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## Bicycle & Trail Advisory Group

Prince George's County    ⇨    Founded January 1998

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The Honorable Rushern L. Baker, III  
Prince George's County Executive  
Suite 5032, County Administration Building  
14741 Governor Oden Bowie Drive,  
Upper Marlboro, Maryland  
20772-3050

Re:    Bicycle and Pedestrian Issues in Prince  
      George's County

Dear Mr. Baker:

Congratulations on your recent election as County Executive in Prince George's County. The Prince George's County Bicycle and Trails Advisory Group, or BTAG, has worked with and advised county agencies since the group was founded in 1998 by your predecessor, former County Executive Wayne Curry. BTAG is chaired by members of the M-NCPPC Planning Department and facilitates interaction and cooperation between state and county agencies and local trail groups, bicycle clubs, equestrian organizations and other county residents or groups interested in improving bicycle and pedestrian access and expanding the trails network in Prince George's County. Most recently, BTAG provided input into the trail and bikeway priorities in Prince George's County for the current revision to the Joint Signature Letter on State Transportation Priorities.

Bicycle and pedestrian safety was a topic of the October 2010 BTAG Quarterly Meeting. Pedestrian accessibility and safety is especially crucial around area schools and near transit, where it is likely that some school children or residents will choose to make some trips by walking or bicycling. Pedestrian safety and walkable communities are mentioned by county residents as top community concerns and priorities in recent planning workshops and charrettes. BTAG hopes to continue to work with county agencies and the Office of the County Executive to implement the bicycle and pedestrian recommendations of the 2009 *Approved Countywide Master Plan of Transportation* to improve non-motorized access and pedestrian safety.

More specifically, at its October 2010 meeting, BTAG identified the following issues which it hopes to work with the county to implement in coming years:

- The creation of a bicycle and pedestrian coordinator position at the Department of Public Works and Transportation. This position will allow for the evaluation and incorporation of pedestrian and bicycle accommodations on new CIP projects and as routine maintenance occurs. This position would be comparable to existing positions at the District Department of Transportation and in Montgomery County. BTAG commends DPW&T for their continued work with M-

