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Good afternoon Chair Anderson and Members of the Planning Board,

Thank you for the opportunity to testify before you this afternoon. My name is Stephanie Piperno and I am the Trails Coalition Manager at the Washington Area Bicyclist Association.

I am here today to share our support for phase two of the Capital Crescent Surface Trail as well as the Capital Crescent Trail Under MD 355.

Every month, we receive emails excitedly pointing to examples from Europe and especially the Netherlands that connect regional trails and parks directly with secure bike parking and effortless connections to high-capacity transit. The proposed Capital Crescent Surface Trail and Tunnel project belongs on this list. This is the gold standard and we should be proud of this vision for the County.

The completion of this project is extremely important as it is the final link in the Capital Crescent Trail. The trail will ultimately extend from Georgetown to Silver Spring upon the completion of the Purple Line. It will create a high-quality transportation hub that connects the surrounding communities to the commercial core in Downtown Bethesda, the future entrance to the Red Line station, the future Purple Line station, and a bicycle parking station.

We are pleased with the plan as outlined and encourage staff to approve the plan!

Thank you for your time.