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Mr. Gregory Murrill, Division Administrator
 Federal Highway Administration
 U.S. Department of Transportation
 31 Hopkins Plaza, Suite 1520
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Dear Mr. Murrill,

Rockville’s Mayor and Council join the Montgomery County State Delegation in asking that the Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) require the Maryland Department of Transportation (MDOT) to add an additional review and public comment period of 60 days, up to and including September 17, 2022 for the Final Environmental Impact Statement (FEIS) for the I-495 & 1-270 Managed Lanes Study. As you know, Rockville is the municipality that would be most impacted by this phase of the project. We seek time to understand the numerous impacts on Rockville and its residents.

The document released June 17, 2022 is well over 26,000 pages long. It contains new material that was not available for public comment in any of the previous releases. These include federally mandated analyses for greenhouse gas emissions, environmental justice, mitigation plans, and replies to over 5,000 public comments. Additionally, we understand a new traffic model has been used and that differences in traffic numbers between the SDEIS and the FEIS are not well explained or explained at all.

The City of Rockville believes it is imperative that public comment be accepted for any new or substantially revised material. This includes all input and output data to and from the FEIS traffic modeling process and all appropriate documentation. We and our partners require this time to read and understand the material.

Sincerely,

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*Enclosure: Montgomery County Delegation FWHA Comment Period