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Chair, Planning Advisory Board

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The Honorable Steuart Pittman, County Executive
Anne Arundel County Government
Arundel Center, P.O. Box 2700
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RE: Planning Advisory Board Recommendation
on the 2022 Update to the Master Plan for
Water Supply and Sewerage Systems

Dear County Executive Pittman:

The Planning Advisory Board (PAB) is a citizen advisory board created by §532 of the Anne Arundel County Charter. Under § 533 (b) of the Charter, the PAB shall make advisory recommendations to the Planning and Zoning Officer and the County Council relating to various matters including Master Plans. Among those documents reviewed, and for which advisory recommendations are rendered by the PAB, is the *Master Plan for Water Supply and Sewerage Systems*.

The PAB met on March 9, 2022 and received a briefing on the PAB Draft Master Plan for Water Supply and Sewerage Systems (the Plan). The briefing summarized the Plan in the following parts:

- Background and purpose
- Changes to the Water Supply, Water Pressure Zones, and Water Service Categories
- Changes to the Sewerage Systems, Sewer Service Areas (SSA), and Sewer Service Categories
- The 177 and 183 Ritchie Highway Amendment to the Plan

After the staff presentation of the Plan on March 9, the PAB opened the public hearing. No members of the public provided oral testimony. The PAB accepted written testimony from March 9 through March 23, 2022, during which no written testimony was received.

The PAB deliberated about the Plan during a public meeting on March 23, 2022. The PAB voted unanimously 5-0 to recommend the Plan move forward to the County Council for review and adoption.

Also on March 23, the PAB heard a presentation from Office of Planning and Zoning staff on an additional Amendment to the triennial update of the Master Plan for Water Supply and Sewerage Systems. This amendment is for a future lower school for the Severn School on a 27-acre site at 1200 Ritchie Highway and 1141 Baltimore-Annapolis (B&A) Boulevard. This amendment also includes the Arnold Pet Station at 1212 Ritchie Highway and two parcels neighboring the Severn School property. This request is to change the Sewer Service Category from Future to Planned service in the Broadneck SSA.

After the staff presentation of the Severn School Amendment on March 23, the PAB opened a public hearing. No members of the public provided oral testimony. The PAB accepted written testimony from March 23 through March 29, 2022, during which no written testimony was received.

The PAB deliberated about the Severn School Amendment during a public meeting on March 30, 2022 and discussed that it is crucial that any new development in this area meets all traffic study requirements and are bound by their current guidelines. The PAB voted 5-1 to recommend the Severn School Amendment be incorporated into the 2022 update to the Master Plan for Water Supply and Sewerage Systems. The PAB is concerned about the congestion and traffic on Ritchie Highway.

The PAB appreciates the opportunity to provide you with its recommendations on the Master Plan for Water Supply and Sewerage Systems.

If there are any questions regarding these comments, please contact Michael Stringer in the Office of Planning and Zoning at pzstri20@aacounty.org.

Sincerely,



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Chair

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