



March 15, 2022

The Honorable Gabe Albornoz
Council President
Montgomery County Council
100 Maryland Avenue
Rockville, Maryland 20850

Dear Council President Albornoz:

The Montgomery County Chamber of Commerce (MCCC) has been and remains a strong supporter of funding the shovel-ready Capital Crescent Trail (CCT) project under Wisconsin Avenue. Unfortunately, the CCT was not included in recommended FY2023 - FY2028 Capital Improvement Program (CIP).

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. When a commitment is made to communities who use the trail framework for commuting and recreation, those plans must be followed through.

It is MCCC's understanding that the Transportation & Environment Committee has recommended adding the CCT to the reconciliation list. MCCC commends this vote and strongly urges the County Council to ultimately support the CCT's inclusion in the finalized CIP. Further delaying this project imperils one of the most important non-auto infrastructure projects in the entire Metro Maryland region.

As always, we look forward to partnering on ways to move Montgomery County forward. As you continue your important work, please do not hesitate to reach out to us if we can be of assistance.

Sincerely,

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

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

cc: Members, Montgomery County Council