

## Addendum to Sierra Club Testimony on the Proposed Budget FY20

Regarding various Transportation initiatives in the CIP, Sierra Club Montgomery County urges the Council to approve the following projects which will improve pedestrian, bicycle and transit mobility in several areas of the county.

### BRT on Veirs Mill Road

We support accelerating the design of this project to occur in FY20 to FY22 in hopes that right-of-way (ROW) acquisition, construction and vehicle acquisition can start in FY23. BRT limited stop service will serve a significant number of minority and low-income riders on this highly congested corridor between Wheaton and Rockville Metro stations. Meanwhile, Sierra Club continues to support maintaining ROW for the future continuous, dedicated curb lane (true) BRT project and hopes it can be built in the not too distant future.

### Forest Glen Metro Passageway

Please retain the proposal for accelerated design in FY20 and construction in FY21. The at-grade crossing at Georgia Avenue and Forest Glen Road is highly congested and unsafe due to heavy vehicle traffic from two nearby Beltway exits. This underground passageway is needed now to increase the mobility and safety for users accessing Metro.

### White Flint Metro Station North Entrance

Please retain the funds for this project, currently split between FY21 and FY22. WMATA is in the process of updating its 2010 study for a north entrance, the study is due later this summer. Having access to a north entrance will incentivize more metro use by residents and businesses in the emerging Pike and Rose district.