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April 26, 2022

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Dear Mr. Murrill:

Thank you for your letter dated April 21, 2022, to the Mayor and Council of Rockville ("Mayor and Council"), requesting the City of Rockville's written concurrence that the proposed I-495 & I-270 Managed Lanes Study (the "**Proposed I-495 / I-270 Project**") would have *de minimis* Section 4(f) impacts on three (3) parks owned and managed by the City of Rockville: (i) Rockmead Park, (ii) Woottons Mill Park, and (iii) Rockville Senior Center and Park. The authority to provide written concurrence rests with the Mayor and Council of Rockville.

Enclosed as requested is the City of Rockville's signed Section 4(f) *de minimis* concurrence for the three subject parks. Mayor and Council's concurrence is contingent upon (i) delivery to the City of the mitigation commitments outlined in your April 21st letter, including 7.22 acres of specific replacement parkland across four separate properties, and (ii) incorporation of context-sensitive design solutions. These commitments are intended to compensate the City of Rockville for the 5.4 total acres of City-owned parkland to be affected by the Proposed I-495 / I-270 Project—should the Project proceed beyond a Record of Decision.

To be clear, Mayor and Council's limited Section 4(f) *de minimis* concurrence herein is not, and should not be construed, as support for either the Proposed I-495 / I-270 Project, or as a waiver of Mayor and Council's valid concerns communicated in its prior submitted comments. Mayor and Council takes this very limited action in order to maximize a fair mitigation package for any City-owned parkland impacts that would occur should the Proposed I-495 / I-270 Project proceed beyond a Record of Decision. This step, as with any future actions by Mayor and Council regarding the Proposed I-495 / I-270 Project, is taken solely in furtherance of the best interests of the City's residents.

We look forward to further discussions with the United States Federal Highway Administration and the Maryland Department of Transportation State Highway Administration and their Project consultants to protect against and appropriately mitigate the Proposed I-495 / I-270 Project's disparate and significant impacts on the City of Rockville.

Sincerely,

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