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To: Mr. Eric Beckett - ebeckett@mdot.state.md.us

Deputy Director, MDOT SHA Planning and Preliminary Engineering Deputy Director

Dear Mr. Eric Beckett:

Please see the attached response from Mr. Scott Pomento regarding MDOT SRA's MD 2 and MD 3 feasibility studies. As you may know, Arnold Preservation Council (APC) constituents are vested in assuring that both Local Representatives and MDOT SHA understand the values important to our community. Mr. Scott suggested that APC follow-up with you. In his letter it was indicated that both the MD 2 and MD 3 studies are still in the early scoping stage. You may be aware that the TFM recently released 'Move Anne Arundel!' the county's first Transportation Functional Master Plan as per the recommendation in the 2009 General Development Plan. The GDP specifically notes Route 2 is in line for improvements that will run from Route 10 to Route 50.

Arnold Preservation Council understands these are currently part of the County and State Highway Needs Inventory /Long Range Planning. We would appreciate the opportunity to meet to review the design goals for SHA's MD 2 feasibility study. We share Mr. Scott's list of concerns such as:

- Improving MD 2 safety and operations between MD 10 and US 50.
- Maximizing the use of existing infrastructure within existing right-of-way.
- Increasing bicyclist and pedestrian safety.

This does not mean however, that we have the same design strategies or vision in mind. Adequate time for planning, design and community input are the key elements to a successful project. It is not clear how MDOT SHA sees roadways such as Route 2 or how they plan to align designs with the communities they serve. We are interested in how MDOT SHA will ensure its road design approach will fit with Arnold's Communities' land use contexts. We would appreciate the opportunity to discuss this with you in the future.

Sincerely,

Richard G. Ensor

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cc. Mr. Scott C. Pomento, P.E., Director, Office of Planning and Preliminary Engineering

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