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Mr. Michael Madden
Maryland Transit Administration
6 St. Paul Street
Baltimore, MD 21202

Dear Mike,

Although you and the Purple Line team always have been very responsive to email requests from the Town's Mitigation Advisory Group (MAG), I am putting this request in writing on MAG's behalf to underscore the urgency we are feeling after reviewing details of proposed retaining wall heights in your two Lynn Drive crossing options. The reality of just how tall and visually intrusive the retaining walls for the Purple Line light-rail project will be (even without a pedestrian underpass) is becoming clear for the first time in our years of working together.

Therefore, we respectfully request elevations showing the retaining walls' height in relation to Town residences along the full length of our Town -- with and without the pedestrian underpass. We need these two sets of elevations by May 10 so that MAG can discuss them at its May meeting and the Town can get back to you before the final Environmental Impact Statement is released.

On two other matters:

- 1) Regarding Pedestrian Underpass Option #2, do we understand correctly that MTA will construct the bridge/path to the underpass and that you will not use the trestle if we prefer a narrower bridge?
- 2) Regarding the expected sound impacts of trains on higher tracks under either Pedestrian Underpass Option, when in the process will MTA recalculate those impacts? We would expect those additional studies to show the impact on homes farther away from the tracks (i.e. on the other side of Lynn Drive or beyond) since your engineers have said the sound will carry farther.

We look forward to hearing from you about these three matters.

Sincerely,

Patricia Burda
Mayor