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Chair, Odenton Town Center Advisory Committee

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Ms. Jenny Jarkowski
Anne Arundel County Office of Planning and Zoning
2664 Riva Road, 4th Floor
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Re: 2025 Odenton Town Center Annual Report

Dear Ms. Jarkowski:

Representing the Odenton Town Center Advisory Committee (OTCAC), I am pleased to provide you with the Committee's recommendation of approval of the yearly Odenton Town Center (OTC) Annual Report. The OTCAC supports format revision to enhance the accessibility of the Annual Report for community residents. The Committee appreciated the diligence completed by the County to establish markers on the goals and policies. These markers reflect and track the progress that the Odenton area is making to achieve the vision of the OTC Master Plan. While this Report format is new and will be adjusted in future years as residents and business owners provide feedback, the OTCAC provided several comments for the County to improve this initial version of the Annual Report.

The Committee recommended adding a paragraph within the "About the Plan" or "Introduction" sections to explain the significant shift in the format of the Annual Report from previous years. The OTCAC believes that this will help readers to understand why the content shifted significantly and the data tables were removed from the report. Additionally, a "Resources" section should be added at the end, providing locations for readers to find the supplemental information previously included in the report. This section should include but not be limited to, school utilization by feeder system, present and projected student enrollment, sewer allocation report for the Patuxent Sewer Service Area, Water Demand Projections for the Kings Heights / Odenton Water Pressure Zone, the population and employment forecasts, and holding capacity of vacant and underutilized parcels.

The Committee noted the removal of many links between the Annual Report and external studies, such as the Transportation Master Plan and Walk & Roll Anne Arundel!. The OTCAC recommends including links or locations of these external plans within a "Resources" section to enable the reader to easily locate other County plans that are relevant to the Odenton Town Center. OTCAC members noted that previously the Annual Report was a center point for information from other studies and plans, and while that information often was not current due to

update schedules, a total removal was not in the best interests of the community. The new Annual Report format lends itself to being a linking document to bring the Odenton Town Center Master Plan together with the other plans.

Lastly, regarding the Status of the Strategies within each section and the Appendix C Implementation Matrix, the OTCAC recognized that some strategies would not ever reach a state of completion and recommended a new status be created to represent an “ongoing” approach. Additionally, the Committee cautioned that some of the updates were particularly focused on a specific development, such as NE1.1d listing the P2022-0014 project and should not be treated as “Completed” based upon success from a single development. The OTCAC recommended performance measures that accounted for trends or proportions to better measure an indication of success. In order to track the implementations of the strategies, both the Committee and community members recommended including the owner of the implementation of the strategy.

Thank you for considering these recommendations to improve the Annual Report. The OTCAC looks forward to continued collaboration with the County in line with the vision of the OTC Master Plan.

Please let us know if you need further information or have questions.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, reading "Jason Schwier".

Jason M. Schwier, Chair
Odenton Town Center Advisory Committee