



April 8, 2022

The Honorable Pete Buttigieg
U.S. Department of Transportation
1200 New Jersey Avenue, S.E.
Washington, D.C. 20590

Dear Secretary Buttigieg:

The Montgomery County Chamber of Commerce (MCCC), the voice of business in Metro Maryland, has been and remains a strong supporter of funding the shovel-ready Capital Crescent Trail (CCT) project under Wisconsin Avenue. For this reason, MCCC is pleased to support the application of Montgomery County, Maryland for funding through the U.S. Department of Transportation's Rebuilding American Infrastructure with Sustainability and Equity program (RAISE) for the CCT project.

It is imperative that the CCT project be completed by the time the Capital Crescent Trail Mainline, between Elm Street Park and the Silver Spring Transit Center, is opened. This is an important priority for Montgomery County. Further delaying this project imperils one of the most important non-auto infrastructure projects in the entire Metro Maryland region.

The CCT project is an opportunity to improve safety for pedestrians and cyclists who rely on this trail for recreation and commuting. This project, which will run alongside the Purple Line project, allows users to reduce their environmental footprint and improve the quality of life in the region. The CCT tunnel will be a vital link in our region's trail network to provide safe, convenient, and carbon-free pedestrian and bicycle options that connect neighborhoods to the incredible amenities this region offers.

For these reasons, MCCC asks for your support of Montgomery County's application for funding of the CCT through the RAISE program. Thank you for considering this request and if you need anything, please do not hesitate to contact us.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "G. Godwin".

Georgette "Gigi" Godwin
President & CEO
Montgomery County Chamber of Commerce