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Good morning County Council,

I am writing in appreciation and support of the improvements included in the County's capital budget for part of Harriet Tubman Lane in Columbia. The Community Ecology Institute runs Freetown Farm at 8000 Harriet Tubman Lane and as such we are regular observers of activity along this road. It is currently a narrow road with a fairly sharp bend along the south side of Atholton High School. People tend to drive quite fast along this road, which is of considerable concern given how many students walk along it to and from school and how many cyclists use the road as an alternative to Cedar Lane. Especially with the wonderful addition of an active Harriet Tubman Cultural Center, it becomes increasingly important for this part of Harriet Tubman Lane to have more complete sidewalks, a crosswalk, and traffic calming measures.

I hope that you will retain the funding to provide approximately 360 feet of new sidewalk on the north side of Harriet Tubman Lane from the Harriet Tubman Cultural Center to the existing sidewalk west of Freetown Road and provide a marked crosswalk across Harriet Tubman Lane at Sanford Place.

Sincerely,

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