

March 12, 2021

Ms. Suzanne R. Ludlow
City Manager, Office of the City Manager
7500 Maple Avenue,
Takoma Park, MD 20912

Dear Ms. Ludlow:

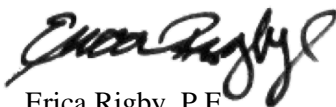
Thank you for your recent letter dated March 11, 2021 regarding development in the City of Takoma Park in Montgomery County, Maryland. I appreciate the opportunity to be of assistance and address your concerns.

Maryland Department of Transportation State Highway Administration (MDOT SHA) recently approved with comments the project's latest traffic impact study submittal. As a standard part of the access permit approval process, several MDOT State Highway Administration (MDOT SHA) offices have carefully reviewed and commented upon the traffic impact study submittals provided for this development project to ensure safe conditions are maintained along state roadways and multi-modal needs are being met with the project in place.

Next, we anticipate that, as part of the Plan Review phase, MDOT SHA District 3 Access Management should electronically receive detailed engineering plan submittals within the next several business days. Once electronically received, our MDOT SHA reviewing offices will review and comment upon the detailed engineering plan submittals for the work to be performed in state right-of-way, to ensure safe conditions will be maintained with the introduction of a truck-loading lay-by area and other proposed modifications. While, typically, MDOT SHA requires up to thirty (30) calendar days to complete a comprehensive review of detailed engineering plan submittals, our reviewers will make every effort to review promptly and provide comments as early as possible.

Thank you again for contacting me and sharing your concerns. I appreciate our continued partnership and we will continue to work closely with the City to provide solutions that balance safety, accessibility, and mobility for all users. If you have any additional questions or concerns, please contact me at 301-513-7346, toll free 1-800-749-0737, or via email at erigby@mdot.maryland.gov. My staff and I will be happy to assist you.

Sincerely,



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District Engineer

cc: Mr. Andre Futrell, Deputy Administrator, MDOT SHA
Mr. Greg Slater, Secretary, MDOT
Mr. Tim Smith, P.E., Administrator, MDOT SHA

bcc: Mr. Christopher Bishop, Community Liaison, MDOT SHA
Mr. Derek Gunn, P.E., Acting Deputy District 3 Engineer, MDOT SHA
Mr. Kwesi Woodroffe, Access Management, MDOT SHA