car, after stopping at the STOP sign, drove right out at me when I had the right of way.
I would like to bike to Ellicott City Senior Center to meet for Cycle2Health Rides. I don't because I am terrified of riding on and crossing Frederick Road even for a short distance.
I will not ride my bike on Bethany Lane even to take it to Race Pace at the bottom of Bethany Lane - too dangerous.
Please make the roads safe so we can use them with our bicycles.
Thank you.
Caren Ferris

Sincerely,
Caren Ferris
2909 Pinewick Rd Ellicott City, MD 21042-2205 caren.f.ferris@gmail.com

Sayers, Margery

From: hermandelang@everyactioncustom.com on behalf of Herman DeLang
<hermandelang@everyactioncustom.com>
Sent: Wednesday, August 28, 2019 2:06 PM
To: CouncilMail
Subject: We need a world-class complete streets law in Howard County

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Dear Howard County Council,

Too many of our streets are not accessible or safe for walkers and cyclists, however based upon the numbers of bus riders or people with disabilities, those groups should have pro-rate funding based upon the actual numbers.

We need a world-class complete streets law that will add Bike Paths where needed!!!
And require new developments and rehabbed public spaces to have better, safer places to bike and walk, although sidewalks are already required in new developments. This law should follow national best practices to ensure we build streets for Cyclists and Walkers, not just cars.

Build the Little Patuxent Trail Connector to downtown Columbia, along the river, from the existing LPT Trail.

I urge you to support and pass the kind of complete streets law we deserve.

Sincerely,
Herman DeLang
8455 Kings Meade Way Columbia, MD 21046-1268 hermandelang@gmail.com

Sayers, Margery

From: davefreesland@everyactioncustom.com on behalf of David Freesland
<davefreesland@everyactioncustom.com>
Sent: Wednesday, August 28, 2019 12:53 PM
To: CouncilMail
Subject: We need a world-class complete streets law in Howard County

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Dear Howard County Council,

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I urge you to support and pass the kind of complete streets law we deserve.

Sincerely,
David Freesland
10346 Globe Dr Ellicott City, MD 21042-2148 davefreesland@gmail.com

Sayers, Margery

From: worley.john@everyactioncustom.com on behalf of John Worley
<worley.john@everyactioncustom.com>
Sent: Wednesday, August 28, 2019 12:28 PM
To: CouncilMail
Subject: We need a world-class complete streets law in Howard County

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I urge you to support and pass the kind of complete streets law we deserve.

Sincerely,
John Worley
6041 Watch Chain Way Columbia, MD 21044-4714 worley.john@gmail.com

Sayers, Margery

From: indyx86@everyactioncustom.com on behalf of Eric Miller <indyx86@everyactioncustom.com>
Sent: Wednesday, August 28, 2019 11:08 AM
To: CouncilMail
Subject: We need a world-class complete streets law in Howard County

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I urge you to support and pass the kind of complete streets law we deserve.

Sincerely,
Eric Miller
4906 Columbia Rd Apt 1 Columbia, MD 21044-2159 indyx86@alumni.american.edu

Sayers, Margery

From: dotrockstr@everyactioncustom.com on behalf of Dorothy Rockstroh
<dotrockstr@everyactioncustom.com>
Sent: Wednesday, August 28, 2019 10:26 AM
To: CouncilMail
Subject: We need a world-class complete streets law in Howard County

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Dear Howard County Council,

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Also, please consider reducing speed limits on many roads within the county, especially in more densely populated areas such as Town Center. This would decrease the speed difference between motor vehicles and cyclists and pedestrians, allowing everybody to be more observant and reducing accidents. Should an accident occur at these lower speeds, injuries would be less and chances for survival would be greatly enhanced. Lower speed for vehicles might encourage more people to not use cars in these areas. This would support the Healthy Howard County plan in many ways.

I urge you to support and pass the kind of complete streets law we deserve.

Sincerely,
Dorothy Rockstroh
4707 Leyden Way Ellicott City, MD 21042-5987 dotrockstr@gmail.com

Sayers, Margery

From: jmcfad19@everyactioncustom.com on behalf of Joan Cain <jmcfad19@everyactioncustom.com>
Sent: Wednesday, August 28, 2019 10:09 AM
To: CouncilMail
Subject: We need a world-class complete streets law in Howard County

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I urge you to support and pass the kind of complete streets law we deserve.

please support this initiative to improve Howard county road for walkers bikers and wheel chair users. this is a valuable project that will enhance the lives of all residents in our county.

Sincerely,
Joan Cain
6304 Montgomery Rd Elkridge, MD 21075-5916 jmcfad19@jhmi.edu

Sayers, Margery

From: eablom@everyactioncustom.com on behalf of Elizabeth Schultz
<eablom@everyactioncustom.com>
Sent: Wednesday, August 28, 2019 10:08 AM
To: CouncilMail
Subject: We need a world-class complete streets law in Howard County

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I urge you to support and pass the kind of complete streets law we deserve.

Sincerely,
Elizabeth Schultz
3784 College Ave Ellicott City, MD 21043-4662 eablom@hotmail.com

Sayers, Margery

From: climber5112004@everyactioncustom.com on behalf of Jennifer Carey <climber5112004@everyactioncustom.com>
Sent: Wednesday, August 28, 2019 10:03 AM
To: CouncilMail
Subject: We need a world-class complete streets law in Howard County

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I urge you to support and pass the kind of complete streets law we deserve.

Sincerely,
Jennifer Carey
12503 Woodbrook Ct Monrovia, MD 21770-9138 climber5112004@gmail.com

Sayers, Margery

From: sydney1289@everyactioncustom.com on behalf of Sydney Wallace <sydney1289@everyactioncustom.com>
Sent: Wednesday, August 28, 2019 10:01 AM
To: CouncilMail
Subject: We need a world-class complete streets law in Howard County

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I urge you to support and pass the kind of complete streets law we deserve.

Sincerely,
Sydney Wallace
3831 Parrot Dr Ellicott City, MD 21042-4910 sydney1289@gmail.com

Sayers, Margery

From: sigurd@everyactioncustom.com on behalf of Sigurd Knippenberg
<sigurd@everyactioncustom.com>
Sent: Wednesday, August 28, 2019 9:56 AM
To: CouncilMail
Subject: We need a world-class complete streets law in Howard County

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I urge you to support and pass the kind of complete streets law we deserve.

Sincerely,
Sigurd Knippenberg
8014 High Castle Rd Ellicott City, MD 21043-5516 sigurd@knippenberg.com

Sayers, Margery

From: cdamore@everyactioncustom.com on behalf of Chiara D'Amore
 <cdamore@everyactioncustom.com>
Sent: Wednesday, August 14, 2019 7:18 AM
To: CouncilMail
Subject: We need a world-class complete streets law in Howard County

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Dear Howard County Council,

Too many of our streets are not accessible or safe for walkers, cyclists, bus riders or people with disabilities. As a result, it is dangerous and challenging for people getting to work and walking to school and for people with disabilities traveling independently.

One example of a place without complete streets is the area where the Community Ecology Institute recently purchased the last working farm in Columbia. The farm is on Harriet Tubman Lane, directly behind Atholton High School. Students walking too and from school walk along the edge of the road because there is no sidewalk along most of Harriet Tubman Lane. Additionally, this road is heavily used by cyclists but because there is no sidewalk or shoulder that could be used as a bike lane, it is not a very safe route. Connecting the Hickory Ridge Village, Atholton High School, Grassroots Crisis Intervention Center, the Harriet Tubman School, the Community Ecology Center and down the road to Cedar Lane and the Robinson Nature Center would be an excellent showcase of the value of having complete streets.

We need a world-class complete streets law that will require new developments and rehabbed public spaces to have better, safer places to bike and walk. This law should follow national best practices to ensure we build streets for ALL, not just cars. I urge you to support and pass the kind of complete streets law we deserve.

Sincerely,
 Chiara D'Amore
 8000 Harriet Tubman Ln Columbia, MD 21044-4015 cdamore@communityecologyinstitute.org

Sayers, Margery

From: rtaylor@everyactioncustom.com on behalf of Rashel Taylor
<rtaylor@everyactioncustom.com>
Sent: Tuesday, August 13, 2019 8:15 AM
To: CouncilMail
Subject: We need a world-class complete streets law in Howard County

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I urge you to support and pass the kind of complete streets law we deserve.

Sincerely,
Rashel Taylor
8917 Blade Green Ln Columbia, MD 21045-2409 rtaylor@thehorizonfoundation.org

Sayers, Margery

From: jarice.white@everyactioncustom.com on behalf of Jennifer White
<jarice.white@everyactioncustom.com>
Sent: Friday, August 9, 2019 11:10 AM
To: CouncilMail
Subject: We need a world-class complete streets law in Howard County

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I urge you to support and pass the kind of complete streets law we deserve.

Sincerely,
Jennifer White
10808 Ephraim Dr Owings Mills, MD 21117-8006 jarice.white@gmail.com

Sayers, Margery

From: mandy.elder@everyactioncustom.com on behalf of Mandy Elder
<mandy.elder@everyactioncustom.com>
Sent: Wednesday, August 7, 2019 10:12 PM
To: CouncilMail
Subject: We need a world-class complete streets law in Howard County

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Dear Howard County Council,

I want to be able to safely transport my kids by bike to the places that we love to shop and dine. The current infrastructure doesn't let us do that quite yet. Instead of widening roads, let's get people using active transportation which will make them and their community healthier. People are happier and care more about their environment and community when they are able to enjoy getting to places by bike or foot.

Too many of our streets are not accessible or safe for walkers, cyclists, bus riders or people with disabilities. As a result, it is dangerous and challenging for people getting to work and walking to school and for people with disabilities traveling independently.

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I urge you to support and pass the kind of complete streets law we deserve.

Sincerely,
Mandy Elder
5647 Phelps Luck Dr Columbia, MD 21045-2526 mandy.elder@gmail.com

Sayers, Margery

From: sasha.nader@everyactioncustom.com on behalf of Sasha Nader
<sasha.nader@everyactioncustom.com>
Sent: Monday, August 5, 2019 4:20 PM
To: CouncilMail
Subject: We need a world-class complete streets law in Howard County

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Dear Howard County Council,

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We need a world-class complete streets law that will require new developments and rehabbed public spaces to have better, safer places to bike and walk. This law should follow national best practices to ensure we build streets for ALL, not just cars.

I urge you to support and pass the kind of complete streets law we deserve, not only will it make our community safer. It will create better accessibility, be more sustainable, and be the kind of innovation the residents of Howard County have come to expect.

Sincerely,
Sasha Nader
10395 Tuscany Rd Ellicott City, MD 21042-2153 sasha.nader@gmail.com

Sayers, Margery

From: marian@everyactioncustom.com on behalf of Marian Vessels
<marian@everyactioncustom.com>
Sent: Sunday, July 28, 2019 6:07 PM
To: CouncilMail
Subject: We need a world-class complete streets law in Howard County

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Dear Howard County Council,

Dear County Executive Ball

I am a Howard County resident who uses a power wheelchair permanently. I have a concern that many of our streets are not accessible to those of us with mobility disabilities.

Too many of our streets are not accessible or safe for walkers, cyclists, bus riders or people with disabilities. As a result, it is dangerous and challenging for people getting to work and walking to school and for people with disabilities traveling independently.

We need a world-class complete streets law that will require new developments and rehabbed public spaces to have better, safer places to bike and walk. This law should follow national best practices to ensure we build streets for ALL, not just cars.

I urge you to support and pass the kind of complete streets law we deserve.

Sincerely,
Marian Vessels
2637 Turf Valley Rd Ellicott City, MD 21042-2021 marian@vessels.us

Sayers, Margery

From: soulen23@everyactioncustom.com on behalf of Jeffrey Soulen <soulen23@everyactioncustom.com>
Sent: Wednesday, July 24, 2019 2:16 PM
To: CouncilMail
Subject: We need a world-class complete streets law in Howard County

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Dear Howard County Council,

The lack of attention in Howard County to making our streets and walkways safe and accessible for walkers and bicyclists is a significant impediment to the health and well being of the citizens our County. In addition, our current streets are too often dangerous and challenging for people getting to work and walking to school and for people with disabilities traveling independently.

As has been demonstrated in Blue Zones Projects® around the country (<http://www.healthways.com/bluezonesproject>), thoughtful, planned interventions in the built environment can have massive payoffs in the health and well being of a community.

I urge you to support and pass a world-class complete streets law that will require new developments and rehabbed public spaces to have better, safer places to bike and walk. This law should follow national best practices to ensure we build streets for ALL, not just cars.

For more information on the demonstrable benefits of Blue Zones Projects®, please see <http://www.healthways.com/bluezonesproject> and <https://www.bluezonesproject.com>.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,
Jeffrey Soulen
2833 Montclair Dr Ellicott City, MD 21043-3423 soulen23@verizon.net

Sayers, Margery

From: domack1@everyactioncustom.com on behalf of Donna Mack <domack1@everyactioncustom.com>
Sent: Sunday, July 14, 2019 3:08 PM
To: CouncilMail
Subject: We need a world-class complete streets law in Howard County

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Dear Howard County Council,

Too many of our streets are not accessible or safe for walkers, cyclists, bus riders or people with disabilities. As a result, it is dangerous and challenging for people getting to work and walking to school and for people with disabilities traveling independently. I am particularly worried about streets in Ellicott City around Michaels Way. I'm very uncomfortable walking in the street with my young grandchildren. There are no sidewalks anywhere.

We need a world-class complete streets law that will require new developments and rehabbed public spaces to have better, safer places to bike and walk. This law should follow national best practices to ensure we build streets for ALL, not just cars.

I urge you to support and pass the kind of complete streets law we deserve.

Sincerely,
Donna Mack
9326 Afternoon Ln Columbia, MD 21045-3902 domack1@verizon.net

Sayers, Margery

From: wcholbrook@everyactioncustom.com on behalf of Wendy Holbrook
<wcholbrook@everyactioncustom.com>
Sent: Wednesday, July 10, 2019 5:17 PM
To: CouncilMail
Subject: We need a world-class complete streets law in Howard County

Follow Up Flag: Follow up
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Dear Howard County Council,

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We need a world-class complete streets law that will require new developments and rehabbed public spaces to have better, safer places to bike and walk. This law should follow national best practices to ensure we build streets for ALL, not just cars. Walking and biking is better for our citizens' health and for our environment! Please consider the impact better access would impact individuals and our local air quality.

I urge you to support and pass the kind of complete streets law we deserve.

Sincerely,
Wendy Holbrook
5941 Cedar Fern Ct Columbia, MD 21044-3697 wcholbrook@comcast.net

Sayers, Margery

From: klassenmj@everyactioncustom.com on behalf of Michelle Lee
<klassenmj@everyactioncustom.com>
Sent: Saturday, July 6, 2019 2:17 PM
To: CouncilMail
Subject: We need a world-class complete streets law in Howard County

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Dear Howard County Council,

Too many of our streets are not accessible or safe for walkers, cyclists, bus riders or people with disabilities. World class complete streets laws are essential to bring equitable and green transpiration options for the people of Howard County.

With additional development comes extra burden on the roads to handle more cars -- without these laws, the existing bike infrastructure will become nearly unusable including the following intersections:

--Montgomery Rd and Meadow Ridge rd (103), (39.213364, -76.783937) --Brightfield and Old Montgomery rd, (39.211419, -76.790921) --Grace Dr and Cedar Lane, (39.187185, -76.895082)
--108 and Guilford Rd, (39.202400, -76.941394)

As a result of this development, it is dangerous and challenging for people getting to work and walking to school and for people with disabilities traveling independently. These critical arteries are further separating thousands of citizens from the interconnected core of Columbia.

We need a world-class complete streets law that will require new developments and rehabbed public spaces to have better, safer places to bike and walk. This law should follow national best practices to ensure we build streets for ALL, not just cars. Our Neighbors to the south and west are quickly connecting key complete street arteries -- Howard County needs to step up.

I urge you to support and pass the kind of complete streets law we deserve.

Sincerely,
Michelle Lee
7372 Eden Brook Dr Apt 515 Columbia, MD 21046-1345 klassenmj@gmail.com

Sayers, Margery

From: Jo McLaughlin <bluebirds09@yahoo.com>
Sent: Saturday, July 6, 2019 10:47 AM
To: CouncilMail
Subject: Fw: Century Drive Water Main Break (December 2017) /Storm Water
Attachments: McLaughlin - Driveway & Conservation Landscape.pdf

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From: Jo McLaughlin <bluebirds09@yahoo.com>
To: Shapiro, Arthur <ashapiro@howardcountymd.gov>; Calvin Ball <cball@howardcountymd.gov>; District 1 <ewalsh@howardcountymd.gov>; councilmail@howadcountymd.gov <councilmail@howadcountymd.gov>; Marsha Dawson <mdawson@howardcountymd.gov>
Cc: PruiM, Kimberly <kpruim@howardcountymd.gov>; Susan Fagan <scfagan@verizon.net>
Sent: Saturday, July 6, 2019, 10:46:15 AM EDT
Subject: Re: Century Drive Water Main Break (December 2017) /Storm Water

Art -

The RHINE proposal represents a small portion of the replacement costs for the damage to my property. As noted, digging a new rain garden would entail taking down two trees and an excessive cost, not included. My cost for calling and meeting with landscapers and driveway people -- \$3500. I was asked by many landscaping and driveway companies why I was doing this and why County Government was not doing this. Art you told me to do this - to contact contractors to replace what I lost -- and I did, now you are throwing it back in my face. Unacceptable!

The mess from the water main break has been going on for more than 18 months. Neighbors comment constantly on the mess and reflect on the water main break incident with me. The County did not even patch Century Drive until June 6, 2018. I continue to find macadam and rock debris in my yard from the mess of the water main break a year later. 34 cubic yards of shredded hickory was put down in October 2017 along with many plantings that were swept away by the water main break. And where is the gravel from my driveway? In Susan Fagan's yard.

Your workers took away and threw branches into the drainage easement from a braided branch barricade designed to strain run-off and debris from Century Drive from running onto my property; as well as drivers of vehicles who park in my rain garden/my property for activities at Centennial High School (nuisance). The boulders are an attempt to offer protection for the garden area. If you like, I can replace the braided branch barricade at a cost of \$12,000. Also needing replacement -- 34 cubic yards of shredded hickory that was put down in October 2017 along with many plantings that were swept away by the water main break. And where is the gravel from my driveway? In Susan Fagan's property.

You are right -- The Water Main Break did not cause the storm water problem. It exacerbated it. The Storm Water Mess has been going on since 1975. We have NO STORM WATER PROTECTION from Century Drive and in addition County Government causes storm water from other peoples properties and Century Drive to run across my property, and the property of neighbors. I have done my best to mitigate storm water run-off from my property by having cisterns at downspouts, plantings, including a rain garden, and proactive land management practices to mitigate the storm water from other sources. When we we have actual County Storm Water Management on Century Drive?

Let's make the Rhine Proposal, or better, happen! It's past time.

Thank you!
Jo

Jo H. McLaughlin, Ph.D.
10138 Century Drive
Ellicott City, MD 21042

On Friday, July 5, 2019, 10:50:27 AM EDT, Shapiro, Arthur <ashapiro@howardcountymd.gov> wrote:

Good morning Ms. McLaughlin,

Thank you for providing the copy of the proposal from Rhine Landscaping dated July 2, 2019. The reported damage from the water main break incident that occurred December 2017 was limited to the area of ground adjacent to the roadway as shown in the photographs below. For clarity the driveway as noted as Item I in the Rhine proposal is located behind the mailbox and pickup truck which was upstream and outside of the impact area of the main break location. The driveway work proposed is for correction of pre-existing storm water related issues which are not the responsibility of the Bureau of Utilities. As for Item III – Boulder Bollards, there did not appear to be any sort of pre-existing bollard barrier along the roadway at the time of the water main break incident.

When we initially met on site early in 2018 we discussed planned restoration of the roadway temporary patch along with our goodwill offer by Bureau of Utilities to reimburse reasonable costs for "like kind and quality" restoration of the garden that was damaged. The Rhine proposal Item II Conservation Landscape (\$6,260) is a significant betterment of the conditions that existed before the unforeseen December 2017 incident.

Based upon the conditions observed at time (January 2018) along with comparison to the other nearby properties the restoration would be limited to topsoil, grading, and plantings which we are prepared to reimburse you directly \$1,850. This offer of reimbursement is a goodwill gesture by the Bureau of Utilities. If this is not acceptable to you then it will be necessary to pursue a separate claim with the County's Risk Management Department. They may be contacted at risk@howarcountymd.gov , 410-313-6395.

Please let me know how you wish to proceed in this matter.

Art Shapiro

January 2018







Sincerely,

Art Shapiro, P.E., PMP

Chief, Bureau of Utilities

Howard County, Maryland

Tel: 410-313-4912

Cell: 443-862-7280

ashapiro@howardcountymd.gov

From: Jo McLaughlin <bluebirds09@yahoo.com>

Sent: Tuesday, June 25, 2019 12:28 PM

To: Shapiro, Arthur <ashapiro@howardcountymd.gov>; Davidson, Marshall <mdavidson@howardcountymd.gov>
Cc: Pruiim, Kimberly <kpruim@howardcountymd.gov>
Subject: Century Drive Water Main Break/Storm Water

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After weeks of contacting and talking with companies regarding my property (example below), I met with Rhine on June 20. They will be submitting proposals for the rain/conservation garden and driveway and I will send these to you after my review. Most of the Companies -- including Howard EcoWorks (some of the correspondence below) do not have the capability/capacity to do this work.

Rhine wanted to know about the County Responsibility for the drainage easements which also is overdue for repair since 1975. Marshal, you have seen these storm water messes first hand. Thank you!

Please let me know the process going forward I realize that this may be a sole source bid, however I have exhausted all known entities that do this work. Happy to get a check for my consulting services.

Thank you!

Jo

Jo H. McLaughlin, Ph.D.

10138 Century Drive

Ellicott City, MD 21042

410-465-9119

Good afternoon,

Thanks for your reply and that additional information. It sounds like you have a very sizable stormwater problem on your hands and quite possibly a little outside of our capabilities. For example, we are unable to install a gravel driveway due to our nature of not using large equipment and doing our work entirely by hand. Was the County unable to offer any resources or guidance towards resolving this issue?

We are currently ramping up to begin our summer READY (Restoring the Environment and Developing Youth) Program which will keep us very busy throughout the summer up until September. Once that is finished, we would be happy to come out to your property in **early September** to perform an assessment and brainstorm solutions.

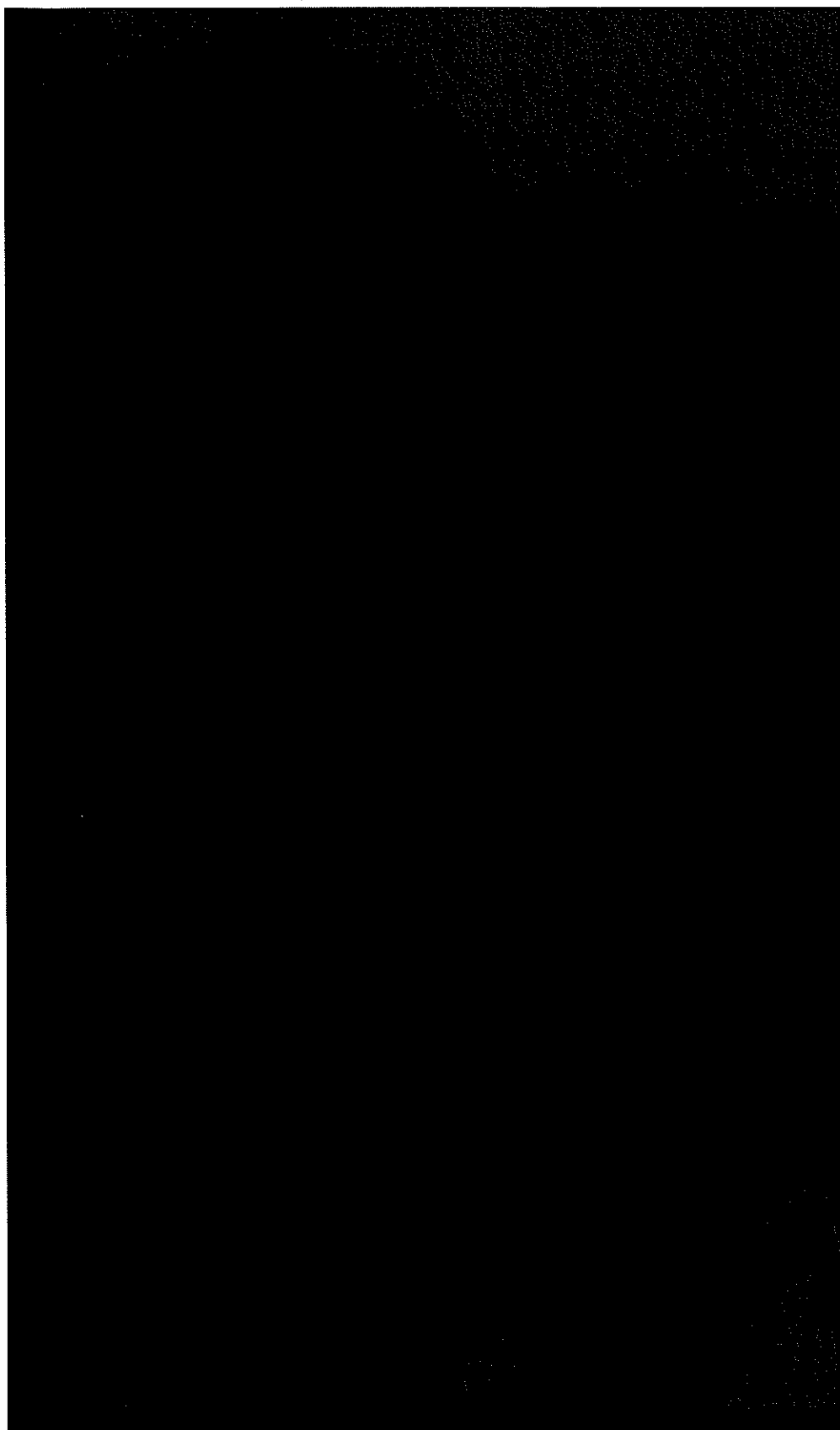
if you are hoping to get this issue resolved sooner than later, below I have listed two other landscaping companies that are experienced with stormwater projects who may be able to assess your property sooner:

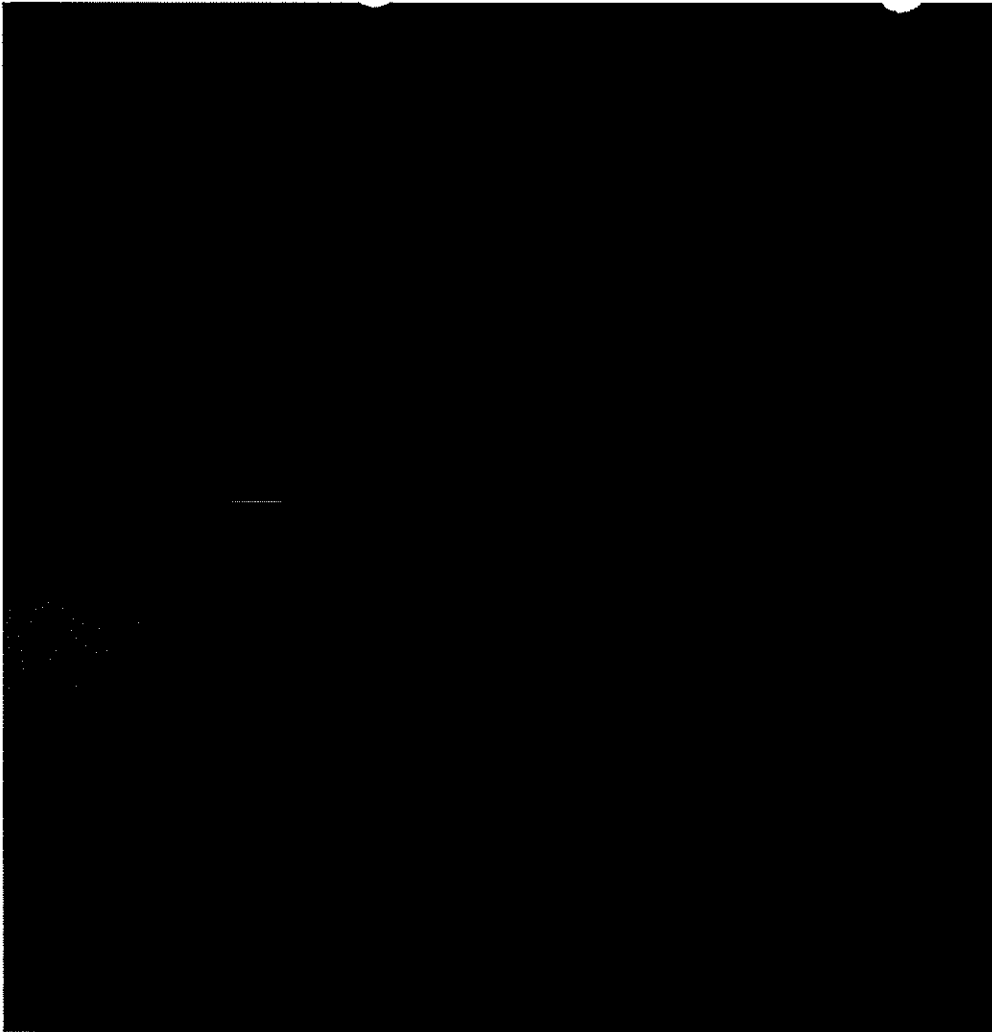
- Lauren's Garden Service is a local landscaping company that focuses on native plants and stormwater management solutions. They are able to perform assessments or use existing assessments to design and construct stormwater practice, in particular rain gardens.

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Rain Gardens

Rain Gardens- Eco friendly, beautiful and discounted!

- The Village Gardeners are another great and local landscaping company that has the specialty to work on stormwater issues like that described on your property. They even offer free design consultation.

Carroll County Landscaping Located in Sykesville - The Village Gardens

Sykesville landscaping serving Carroll County, call (410) 549-8788. The Village Gardens has more than 20 years o...

- Additionally, The Howard County Watershed Stewards Academy is a valuable community resource and is able to assist with a holistic stormwater management approach by performing a Neighborhood Site Assessment of your entire community. They will develop a master plan of stormwater recommendations which can then be used towards future projects. While they do not install projects, they can help to identify potential solutions.

I look forward to hearing back from you, thanks!

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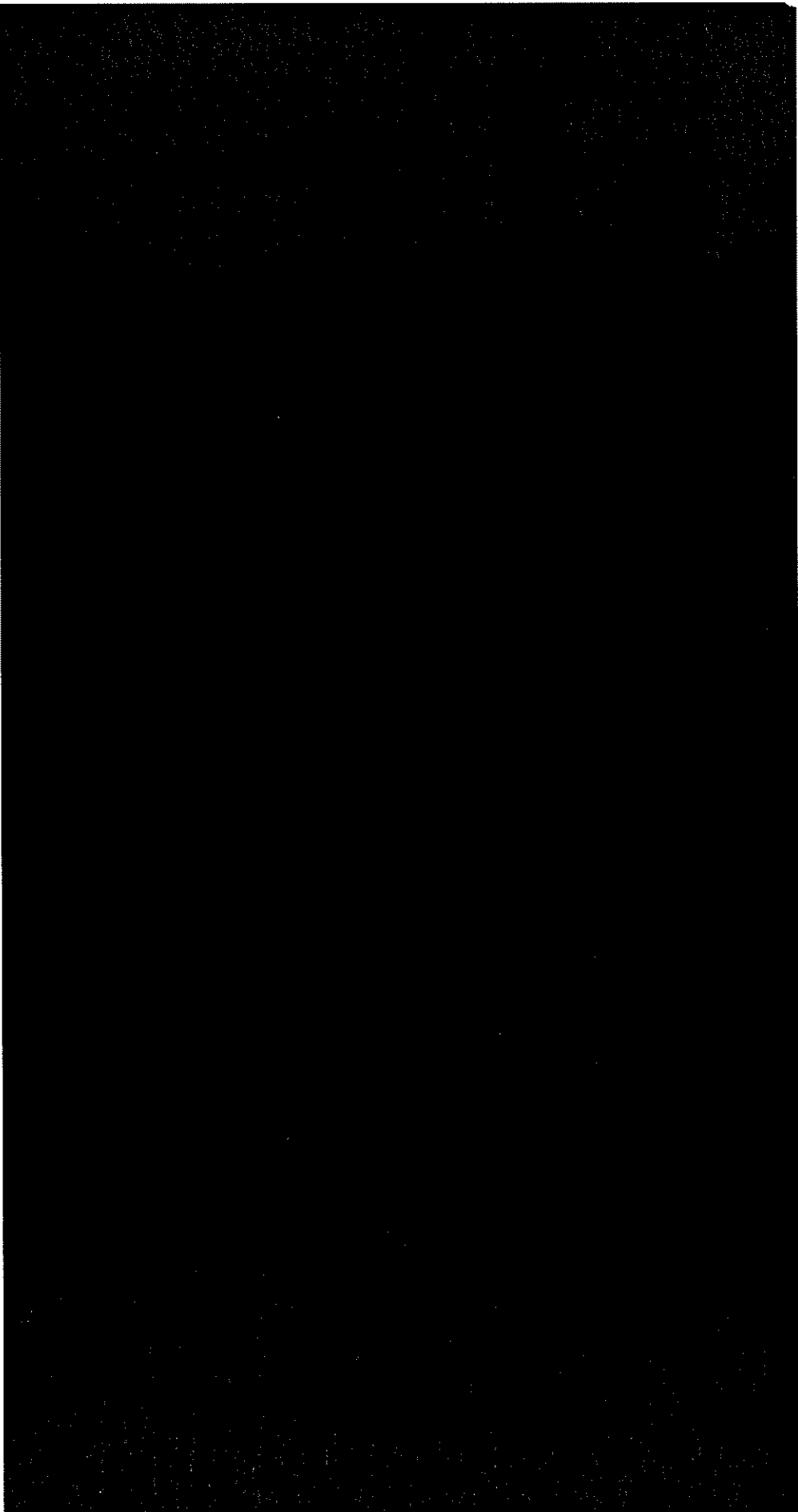
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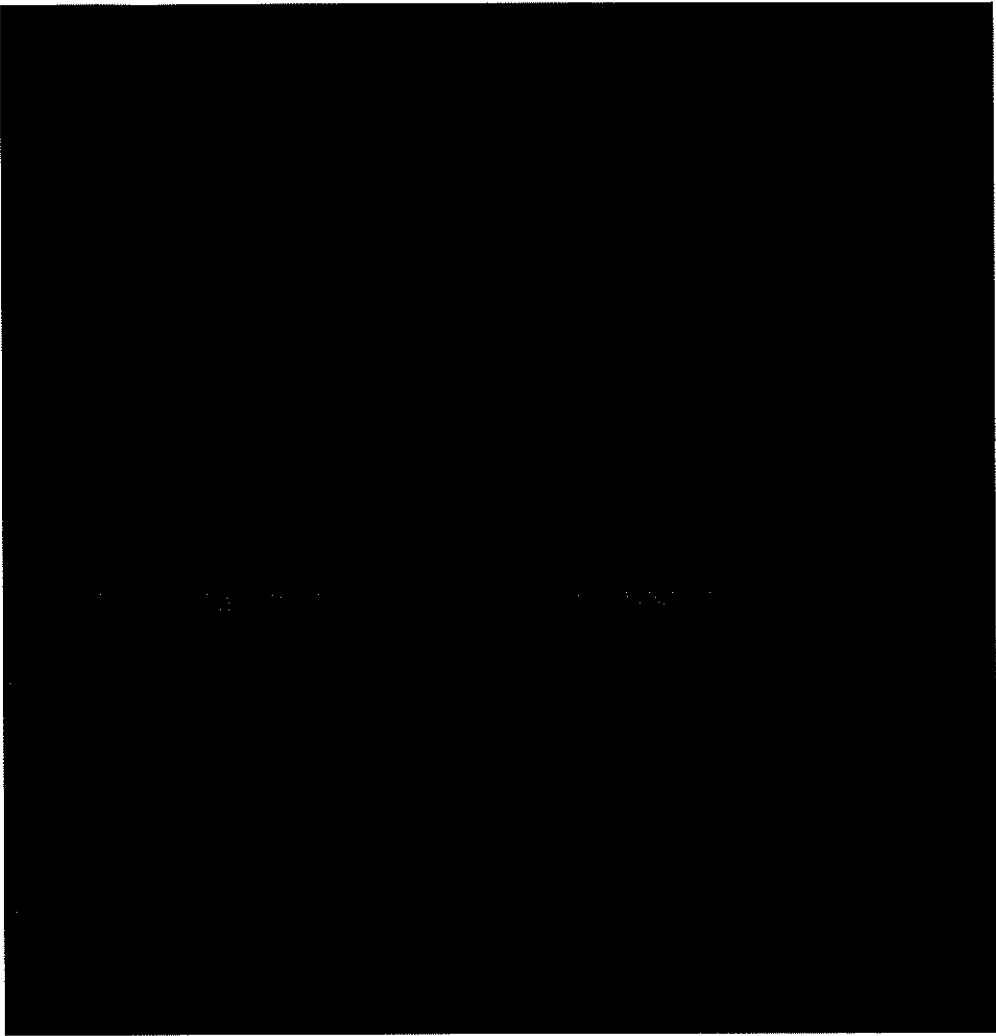
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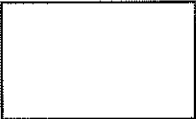
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Sayers, Margery

From: profemeritus@everyactioncustom.com on behalf of Bala Subramanian
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Sent: Friday, July 5, 2019 1:04 PM
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Dear Howard County Council,

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We need a world-class complete streets law that will require new developments and rehabbed public spaces to have better, safer places to bike and walk. This law should follow national best practices to ensure we build streets for ALL, not just cars.

I am a resident of Howard County for 40+ years, a registered voter and a parent and grandparent who sees a strong unmet need here. Urge you to support and pass the kind of complete streets law we deserve.

Sincerely,

Bala Subramanian

10201 Tuscan Rd MD21042 Ellicott City, MD 21042-2107 profemeritus@outlook.com

Sayers, Margery

From: anthony.obrien80@everyactioncustom.com on behalf of Anthony OBrien
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I urge you to support and pass the kind of complete streets law we deserve.

Sincerely,

Anthony OBrien

10810 Warfield Pl Columbia, MD 21044-4923 anthony.obrien80@gmail.com

Sayers, Margery

From: carlandvalerie@everyactioncustom.com on behalf of Carl Schneider
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Dear Howard County Council,

I voted for you and was disappointed that after you were elected that nothing seems to have changed.

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I urge you to support and pass the kind of complete streets law we deserve.

Sincerely,

Carl Schneider

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Sayers, Margery

From: jillallbritton@everyactioncustom.com on behalf of jill allbritton
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I urge you to support and pass the kind of complete streets law we deserve.

Sincerely,
jill allbritton
7814 Blue Ribbon St Fulton, MD 20759-2463 jillallbritton@ymail.com

Sayers, Margery

From: lgpathiaf@everyactioncustom.com on behalf of Louise Green
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Dear Howard County Council,

Last October 2018, PATH co-sponsored the Horizon Foundation walk and bus around Guilford, at First Baptist Church and down to Route 1.

Over 120 people, including many candidates and elected officials, saw first hand the lack of crosswalks for schools, parks, and congregation. Sidewalks near the intersections of Guilford Elementary and First Baptist Guilford, Guilford Road and Oakland Mills Rd, are almost non-existent. The intersection at Guilford Road and Route 1 has no crosswalks, making pedestrian access to a new County services bldg much more dangerous.

These streets are all primary examples: not safe for walkers, cyclists, bus riders or people with disabilities. As a result, Guilford is dangerous and challenging for people getting to work, walking to school, with disabilities. If we had a world-class complete streets law, the situation long-standing in Guilford would be different.

We urge you to support and pass the kind of equitable complete streets law ALL residents of Howard County deserve. Thank you.

Rev. Paige Getty & Rev. Tyrone P. Jones, Co-Chairs
Rev. Robert Turner, Co-Chair Emeritus
PATH: People Acting Together in Howard

Sincerely,
Louise Green
5884 Robert Oliver Pl Columbia, MD 21045-3740 lgpathiaf@gmail.com

Sayers, Margery

From: patrick.brawnlyn@everyactioncustom.com on behalf of Patrick Patterson
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I urge you to support and pass the kind of complete streets law we deserve.

Sincerely,
Patrick Patterson
5801 Humblebee Rd Columbia, MD 21045-3504 patrick.brawnlyn@gmail.com

Sayers, Margery

From: jagan.parepally@everyactioncustom.com on behalf of Jagan Parepally
<jagan.parepally@everyactioncustom.com>
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Dear Howard County Council,

Our street (woodland rd) which leads to one of the centennial park's entrance does not have a side walk which is similar to many of our streets that are not accessible or safe for walkers, cyclists, bus riders or people with disabilities. As a result, it is dangerous and challenging for people getting to work and walking to school and for people with disabilities traveling independently.

We need a world-class complete streets law that will require new developments and rehabbed public spaces to have better, safer places to bike and walk. This law should follow national best practices to ensure we build streets for ALL, not just cars.

I urge you to support and pass the kind of complete streets law we deserve.

Sincerely,
Jagan Parepally
4686 Woodland Rd Ellicott City, MD 21042-6329 jagan.parepally@gmail.com

Sayers, Margery

From: cohen.david09@everyactioncustom.com on behalf of David Cohen <cohen.david09@everyactioncustom.com>
Sent: Sunday, June 30, 2019 8:07 PM
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I urge you to support and pass the kind of complete streets law we deserve.

Sincerely,
David Cohen
8866 Blue Sea Dr Columbia, MD 21046-1413 cohen.david09@gmail.com

Sayers, Margery

From: mcdonald.ruddie@everyactioncustom.com on behalf of Ruddle McDonald
<mcdonald.ruddie@everyactioncustom.com>
Sent: Sunday, June 30, 2019 9:45 AM
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I urge you to support and pass the kind of complete streets law we deserve.

Sincerely,
Ruddle McDonald
7216 Sugar Magnolia Ln Elkridge, MD 21075-2400 mcdonald.ruddie@gmail.com

Sayers, Margery

From: gbsilver@everyactioncustom.com on behalf of Gillian Silver
<gbsilver@everyactioncustom.com>
Sent: Saturday, June 29, 2019 10:07 PM
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I urge you to support and pass the kind of complete streets law we deserve.

Sincerely,
Gillian Silver
4000 N Charles St Apt 1009 Baltimore, MD 21218-1763 gbsilver@gmail.com

Sayers, Margery

From: jimlub@everyactioncustom.com on behalf of James Lubitz
<jimlub@everyactioncustom.com>
Sent: Saturday, June 29, 2019 6:39 PM
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I urge you to support and pass the kind of complete streets law we deserve.

Sincerely,
James Lubitz
10978 Millbank Row Columbia, MD 21044-2719 jimlub@gmail.com

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From: mvillarr@everyactioncustom.com on behalf of Maria Villarroel
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Dear Howard County Council,

Too many of our streets are not accessible or safe for walkers, cyclists, bus riders or people with disabilities. For example, brokenland parkway includes a commuter bus stop, a public park and there are multiple stretches between streets in residential areas without a sidewalk. As a result, it is dangerous and challenging for people getting to work and walking to school and for people with disabilities traveling independently.

We need a world-class complete streets law that will require new developments and rehabbed public spaces to have better, safer places to bike and walk. This law should follow national best practices to ensure we build streets for ALL, not just cars.

I urge you to support and pass the kind of complete streets law we deserve.

Sincerely,
Maria Villarroel
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Sayers, Margery

From: deesullivan3@everyactioncustom.com on behalf of Dorothy Sullivan <deesullivan3@everyactioncustom.com>
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Dear Howard County Council,

Too many of our streets are not accessible or safe for walkers, cyclists, bus riders or people with disabilities. As a result, it is dangerous and challenging for people getting to work and walking to school and for people with disabilities traveling independently.

As a cyclist, i feel we need a world-class complete streets law that will require new developments and rehabbed public spaces to have better, safer places to bike and walk. This law should follow national best practices to ensure we build streets for ALL, not just cars.

I urge you to support and pass the kind of complete streets law we deserve.

Sincerely,

Dorothy Sullivan

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Sayers, Margery

From: spamjunkbox@everyactioncustom.com on behalf of Lisa Vojta
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I urge you to support and pass the kind of complete streets law we deserve.

Sincerely,
Lisa Vojta
6321 Soft Thunder Trl Columbia, MD 21045-7410 spamjunkbox@outlook.com

Sayers, Margery

From: davidph3@everyactioncustom.com on behalf of David Phillips <davidph3@everyactioncustom.com>
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Dear Howard County Council,

Thank you for all the terrific enlightened-minded things you have been accomplishing. It will be great if you can also add to your accomplishments the implementation of Safe Street laws in our county.

A world-class complete streets law would require new developments and rehabbed public spaces to have better, safer places to bike and walk. This law should follow national best practices to ensure we build streets for all, not just cars.

Please support and pass a complete streets law.

Thank you

Sincerely,
David Phillips
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Sayers, Margery

From: kl@everyactioncustom.com on behalf of Gregory Klassen <kl@everyactioncustom.com>
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Dear Howard County Council,

I am confined to riding a recumbent trike because a degenerative balance disorder (Spinocerebellar ataxia). I trike from my house to the Columbia trails on roads daily for exercise. While most drivers are polite. I do get the occasional, "Get the F*** off the road". The truth is, I'd LOVE to be off the road and on sidewalks or bike trails but there isn't that option from my house to the trail system. I NEED to EXERCISE to keep my symptoms at bay. PLEASE put sidewalks or paths from my house in Elkridge to the Columbia trail system by Maryland School for the Deaf.

My life depends on it!

Sincerely,
Gregory Klassen
6494 Park Forest Cir Elkridge, MD 21075-5856 kl@ssen.org

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From: kamazur@everyactioncustom.com on behalf of Karen Mazur Israel
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I urge you to support and pass the kind of complete streets law we deserve.

Sincerely,
Karen Mazur Israel
6379 Rowanberry Dr Elkridge, MD 21075-6925 kamazur@verizon.net

Sayers, Margery

From: amrlcpa@everyactioncustom.com on behalf of Angela Hayes
<amrlcpa@everyactioncustom.com>
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I urge you to support and pass the kind of complete streets law we deserve.

Sincerely,
Angela Hayes
508 Gladhill Rd Odenton, MD 21113-1911
amrlcpa@hotmail.com

Sayers, Margery

From: jessamined@everyactioncustom.com on behalf of Jessamine Duvall
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Sincerely,
Jessamine Duvall
6660 Dovecote Dr Columbia, MD 21044-4107 jessamined@gmail.com

Sayers, Margery

From: renegade_lxix@everyactioncustom.com on behalf of Jonathan Schultz
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I want to be safer as I use my car as my primary transportation.

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We need a world-class complete streets law that will require new developments and rehabbed public spaces to have better, safer places to bike and walk. This law should follow national best practices to ensure we build streets for ALL, not just cars.

I urge you to support and pass the kind of complete streets law we deserve.

Sincerely,

Jonathan Schultz

3784 College Ave Ellicott City, MD 21043-4662 renegade_lxix@hotmail.com

Sayers, Margery

From: brennecat1@everyactioncustom.com on behalf of Brenna Bernasconi <brennecat1@everyactioncustom.com>
Sent: Friday, June 28, 2019 5:52 PM
To: CouncilMail
Subject: We need a world-class complete streets law in Howard County

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Sincerely,
Brenna Bernasconi
5571 Oakland Mills Rd Columbia, MD 21045-3217 brennecat1@verizon.net

Sayers, Margery

From: casey.bryant@everyactioncustom.com on behalf of Casey Bryant
<casey.bryant@everyactioncustom.com>
Sent: Friday, June 28, 2019 5:47 PM
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Sincerely,
Casey Bryant
5242 Patriot Ln Columbia, MD 21045-1903 casey.bryant@gmail.com

Sayers, Margery

From: jimerson@everyactioncustom.com on behalf of Douglas Jimerson
<jimerson@everyactioncustom.com>
Sent: Friday, June 28, 2019 5:44 PM
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Dear Howard County Council,

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We need a world-class complete streets law that will require new developments and rehabbed public spaces to have better, safer places to bike and walk. This law should follow national best practices to ensure we build streets for ALL, not just cars.

Real estate developers should bear their share of the cost.

I urge you to support and pass the kind of complete streets law we deserve.

Sincerely,
Douglas Jimerson
6717 Sewells Orchard Dr Columbia, MD 21045-5403 jimerson@erols.com

Sayers, Margery

From: rmarietta@everyactioncustom.com on behalf of Bob Marietta
<rmarietta@everyactioncustom.com>
Sent: Friday, June 28, 2019 5:39 PM
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I urge you to support and pass the kind of complete streets law we deserve.

Sincerely,

Bob Marietta

5511 Sleeping Dog Ln Columbia, MD 21045-2251 rmarietta@howardcc.edu

Sayers, Margery

From: karasov1@everyactioncustom.com on behalf of Larry Carson <karasov1@everyactioncustom.com>
Sent: Friday, June 28, 2019 5:17 PM
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I urge you to support and pass the kind of complete streets law we deserve.

I am retired and have lived in Columbia for 40 years. I bicycle with the county's cycle2Health program and have seen many streets that need upgrading for both pedestrians and cyclists. Things are definitely improving, but with added population and traffic congestion, not to mention distracted and aggressive drivers, there's plenty of room for improvement.

Sincerely,

Larry Carson

7168 Winter Rose Path Columbia, MD 21045-5134 karasov1@hotmail.com

Sayers, Margery

From: sue@everyactioncustom.com on behalf of Sue Mangan <sue@everyactioncustom.com>
Sent: Friday, June 28, 2019 5:02 PM
To: CouncilMail
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I urge you to support and pass the kind of complete streets law we deserve.

Sincerely,
Sue Mangan
7553 Red Cravat Ct Columbia, MD 21046-2436 sue@mangan.info

Sayers, Margery

From: dukegraham@everyactioncustom.com on behalf of D.Graham Cruickshank
<dukegraham@everyactioncustom.com>
Sent: Friday, June 28, 2019 4:33 PM
To: CouncilMail
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I urge you to support and pass the kind of complete streets law we deserve.

Sincerely,
D. Graham Cruickshank
7120 Lasting Light Way Columbia, MD 21045-5122 dukegraham@gmail.com

Sayers, Margery

From: gregg.schwind@everyactioncustom.com on behalf of Gregg Schwind
<gregg.schwind@everyactioncustom.com>
Sent: Friday, June 28, 2019 4:22 PM
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Dear Howard County Council,

I am a long-time resident of Hickory Ridge Village in Columbia. We have several streets in and around our village that are just plain dangerous for cyclists and pedestrians, chief among them Cedar Lane between the hospital and Route 32. Not far away of course are Broken Land Parkway and Snowden River Parkway, two major routes that are just horrible for cyclists. Howard County holds itself out as a community that provides for all modes of transportation, yet we can do better. We need to put money where our mouth is and make our streets attractive (i.e., safe) options for cyclists, pedestrians, and folks with disabilities.

To that end, we need a world-class complete streets law that will require new developments and rehabbed public spaces to have better, safer places to bike and walk. We need to ensure we build streets for everyone, not just motorized vehicles.

I urge you to support and pass the kind of complete streets law we deserve and that is consistent with future-focused Howard County values. Thank you.

Sincerely,
Gregg Schwind
6123 Dry Leaf Path Columbia, MD 21044-4719 gregg.schwind@yahoo.com

Sayers, Margery

From: swansonmcginnis@everyactioncustom.com on behalf of Greta Swanson
<swansonmcginnis@everyactioncustom.com>
Sent: Friday, June 28, 2019 4:19 PM
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I urge you to support and pass the kind of complete streets law we deserve.

Sincerely,

Greta Swanson

4277 Red Bandana Way Ellicott City, MD 21042-5913 swansonmcginnis@verizon.net

Sayers, Margery

From: jmcfad19@everyactioncustom.com on behalf of Joan McFadden Cain <jmcfad19@everyactioncustom.com>
Sent: Friday, June 28, 2019 4:12 PM
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Additionally, Howard County prides itself in being one of the countries most healthy counties, yet residents can not walk to school, shopping or their religious places. As I nurse I see patients every day, who could benefit from more healthy living and lifestyle and walking is a great way to start this lifestyle change. Regardless of income, all residents can walk - IF there is a safe place for them to do so. I have lived in Howard county for more than 20 years and I feel the pace of installing sidewalks is extremely slow.

We need a world-class complete streets law that will require new developments and rehabbed public spaces to have better, safer places to bike and walk. This law should follow national best practices to ensure we build streets for ALL, not just cars.

I urge you to support and pass the kind of complete streets law we deserve.

My Best,
Joan McFadden

Sincerely,
Joan McFadden Cain
6304 Montgomery Rd Elkridge, MD 21075-5916 jmcfad19@jhmi.edu

Sayers, Margery

From: brentshowalter74@everyactioncustom.com on behalf of brent showalter
<brentshowalter74@everyactioncustom.com>
Sent: Friday, June 28, 2019 4:11 PM
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I urge you to support and pass the kind of complete streets law we deserve.

Sincerely,
brent showalter
11056 Swansfield Rd Columbia, MD 21044-2709 brentshowalter74@hotmail.com

Sayers, Margery

From: Steve@everyactioncustom.com on behalf of Stephen Ashurst
<Steve@everyactioncustom.com>
Sent: Friday, June 28, 2019 3:38 PM
To: CouncilMail
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I urge you to support and pass the kind of complete streets law we deserve.

Sincerely,
Stephen Ashurst
11100 Johns Hopkins Rd Laurel, MD 20723-6005 Steve@MakeITbikeable.com

Sayers, Margery

From: mtmcmaho@everyactioncustom.com on behalf of Michael McMahon
<mtmcmaho@everyactioncustom.com>
Sent: Thursday, June 27, 2019 7:04 AM
To: CouncilMail
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Dear Howard County Council,

I have lived now in River Hill for 11 years and have been frustrated by an observation. I don't like that a large percentage of the streets in our county are not accessible or safe for walkers, cyclists, bus riders or people with disabilities. This causes real issues which i have observed in the neighborhoods surrounding my house, it is dangerous and challenging for people walking or biking around, whether it is to school, to the village centers, or other places, and it is particularly hard on people with disabilities who would like to walk around these neighborhoods without assistance.

We need more, and I think that a streets law that requires new developments and rehabbed public spaces to have better, safer places to bike and walk is important. This law should follow national best practices to ensure we build streets for ALL, not just cars. It is not fair to many people if streets are built without sidewalks and other considerations, I find it ridiculous how common this is in our county actually.

I urge you to support and pass the kind of complete streets law we deserve.

Sincerely,
Michael McMahon
6453 Empty Song Rd Columbia, MD 21044-6043 mtmcmaho@gmail.com

Sayers, Margery

From: lexchestnut@everyactioncustom.com on behalf of Alexa Chestnut
<lexchestnut@everyactioncustom.com>
Sent: Wednesday, June 26, 2019 2:40 PM
To: CouncilMail
Subject: We need a world-class complete streets law in Howard County

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I urge you to support and pass the kind of complete streets law we deserve.

Sincerely,
Alexa Chestnut
5576 Oakland Mills Rd Columbia, MD 21045-3217 lexchestnut@gmail.com

Sayers, Margery

From: tssilbert62@everyactioncustom.com on behalf of Trevor Silbert <tssilbert62@everyactioncustom.com>
Sent: Tuesday, June 25, 2019 4:42 PM
To: CouncilMail
Subject: We need a world-class complete streets law in Howard County

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Current action on Route 108 is exemplary of the type of work the county's roads need, and more roads here in Howard County would greatly benefit from a complete streets law.

I urge you to support and pass the kind of complete streets law we deserve.

Sincerely,
Trevor Silbert
6437 Fairest Dream Ln Columbia, MD 21044-6023 tssilbert62@gmail.com

Sayers, Margery

From: cvhyde@everyactioncustom.com on behalf of Catherine Hyde
<cvhyde@everyactioncustom.com>
Sent: Tuesday, June 25, 2019 3:58 PM
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Dear Howard County Council,

You might know that I live in Waverly Woods, a walkable community. All of our communities need to be walkable and safe for bikes too. I fear HoCo is too focused on development and not enough focused on making that development work for the residents; We do not build/fund the infrastructure to support the development at the same time as the development occurs. I do hope you'll look into this issue and the issue of traffic around the rampant development.

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I urge you to support and pass the kind of complete streets law we deserve.

Sincerely,
Catherine Hyde
10804 Wadsworth Rd Woodstock, MD 21163-1411 cvhyde@gmail.com

Sayers, Margery

From: mxwhitfield@everyactioncustom.com on behalf of Meghan Whitfield
<mxwhitfield@everyactioncustom.com>
Sent: Tuesday, June 25, 2019 1:08 PM
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I urge you to support and pass the kind of complete streets law we deserve.

Sincerely,
Meghan Whitfield
10810 Warfield Pl Columbia, MD 21044-4923 mxwhitfield@gmail.com

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From: ANNIEC1622@everyactioncustom.com on behalf of Anne Champagne <ANNIEC1622@everyactioncustom.com>
Sent: Monday, June 24, 2019 8:45 PM
To: CouncilMail
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I urge you to support and pass the kind of complete streets law we deserve.

Sincerely,
Anne Champagne
4921 Columbia Rd Apt K Columbia, MD 21044-1588 ANNIEC1622@YAHOO.COM

Sayers, Margery

From: sbhazard@everyactioncustom.com on behalf of Sessy Hazzard
<sbhazard@everyactioncustom.com>
Sent: Sunday, June 23, 2019 5:28 PM
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Sincerely,
Sessy Hazzard
5010 10 Oaks Rd Clarksville, MD 21029-1029 sbhazard@verizon.net

Sayers, Margery

From: tassefa@everyactioncustom.com on behalf of Tibebe Assefa
<tassefa@everyactioncustom.com>
Sent: Sunday, June 23, 2019 1:55 PM
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Sincerely,
Tibebe Assefa
10758 Folkestone Way Woodstock, MD 21163-1376 tassefa@gmail.com

Sayers, Margery

From: jdommu@everyactioncustom.com on behalf of Jeremy Dommu
<jdommu@everyactioncustom.com>
Sent: Sunday, June 23, 2019 9:07 AM
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Dear Howard County Council,

My family just moved to Columbia MD from Washington DC, and value walkable, bikeable communities.

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I urge you to support and pass the kind of complete streets law we deserve.

Sincerely,
Jeremy Dommu
6118 Covington Rd Columbia, MD 21044-3909 jdommu@gmail.com

Sayers, Margery

From: jensiegal@everyactioncustom.com on behalf of Jennifer Siegal
<jensiegal@everyactioncustom.com>
Sent: Saturday, June 22, 2019 10:42 PM
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I strongly support this as someone with a disability which prevents me from being able to drive. Help me be an active member of our vibrant community.

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I urge you to support and pass the kind of complete streets law we deserve.

Sincerely,
Jennifer Siegal
10375 Launcelot Ln Columbia, MD 21044-3826 jensiegal@gmail.com

Sayers, Margery

From: katjafort@everyactioncustom.com on behalf of Katja Fort Rhoden
<katjafort@everyactioncustom.com>
Sent: Saturday, June 22, 2019 10:28 PM
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I urge you to support and pass the kind of complete streets law we deserve.

Sincerely,
Katja Fort Rhoden
11000 APPLE ORCHARD Ct Laurel, MD 20723 katjafort@gmail.com

Sayers, Margery

From: Becky@everyactioncustom.com on behalf of Becky McKirahan
<Becky@everyactioncustom.com>
Sent: Saturday, June 22, 2019 9:00 PM
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I urge you to support and pass the kind of complete streets law we deserve.

Sincerely,
Becky McKirahan
8725 Cheshire Ct Jessup, MD 20794-9339
Becky@tacobird.com

Sayers, Margery

From: ned@everyactioncustom.com on behalf of Ned Tillman
<ned@everyactioncustom.com>
Sent: Saturday, June 22, 2019 10:19 AM
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I urge you to support and pass the kind of complete streets law we deserve.

Sincerely,
Ned Tillman
9467 Hickory Limb Columbia, MD 21045-5262 ned@sustainable.us

Sayers, Margery

From: odoherty@everyactioncustom.com on behalf of Olivia Doherty
<odoherty@everyactioncustom.com>
Sent: Tuesday, June 18, 2019 10:23 AM
To: CouncilMail
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As a local resident who works in Howard County, I hope the county will continue to build upon its high quality of life with features like this that will help to attract and retain a strong workforce.

I urge you to support and pass the kind of complete streets law we deserve.

Sincerely,
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Memorandum

To: Lonnie Robbins, Chief Administrative Officer, Howard County Government

From: Bruce Gartner

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Subject: Complete Streets Policy Council Resolution

cc: Jennifer Sager, Sameer Sidh, Angela Cabellon, Jim Irvin, Val Lazdins

The purpose of this memorandum is to provide background information and to express support for the Howard County Complete Streets Policy that is the subject of Council Resolution 120-2019, prefiled with the County Council on 8/23/19.

The Howard County Complete Streets Policy, as prefiled, will establish a philosophy of safety and equity as standard practice for our roads. It clarifies that our streets should safely accommodate multiple travel modes, including people walking, biking, taking transit and driving cars. Specifically, the policy directs that all decisions regarding the planning, design, construction, maintenance and operations of our streets shall be made with all road users in mind. In addition, it requires socioeconomic equity, as measured by the Vulnerable Population Index, to be an integral consideration in transportation project prioritization. This is a broader and more inclusive approach than the motor vehicle-focused process common in typical suburban street planning and design.

Some key process related items established by the Complete Streets Policy include:

- Requires transparent decision making and reporting and a reasonable exceptions process
- Provides for a data driven project selection process including priority for projects in communities with vulnerable populations
- Directs and enhances coordination among public and private agencies

The outcomes of implementing complete streets include increased safety, public health, local economic activity, job access, and air quality, as well as decreased congestion. These benefits fit seamlessly with Howard County values and contribute to improving quality of life for all.

A multi-agency Complete Streets Implementation Team, guided by a consultant with nationally recognized expertise in complete streets, drafted the Howard County Complete Streets Policy to follow best practices from around the country, drawing on guidance from the National Complete Streets Coalition and incorporating successful aspects from peer communities. Complete Streets Policies have become widespread in recent years, with over 1,500 complete streets policies adopted nationwide. The Office of Transportation, Department of Public Works and Department of Planning and Zoning have all been fully engaged in the development of this Complete Streets Policy and will continue to be key agencies in its implementation. All three agencies are strongly supportive of the policy and the Council Resolution.

CR35-2016 requires that the County develop a Complete Streets Design Manual to implement the Complete Streets Policy and provide the design details for practitioners. CR120-2019 states that this will be submitted to Council within 24 months of County Council's vote to approve the Complete Streets Policy. The Complete Streets Implementation Team will strive to deliver the updated design manual even more quickly and has already

taken steps to prioritize this work. We are committed to completing these tasks with efficiency, inclusivity and competency, in the same manner that recently earned two achievement awards from the National Association of Counties for community outreach and education programs. However, a comprehensive update of the Howard County Design Manual is a complex task that should not be rushed. We will strive to complete this in less time than the maximum stated timeframe of 24 months, but experiences in peer jurisdictions and the importance of balancing speed and inclusivity suggest that 24 months or slightly less is realistic.

Long term fiscal impacts of the Complete Streets Policy are expected to be manageable. In fact, when all benefits are considered a complete streets approach may have a net positive economic impact for Howard County, compared to the historic automobile-dominated approach. Independent research from the National Center for Transit Research¹ found that “Complete Streets projects, in many cases are showing economic benefits” and “there is a strong association between such projects and increased economic activity that often outpaces other areas.” Design and construction costs of most complete streets projects are expected to be minimal, since changes will be made incrementally as opportunities arise. Further, prioritization will allow projects to be implemented as funding and opportunities to couple them with related projects become available. And, any additional capital costs are expected to be offset by long term savings of postponing or avoiding some expensive road and intersection capacity improvements. Master planning documents, such as the Howard County Pedestrian Master Plan, Bicycle Plan and Transit Development Plan, are already in place to guide improvements and capital and operating budgets are already established for pedestrian and bicycle improvements. The Howard County General Plan (PlanHoward) currently recommends a Complete Streets Policy and the upcoming update will likely add guidance and recommendations to accommodate and further improve a multimodal approach to transportation.

In the short term, some funding will be required to take the next steps to update the Howard County Design Manual, developing the project prioritization process, creating public engagement procedures, and providing training on new policies and procedures. Preliminary estimates for this work are around \$700,000 and most of this funding will be requested in the FY21 capital budget.

County staff already engaged in the planning, design, construction, maintenance and operations of our streets will continue this same work with a mindset that ensures achieving complete streets. There may be some additional staff hours for tracking and reporting, but it will take some time to determine the extent and cost of this time.

Overall, the Howard County Complete Streets Policy represents a major step forward for safety, equity, and quality of life in Howard County and moves us in the direction of sustainable transportation for all. The Office of Transportation, Department of Public Works, and Department of Planning and Zoning are supportive of this Council Resolution and look forward to advancing the next steps and implementing Complete Streets in Howard County.

Sincerely,



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1. Capturing the Benefits of Complete Streets, National Center for Transit Research, December 2015.