



UPCOUNTY CITIZENS ADVISORY BOARD

February 28, 2023

The Honorable Marc Elrich
Montgomery County Executive
101 Monroe Street
Rockville, MD 20850

Dear County Executive Elrich,

The Upcounty Citizens Advisory Board (UCAB) is writing to express strong support of the Montgomery County Department of Transportation's (MCDOT's) proposed Goshen Road Safety and Pedestrian Improvement project.

Goshen Road serves Historically and Transportation Disadvantaged Communities in Gaithersburg, MD. A hillcrest at its intersection with Emory Grove Road obscures driver's sightlines. Sixty-six crashes have occurred on this road between the intersection of Emory Grove Road and MD-124 since 2015. More than half of these resulted in an injury.

This project will improve safety by addressing the sight distance at this intersection. In addition, missing segments of bicycle and pedestrian infrastructure will be constructed. The intersection of Goshen Road and MD-124 will be modified to improve operations and safety.

UCAB represents approximately 340,000 residents in the area of the county that is north of Shady Grove Road and including the communities of Boyds, Clarksburg, Darnestown, Damascus, Derwood, Gaithersburg, Germantown, Goshen, Laytonsville, Hyattstown, Dickerson, Barnesville, Beallsville, Tobytown, Washington Grove, Montgomery Village, Poolesville and parts of North Potomac.

UCAB is a 20-member board that advises the County Executive, County Council and the Director of the Upcounty Region on area needs and priorities such as transportation, human services, environment, public safety, and other issues of local importance.

We appreciate the Montgomery County Congressional Delegation's commitment to funding high-quality projects with visible and sustainable community benefits. UCAB urge you to support this worthy project and forward this letter of support to the Montgomery County Congressional Delegation.



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Sincerely,

Wayne A. Jacas, PMP
Chair

cc: Members of Montgomery County Council