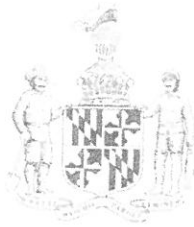


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Ms. Carla Julian
Senior Manager, Public Affairs & Community Outreach
Purple Line Partners
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Alexandria, VA 22314

Dear Ms. Julian:

I am writing to request a detailed explanation as to why trail closures are not being staged during the construction of the forthcoming Purple Line. I have had numerous constituents reach out to my office to express their frustrations and concerns on this issue.

Although designated as a rail corridor, both the Capital Crescent Trail and the Georgetown Branch Trail have come to serve as informal commuting routes for area residents over the last two decades. Most importantly, students attending Bethesda-Chevy Chase High School often utilize these trails on a daily basis as a way to get to school. With the start of school just around the corner, the timing of these trail closures poses a big hurdle for many families. Combined with a lack of adequate sidewalk accessibility along MD 410, alternative safe walking routes are lacking. Given these community concerns, I respectfully request an explanation as to why the closing of these trails wasn't considered to be done in stages, allowing students safe passage to school each day and providing ample notice when that passage would need to end for construction.

I look forward to working with you address these residents' grievances. I hope you will keep my office abreast of any steps you may take to mitigate these concerns. Thank you in advance for your close consideration of this request.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Jeff Waldstreicher".

Delegate Jeff Waldstreicher

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Mr. Aaron Presnall
Ms. Joan Shane
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