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Re: Support for the Hazelwood Avenue Gateway, FY28-FY33 Capital Improvement Program

Dear Ms. Meacham:

I am writing to ask that Baltimore County fund traffic calming improvements on Hazelwood Avenue through the Hazelwood Avenue Gateway project. I live in Holland Hill and regularly walk, drive, and shop along Hazelwood Avenue and have great interest in helping ensure our neighborhood remains safe for residents and visitors alike.

Given the number of businesses, homes, and recreational facilities on Hazelwood Avenue, as well as an elementary school, this should be a place where people can walk safely to their destinations or for pleasure, which requires crossing roads safely. Right now, this isn't the case because of speeding cars.

The County has already worked with our community to develop a concept plan for the corridor. It calls for curb bump-outs that shorten crossings and slow turning traffic, high-visibility crosswalks at Westwood and Emelia, narrower curb cuts, clearly marked parking, and street trees that visually narrow the road. It also identifies the need for a new crossing, potentially near the skatepark where young people already cross today.

These are modest, proven improvements, and they are a small investment compared with what they protect: the safety of our neighbors, including the children who walk to school and the skatepark, and the health of our local businesses.

Our community has helped shape this plan. We now ask the County to help us build it by including the Hazelwood Avenue Gateway in the Capital Improvement Program.

Thank you.

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