Montgomery
College

June 10, 2002

Mr. Andrew Altman, Director
D.C. Office of Planning
801 North Capitol St., N.E. #400
Washington, D.C. 20002

Dear Mr. Altman:

I write to share with you some information about Montgomery College that may be of value to you as you make decisions about the alignments for the Metropolitan Branch Trail.

Montgomery College has a campus just over the Maryland line in Takoma Park. The College has operated in this location since the 1950's. We are an open access institution serving a diverse student body: 80% of the Takoma Park students are minorities representing 167 countries and 75% of the Takoma Park students apply for financial aid. There are over 4000 students at this location. And, the enrollment is growing. This campus is within walking distance of the Takoma Metro station and borders the Metro tracks. The campus is in the midst of an expansion effort that will take it into South Silver Spring with the help of a pedestrian bridge. The bridge will allow both pedestrians and bicyclists to traverse the tracks. We believe this pedestrian bridge is vital for our students and for the community as a whole. It will provide a connection to the hiker/biker trails as well as community facilities and activities on both sides of the track. I also believe it is important to note that many of our students given their economic status rely on transit to reach our campus. We expect enrollment from Washington, D.C. to grow, making access to and from the Takoma Metro station an important transit link for our students now and in the future.

We hope you will take into consideration the needs of our students, many of your residents, as you make decisions about the trail alignments.

Sincerely yours,

Charlene R. Nunley
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Dear Dr. Nunley,

Thank you very much for the letter you send to Mr. Andrew Altman, Director of the DC office of Planning on June 10. 2002 stressing the importance of the Metropolitan Branch Trail to the College.

It is this kind of support we need most for our design for a safe bike trail through Maryland and the District. As you know we encounter presently many difficulties around the Takoma Metro Station, so your help is most welcome.

Sincerely yours,

Paul Meijer

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Co-Chair of the Coaliton for the Metropolitan Branch Trail

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