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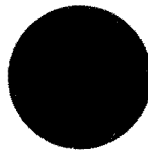
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Dear Councilmembers:

This is an update to our April 27, 2011, letter concerning your April 12, 2011, request for acceleration of activities in support of transit services through transit signal prioritization (TSP) and queue jumping.

Since April 27, staff within our respective organizations met and discussed a plan of action. Specifically, we are working on identifying a comprehensive list of intersections where improvements such as traffic signal operational enhancement and prioritization, bus bypass lanes, and queue jumps would be beneficial to transit riders. In addition, we are developing a passenger throughput and person-delay policy and a more thorough understanding of the technology and its applications.

Montgomery County Department of Transportation (MCDOT) and the Maryland State Highway Administration (SHA) have met with one of our Traffic Engineering Consultants to develop a scope of services, cost estimate and schedule to address your questions. They will also research applications of the technology already occurring in the United States and Canada. We will examine the current effort by the Washington Metropolitan Area Transit Authority (WMATA) to advance transit prioritization. We have identified experts on passenger throughput and person-delay and expect to be able to discuss the issues of concern during the next few months.

Together, we will identify specific technology challenges, develop intersection criteria for screening possible transit prioritization improvements, and a timeline for implementation. Based on that analysis, we will select a corridor for demonstration purposes, including a timeline, and develop cost estimates to implement the improvements.

MCDOT, SHA, and WMATA will continue to work together to strengthen our relationships, taking advantage of opportunities that will yield a more livable and transit-friendly

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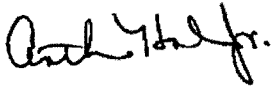
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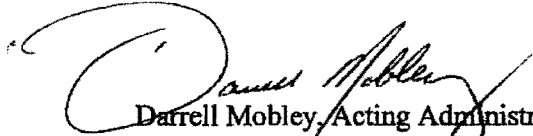
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region. Thank you again for your letter. As requested, we will provide you with a status update this fall.

Sincerely,



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