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For: Comptroller Peter Franchot

From: Friends of Sligo Creek

Mr. Franchot,

Friends of Sligo Creek is exceedingly concerned about the opaque process by which decisions are being made to widen the Beltway/495. Our environmental concerns are clear. We want our park and its biome preserved to the maximum extent possible as well as those of other parks, particularly Rock Creek, which is in the cross-hairs of any expansion.

We believe all environmental assessments must be done well in advance, and publicly available so all can see the impacts, respond, and any modifications of the Beltway take them thoroughly into account.

We insist that if the beltway is modified, that the entire extent of it (which inevitably would be reconstructed) be treated for stormwater. That is not in the current plan (and was not done for the Purple Line, much to our chagrin). This is Montgomery County law, and should in any case be required. That is not an inconsiderable cost, but this is the last time such a massive impervious surface can have stormwater mitigation in our area.

Thanks for your consideration of these issues. We know from conversations with Treasurer Nancy Kopp, that these concerns are at least significant for her as well.

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