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The Honorable Gavin Buckley
Mayor of City of Annapolis
160 Duke of Gloucester Street
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Dear Mayor Buckley,

This letter is to confirm Anne Arundel County's support to evaluate the feasibility of providing a pedestrian bridge over Forest Drive to improve overall mobility and connectivity along and across this busy corridor. Such a facility would be consistent with overall County goals to improve pedestrian and bicycle access, mobility and connectivity as supported in various County Office of Transportation planning initiatives: (1) Bicycle, Pedestrian, Transit Assessment; (2) Complete Streets; and (3) Transportation Facility Master Plan. All these initiatives share common goals to improve accessibility and mobility as embodied in the overall *Move Anne Arundel!* efforts.

Nevertheless, any such facility would need to be evaluated thoroughly and objectively to ensure that it can be fully justified from a cost/benefit perspective; and if so, that its placement is such that it deters at-grade crossings and is optimally used. We are prepared to support the City in this evaluation and suggest that it could begin with the efforts of the current Forest Drive Task Force.

Sincerely,

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