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The Honorable Todd M. Turner  
Chair, Prince George's County Council  
County Administration Building  
14741 Governor Oden Bowie Drive  
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Dear Chair Turner:

*Todd*

This letter seeks District Council authorization to initiate an area master plan for Planning Areas 71A, 71B, 74A, and 74B, a 59-square mile area inclusive of the City of Bowie. On January 23, 2020, the Prince George's County Planning Board approved initiation of the master plan and reviewed and approved for transmittal the Recommended Goals, Concepts, Guidelines, and Public Participation Program for the Bowie and Vicinity Master Plan. The Planning Board is pleased to transmit to the District Council the recommended Goals, Concepts, Guidelines, and Public Participation Program and a draft Resolution of Initiation for this master plan.

To allow adequate time for the development of a master plan that addresses all of the major issues, engages stakeholders and partner agencies, and maximizes opportunities for public outreach and participation, the Planning Board requests an eight-month extension of the time frame to prepare the preliminary master plan. More information regarding the necessity of this request can be found within the enclosed Goals, Concepts, Guidelines, and Public Participation Program.

The approved FY 2019 and FY 2020 Planning Department Work Programs include an area master plan, based on Plan 2035, the County's General Plan, for Planning Areas 71A, 71B, 74A, and 74B (Bowie and Vicinity) that will replace the 2006 *Approved Master Plan for Bowie and Vicinity* and the 2010 *Approved Bowie State MARC Station Master Plan* and amend applicable county functional master plans. The Bowie and Vicinity Master Plan area will include the entire City of Bowie, as well as Bowie State University, the Mitchellville, Fairwood, and Collington communities, and other suburban areas west of Bowie.

The master plan focuses on those areas likely to experience development or redevelopment pressure over a 25-year period, including the designated Bowie Local Town Center, Melford, Old Town Bowie, the Collington Trade Zone, Bowie State University, South Lake, and the Bowie State MARC Station. A primary goal of this master plan will be to develop implementable strategies and recommendations to enhance the following: land use; economic prosperity; transportation and mobility; the natural and built environment; housing and neighborhoods; community heritage; culture and design; public facilities; and healthy communities.

The Planning Board looks forward to working with the District Council to complete the area master plan for Bowie and Vicinity. If the Planning Board can be of further assistance to you regarding this matter, please contact me or Thomas Lester, Project Manager, at (301) 952-3972.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Betty".

Elizabeth M. Hewlett  
Chairman

Enclosures: (1) Recommended Goals, Concepts and Guidelines and Public Participation Program  
(2) Draft District Council Resolution of Initiation

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