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THE MARYLAND-NATIONAL CAPITAL PARK AND PLANNING COMMISSION

June 1, 2023

Mayor Tracy Furman Town of Kensington 3710 Mitchell Street Kensington, MD 20895

SUBJECT: Pedestrian Master Plan Planning Board Draft

Dear Mayor Furman:

On behalf of the Montgomery County Planning Department, I am pleased to transmit the Planning Board Draft of the Pedestrian Master Plan. The Pedestrian Master Plan, developed by the Planning Department, is the first countywide plan in Montgomery County to make recommendations to improve the pedestrian experience in a holistic way. An important element in the county's 2017 Vision Zero Action Plan, 2021 Climate Action Plan, and Thrive Montgomery 2050, the recently adopted General Plan, the Pedestrian Master Plan documents the pedestrian experience in Montgomery County today and, in line with national and international best practices, makes recommendations to make walking safer, more enjoyable, and more accessible in the years ahead.

The Planning Board Draft can be viewed at: <u>https://www.montgomeryplanning.org/walkinghere</u>.

The Plan sets a vision not only for building, maintaining, funding, and monitoring safe and comfortable pedestrian infrastructure, but also for guiding policies that affect the safety of our roads and expanding access to high-quality pedestrian experiences for all county residents. The recommendations in this Plan provide guidance for future master plans, county and state-level policy, and capital improvement program prioritization.

The Montgomery County Council will set a public hearing date and establish work sessions to review the plan in the coming months.

If you have any questions, I can be reached at 301-495-4548 or by e-mail at eli.glazier@montgomeryplanning.org.

Sincerely,

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