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Chair, Planning Advisory Board

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The Honorable Stuart Pittman, County Executive
Anne Arundel County
Arundel Center, P.O. Box 2700
Annapolis, Maryland 21404

RE: Planning Advisory Board Deliberation on
Walk and Roll Anne Arundel

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.

The PAB met on February 8, 2023 and received a briefing on the draft of Walk and Roll Anne Arundel, the update of the Pedestrian and Bicycle Master Plan, from the Office of Transportation (OOT). The briefing summarized the Walk and Roll Plan in the following parts:

- Community involvement process, involving an online interactive web map and survey, in-person public meetings, and virtual public meetings.
- Creation of the bicycle and pedestrian network
- Prioritization of the recommended projects through a framework that considers potential demand, connectivity, safety, and equity
- Street design typologies, policy recommendations, and performance measures

After the staff presentation of the Walk and Roll Plan on February 8, the PAB opened the public hearing. The Board recognized one member of the public to provide oral testimony. The PAB accepted written testimony from February 8 through February 21, 2023, during which no testimony was submitted.

The PAB deliberated about the Walk and Roll Plan during a public meeting on February 24, 2023. The PAB voted unanimously 6-0 to recommend the Walk and Roll Plan move forward to

the County Council for review and adoption. The PAB recognizes the importance of pedestrian and bicycle infrastructure to the quality of life in Anne Arundel County and its benefits to public health and the environment. The PAB commends OOT on the quality of this plan and strongly supports its implementation.

The PAB provided the following specific recommendations for revision to the Plan.

PAB Recommendations for Walk and Roll Anne Arundel

1. The PAB recommends that construction of future trails, shared-use paths, and similar walking and bicycling infrastructure minimize clearing of trees and environmental disturbance to reduce impacts and to provide shade for these facilities.
2. The PAB encourages OOT to collaborate with the Department of Health to support implementation of priority projects and promote the public health benefits of walking and biking.

The PAB appreciates the opportunity to provide you with its recommendations on the Plan.

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

Sincerely,



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Chair

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