

June 8, 2023

Mr. Eric Willis
Montgomery County Department of Transportation
100 Edison Park Drive, 4th Floor
Gaithersburg, Maryland 20878

RE: Abandonment Request No. AB-785
Northfield Road
1990 *Bethesda/Chevy Chase Master Plan*

Dear Mr. Willis:

At the Montgomery County Planning Board's regularly scheduled meeting on June 8, 2023, the Planning Board reviewed Abandonment Request No. AB-785, for abandonment of a portion of the easternmost segment of Northfield Road. After a briefing by Planning Staff, the Planning Board had questions for staff and for the Applicant. Specifically, there was a question as to what harm or hardship would be caused by leaving the right-of-way intact. It was ultimately decided that a finding for harm or hardship was not included in the necessary findings of Section 49, Article 6 of the County Code. There was also a question for Parks staff if the remaining 25 feet of right-of-way would be sufficient for existing and future park access. Parks staff was present and confirmed that no additional right-of-way was needed.

The Planning Board voted 3-0-1 in favor of recommending abandonment and transmitting comments to the Montgomery County Department of Transportation. Chair Zyontz, Commissioner Pinero, and Commissioner Hedrick voted in favor. Vice Chair Pedoeem abstained, and Commissioner Bartley was absent.

Thank you for the opportunity to provide comments and a recommendation on this petition. Please contact me or Katie Mencarini with the DownCounty Planning Division of the Planning Department, at 301-495-4549 or Katherine.mencarini@montgomeryplanning.org, if you have any questions regarding this letter.

Sincerely,



Jeff Zyontz
Chair

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