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Dear Ms. Meacham:

I am writing to ask Baltimore County to fund the Hazelwood Avenue Gateway project and include it in the Capital Improvement Program. I live in Holland Hill and regularly walk and drive along Hazelwood Avenue.

Hazelwood Avenue is our neighborhood's small main street, connecting local businesses, homes, the Hazelwood Skatepark, and nearby McCormick Elementary School. It should be a safe place for people to walk, shop, and cross the street, but today it often feels unsafe. I have experienced near misses while turning into businesses and my own neighborhood, and I regularly see young elementary school students walking without sidewalks or crossing guards. Speeding traffic on Hazelwood Avenue makes the corridor unsafe for everyone.

The County and community have already developed a concept plan that includes curb bump-outs, high-visibility crosswalks, narrower curb cuts, marked parking, street trees, and a new pedestrian crossing near the skatepark. These are practical, proven improvements that would make the corridor safer for residents, students, and visitors while supporting local businesses.

Hazelwood Avenue also lies partly within the Hillendale, Overlea, and Parkville Sustainable Community area, making this a strong investment that builds on the County's existing commitment to our community.

Our community has helped create this vision. We now ask the County to help make it a reality by funding the Hazelwood Avenue Gateway project.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

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