



February 28, 2022

The Honorable Gabe Albornoz, President  
Montgomery County Council  
100 Maryland Avenue  
Rockville, Maryland 20850

Dear Honorable Members of the Montgomery County Council,

I am writing on behalf of the Washington Area Bicyclist Association (WABA) to express our support for the **Bowie Mill Road Bikeway** project in the greater Olney-Derwood area.

For fifty years, WABA has transformed the Washington Metropolitan Region by improving the conditions for people who walk, roll, and bike. Our work to advocate for dedicated bike infrastructure, pass laws that promote safe roadway behavior, and provide education programming for all road-users has resulted in a drastically different cultural and political approach to biking for transportation. Biking can and should be a fun, safe, normal, low-cost, time-saving way to navigate our communities for all residents.

This statement of support is provided in recognition of the fact that the Bowie Mill Road Bikeway project will provide a safe and reliable connection between Olney's 50,000+ residents, public schools, County parks, and public transportation. Importantly, the Bowie Mill Road Bikeway will be accessible to all ages and abilities of riders, contribute to the County's "Vision Zero" pedestrian fatality elimination program, and will benefit our environment by enabling residents to select alternatives to vehicular transportation.

Thank you for your continued support for the Bowie Mill Road Bikeway project.

Sincerely,

Jeremiah Lowery  
Advocacy Director  
Washington Area Bicyclist Association