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July 28, 2026

Ms. Jenny Dempsey
Anne Arundel County Office of Planning and Zoning
2664 Riva Road, 4th Floor
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Re: 2026 Odenton Town Center Annual Report

Dear Ms. Dempsey:

Thank you for the opportunity to review and comment on the 2026 Odenton Town Center Master Plan Annual Report. Staff provided an update at our recent meeting on July 7th, and the OTCAC provided comments and unanimously voted to recommend approval. The OTCAC appreciated the diligence the County demonstrated in providing updates to the strategies. These updates reflect and track the progress that the Odenton area is making to achieve the vision of the OTC Master Plan.

The OTCAC remains committed to advocating for the shared vision of a vibrant, walkable, and transit-supportive community in Odenton. In evaluating the current progress, challenges, and targets set forth by the Master Plan, the Committee discussed the following in the ongoing implementation and planning efforts.

We respectfully request that the Office of Planning and Zoning coordinate a joint discussion with key partner agencies to further delve into specific strategies for which they are responsible. Specifically, we would like to invite the Department of Recreation and Parks to join us in discussing the Odenton Library Community Park and rail spur. We would also like the Office of Transportation to join us and provide an update on transit, transit infrastructure, and scenic and historic roads.

We recognize that the Master Plan is fundamentally an aspirational framework designed to guide our long-term vision. However, to ensure these concepts translate into reality, we will continue to discuss the practical feasibility of these strategies and make recommendations for the next OTC Master Plan.

Finally, we want to reiterate our continued interest in seeing substantial improvements to local bicycle and pedestrian facilities. Achieving a truly walkable and safe multimodal network is core

to the OTC vision. We advocate for prioritizing funding, infrastructure grants, and development requirements that make multi-modal transportation safe and accessible for everyone.

We appreciate your department's continued support of the OTCAC and our shared mission. Please let us know if you need further information or have questions.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, reading "Colette Gelwicks". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a long, sweeping underline that extends to the right.

Colette Gelwicks, Chair
Odenton Town Center Advisory Committee