

## Greater Colesville Citizens Association

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Honorable Ben Cardin  
United States Senate  
509 Hart Senate Office Building  
Washington, DC 20510

Honorable Chris Van Hollen  
United States Senate  
110 Hart Senate Office Building  
Washington, DC 20510

Honorable Jamie Raskin  
United States House of Representatives  
2242 Rayburn House Office Building  
Washington, DC 20515

Honorable David Trone  
United States House of Representatives  
2404 Rayburn House Office Building  
Washington, DC 20515

RE: Montgomery County FY2025 Community Project Funding Request

Dear Senator Cardin, Senator Van Hollen, Congressman Trone, and Congressman Raskin,

GCCA represents 3500 households in Colesville, centered at the intersection of New Hampshire Ave and Randolph Rd.

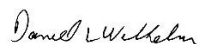
I am pleased to offer this letter of support for Montgomery County's submission for the FY2025 Community Project Funding Request. The projects outlined below are exemplary County transportation priorities that will advance our progress in improving safety; increasing multi-modal mobility; supporting green, sustainable transportation; and achieving greater equity in transportation. All projects are scalable – implementation can be adjusted based on the level of funding provided. The East County projects include:

- US29 Critical Bike and Pedestrian Safety Improvements (MD 8th District). This project will provide critical safety and access improvements along US 29 to address existing hazards to pedestrians, cyclists, and improve access to Flash BRT stations
- Zero Emission Bus Purchases (Countywide - MD 6th and 8th Districts). The program will backfill the purchase of new zero-emission vehicles to be delivered to serve expansion of bus service in 2024 and beyond, including expansion of FLASH Bus Rapid Transit service.

The projects support BRT service in Eastern Montgomery County along US29, New Hampshire Ave and Randolph Road. Expanded BRT service is essential to supporting two projects just getting underway: Viva White Oak and Montgomery College East County Campus. It also supports projects currently under construction and those existing employers who need increased transit service rather than expanding parking: White Oak Medical Center (WOMC) and Food and Drug Administration (FDA). These projects are all important to GCCA residents.

Thank you for your support of these worthy projects.

Sincerely,



Daniel L. Wilhelm  
GCCA President