

**Town of Chevy Chase  
Purple Line Mitigation Advisory Group Meeting  
Monday, November 7, 2011  
Minutes by Mary Anne Hoffman**

**Group Members Present:** Mary Anne Hoffman, Chair; Pat Burda, Council Liaison; Jacob Bardin, John Burnes, Andy Hill, and Joan Rood.

**Absent:** Rich Brancato, Leslie Hill

The Mitigation Advisory Group (MAG) held an emergency meeting three days after several MAG members participated in the County Planning Board's Nov. 3 Capital Crescent Trail walk. On that walk, MTA consultants outlined the difficulties and expense of constructing the Trail over Purple Line trains through the Wisconsin Avenue tunnel, as the State has long planned. Purpose of MAG's Nov. 7 meeting was to discuss what to recommend the Town's position be about this possible change in plans at the Planning Board's hearing on the Trail-through-tunnel issue on Nov. 17.

After thorough discussion, MAG agreed that a Town representative should appear at the hearing to express (1) the importance of the Trail to Town residents and (2) the Town's strong belief that the Trail should be kept in the tunnel as planned, rather than an at-grade pedestrian crossing of Wisconsin Avenue which County officials have already approved and funded. MAG decided to include the County's own statistics showing the location of the proposed at-grade crossing as a "high-incidence area" for pedestrian and bicyclist collisions. Pat Burda agreed to draft proposed testimony for the Council's consideration.

After consultation with the Council at its monthly meeting Nov. 9, Burda presented testimony to the Planning Board.

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