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April 15, 2011

Mr. Michael Madden
Purple Line Project Manager
Maryland Transit Administration
6 Saint Paul Street
Baltimore, MD 21202

Dear Mr. Madden:

The Town's Purple Line Mitigation Advisory Group (MAG) has briefed the Town Council on the three grade-separated alternatives for a crossing at Lynn Drive that you had your consultants develop. We thank you for the effort you and they went to in order to develop these ideas.

After considerable study and discussion of the three options both by MAG and the Council, we have concluded that the alternative crossings are all problematic for a variety of reasons, but of most serious concern is that they would place pedestrians onto a dangerous curve on East-West Highway, a road with a high volume of fast-moving traffic. In addition, none of the options offers direct access to the Trail so valued by the Town.

Because a crossing at Lynn Drive remains an essential element of the Trail, we would therefore like to request that the State proceed to design the safest possible at-grade crossing at the Lynn Drive path, including the best available passive and active warning systems, for the Town's consideration. We are committed to working with the State and the County to make sure that a safe access is realized at this site.

Thank you for your responsiveness to the Town's continuing concern about retaining a crossing at Lynn Drive and ensuring that it is safe.

Sincerely,

David Lublin

Mayor

Town of Chevy Chase