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Mr. Kanathur Srikanth
Deputy Executive Director, Metropolitan Planning
Metropolitan Washington Council of Governments
777 North Capitol Street NE, Suite 300
Washington, DC 20002

RE: Full Council Support for Montgomery County's Application for the Metropolitan Washington Council of Governments' 2021 Regional Safety Pilot Program – New Hampshire Avenue (MD 650)

Dear Mr. Srikanth:

The Prince George's County Council fully supports the application submitted by Montgomery County for the Metropolitan Washington Council of Governments ("MWCOG") Regional Safety Pilot Program to provide for a High Incidence Area Safety Study and Design for New Hampshire Avenue (MD 650).

New Hampshire Avenue (MD 650) from Oakview Drive to Piney Branch Road is shared by the two Counties and has been identified in each County's High Injury Network ("HIN") of roadways. MD 650 has a history of serious and fatal crashes along the Prince George's portion of the roadway and high rates of serious and fatal injuries along the Montgomery County portion of the roadway.

This project is especially worthy of consideration. It presents a unique opportunity to engage in a multi-jurisdictional and multi-agency collaboration project that would not only identify and design the appropriate countermeasures to save lives on MD 650, but also serve as an example of the need for cross-jurisdiction roadway safety improvements. This will protect lives in a region where roadways typically overlap not only between counties but also states and the District of Columbia.

Your full consideration of the New Hampshire Avenue (MD 650) grant application is greatly appreciated. Thank you in advance for your time and attention to this matter.

Sincerely,

The Honorable Calvin S. Hawkins, II
Council Chair