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Suzanne R. Ludlow, City Manager

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Erica M. Rigby, P.E.
Acting District Engineer
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Dear Ms. Rigby:

We are in receipt of the March 8, 2021 letter regarding the Takoma Junction Traffic Impact Study for the Takoma Junction Project. It is our understanding that at this time the final remaining piece of the State Highway Administration's review of the project is the agency's comments on the site plan and layby design that were submitted in January 2019. All other comments from the development review process for this project have been received by the Montgomery County Planning Department.

We are requesting that the State Highway Administration transmit its review of the site plan expeditiously so that the City Council may consider the comments and prepare the Council's recommendation for the Montgomery County Planning Board, which is scheduling their consideration of the plans.

As State Highway officials have acknowledged, a layby is the only way to safely accommodate deliveries for the adjacent property, the Takoma Park-Silver Spring Coop. The City is working to maintain and enhance the economic vibrancy of this key neighborhood commercial district and its businesses. The Coop, in particular, needs a safe and permanent delivery solution. We value the technical expertise of State Highway engineers to ensure that the design of the layby will safely meet this commercial district need.

This has been a very long process, and there have been many changes to accommodate the comments of the reviewing agencies. We are looking forward to completion of this process.

Thank you for your work with the City on many issues, and for your attention to this request.

Best regards,

Suzanne R. Ludlow
City Manager

cc: Greg Slater, Secretary, MDOT
Tim Smith, Administrator, MDOT SHA