



CITY OF TAKOMA PARK, MARYLAND

**Montgomery County Delegation Public Hearing
Land Use, Transportation, and Public Safety Committee
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Support for MC 15-19 – Montgomery County – Highway Construction

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Thank you Senator Will Smith for sponsoring this priority legislation for the City of Takoma Park. As was noted in the City's testimony before the Montgomery County Delegation at the November 14 Joint Priorities Hearing, the City has long advocated for a prohibition on the allocation of funds for construction along Maryland Route 410 through Takoma Park for the purpose of adding a new through lane for vehicles. The City previously pursued a bill to do this in 2013 and is pleased to be working with Senator Smith to pass the bill this year.

Widening Maryland Route 410 could have detrimental impacts on residential and commercial properties along the route and would seriously change the character of Takoma Park. While we have been told that the State has no intention of adding lanes to 410, the same has been said of widening the beltway, yet that conversation is now occurring. MC 15-19 would provide added protection and assurance that a similar situation would not occur in Takoma Park on one of the City's major thoroughfares.

The City of Takoma Park strongly supports and urges a favorable vote on this item.