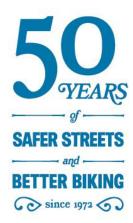


Mr. Paul J. Wiedefeld Secretary of Transportation Maryland Department of Transportation 7201 Corporate Drive, P.O. Box 548 Hanover, Maryland 21076



RE: FY 24 Transportation Alternatives Program (TAP), City of Rockville, Fleet and Monroe Complete Streets Design Application Letter of Support

Dear Secretary Wiedefeld,

The Washington Area Bicyclist Association is pleased to endorse the City of Rockville's Transportation Alternatives Program application for Complete Streets facilities along Fleet and Monroe Streets. Adding a bicycle facility behind the curb on both streets increases the total length of protected facilities that support bicyclists of all ages and abilities to travel safely and comfortably.

WABA works to transform the capital region by improving the conditions for people who bike. Biking can and should be an equitable, safe, low-cost, time-saving, and sustainable way to navigate our region for all residents and visitors.

This project will improve Fleet Street and Monroe Street, which provide direct access to City and County Offices, the Metrorail Station, and Richard Montgomery High School and will connect to an under-construction protected bicycle lane project at its northern terminus, creating a fully-separated bicycle route through Rockville Town Center. Should you have any questions about this project, which will increase safety for all modes of travel, Bryan Barnett-Woods, Rockville Principal Transportation Planner, at 240-314-8527 or bbwoods@rockvillemd.go., can field them.

WABA fully endorses the City's TAP application and asks that you advance it. Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

Seth Grimes

WABA Maryland organizer

cc: Bryan Barnett-Woods, Department of Public Works, City of Rockville