

# Appendix 3

## Additional Support Letters

Letters included in this section are from:

a. **Congressional Representatives**

- Gerald Connolly (VA-11), James Moran (VA-8), Frank Wolf (VA-10): July 14, 2010

**Regional Transit Operator, WMATA**

- Nat Bottigheimer, Assistant General Manager, WMATA: August 17, 2010

**National Organizations**

- Kimberly Hodgson, Manager, Planning and Community Health Research Center, American Planning Association: August 16, 2010

b. **Other Local Support:**

**Mayors, County Managers, and Planning Directors**

- William Euille, Mayor of City of Alexandria: August 3, 2010
- Michael Brown, Arlington County Manager: August 18, 2010
- Terry Schum, City of College Park Planning Director: July 30, 2010
- Robert Brosnan, Arlington County Planning Director: July 21, 2010
- Rollin Stanley, Montgomery County Planning Director: July 20, 2010

**Housing Directors**

- Mildrilyn Stephens Davis, Director, Office of Housing, City of Alexandria: August 9, 2010
- Richard Nelson, Director, Department of Housing and Community Affairs, Montgomery County: July 26, 2010
- Leila Finucane Edmonds, Director, Department of Housing and Community Development, District of Columbia

**Public Health Directors**

- Gloria Ado-Ayensu, Director of Health, Fairfax County: August 5, 2010

**Environmental Directors**

- William Skrabak, Deputy Director, Office of Environmental Quality, Department of Transportation and Environmental Services, City of Alexandria: August 9, 2010

c. **Not Yet Participating Jurisdictions**

- City of Bowie letter from Joseph Meinert, Director of Planning and Economic Development: July 20, 2010
- City of Gaithersburg letter from Lauren Pruss, Planning Director: July 19, 2010

**Congress of the United States**  
**Washington, DC 20515**

July 14, 2010

The Honorable Ray LaHood  
Secretary  
US Department of Transportation  
1200 New Jersey Ave SE  
Washington, DC 20590

Dear Secretary LaHood,

Thank you for your leadership to promote a balanced portfolio of multimodal transportation options in communities throughout the nation. Under your leadership, the Department of Transportation is developing holistic policies to reduce congestion by offering more transportation options in more livable communities. We write to you on behalf of Fairfax County, Va., which is submitting applications under the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act's Transportation Investment Generating Economic Recovery (TIGER) II grant program. We commend their proposals and highlight those that would enhance multimodal transportation in the National Capital Region.

Fairfax joins the Metropolitan Washington Council of Governments in submitting a \$14 million request for a regional bike sharing and bike access program. The proposal would provide a decentralized form of public transportation at Metro stations throughout the region, expanding the effective range of the region's public transportation network. This request would allow the region to achieve the necessary scale for a bike sharing program to attract and maintain ridership among many who do not currently use bikes for transportation.

The County's \$1 million request for a transit study along the Richmond Highway would jumpstart the planning process to accommodate significant growth in future commuters along the corridor. Richmond Highway (U.S. Route 1) is a heavily congested corridor connecting Washington, D.C., with communities in Northern Virginia. It provides access to multiple military installations, including the Pentagon, Fort Belvoir, and Quantico Marine Base, and historic attractions such as Mount Vernon. Beginning next year, it will serve many of the 22,000 Department of Defense employees who are relocating as part of the 2005 Base Realignment and Closure movements from transit-accessible sites in Arlington to auto-dependent locations at Fort Belvoir. Richmond Highway and Interstate 95, the two major roads providing vehicle access to Fort Belvoir, already suffer severe congestion even during non-peak hours. Expanding transit and commuting options will be critical to achieving successful implementation of these BRAC movements. Among other topics, the proposed study would consider pending legislation we have introduced (H.R. 1635) to extend the regional Metrorail system further south.

Fairfax also submitted a \$20 million request for the U.S. Route 29/Gallows Road project that will complete the funding of vital multimodal transportation improvements in the Merrifield area where a community-wide revitalization is underway, anchored by a new town center. The entire region will benefit from this project

through more efficient traffic operations and dramatically improved pedestrian access to the Dunn Loring Metro station, which is vital to reducing auto dependence in the Merrifield area. This project also will significantly improve the southern gateway to Tysons Corner, which is Northern Virginia's largest employment center. The county recently approved new long-term plans for Tysons to create mixed-use, transit oriented urban centers to support the Dulles Corridor Metrorail Project.

Each of these projects would provide significant investments in the region and its future. As the Department of Transportation Reviews the proposals submitted for the TIGER II program, we would appreciate your consideration for Fairfax County's initiatives.

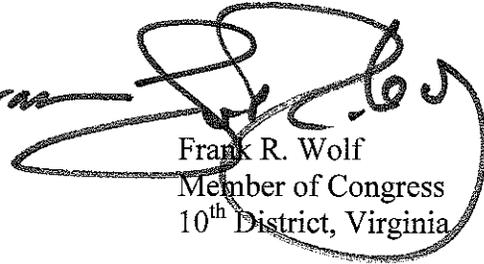
Sincerely,



Gerald E. Connolly  
Member of Congress  
11<sup>th</sup> District, Virginia



James P. Moran  
Member of Congress  
8<sup>th</sup> District, Virginia



Frank R. Wolf  
Member of Congress  
10<sup>th</sup> District, Virginia



August 17, 2010

Chairman David Snyder  
National Capital Region Transportation Planning Board  
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Dear Chairman Snyder,

The Washington Metropolitan Area Transit Authority (WMATA) is pleased to submit this letter of support for the National Capital Region Transportation Planning Board's application for TIGER II grant funds for a regional bike-sharing and infrastructure program.

WMATA actively promotes bicycling as a complementary mode to transit, viewing bicycle access as an extension of transit that allows our customers to access our system from distances too lengthy to walk. Since bicycles cannot always be accommodated in our rail system due to capacity constraints, WMATA seeks to promote alternatives such as bike-sharing, which allow our riders to make that 'last mile' trip without having to bring their bike on the rails. Bike-sharing offers riders an easy way to get to an appointment or meeting in a location that is not otherwise transit accessible. To facilitate this opportunity, WMATA will be working with our local partners to site bike-sharing stations at or near Metro stations to maximize opportunities for the bike-transit connection. In addition to the bike-transit connection, WMATA also recognizes the many other benefits that bicycling offers in terms of physical health, decreased air emissions and motorized vehicle congestion, and cost-effectiveness as a mode of station access.

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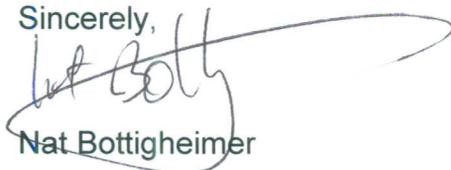
*A District of Columbia,  
Maryland and Virginia  
Transit Partnership*

Dear Chairman Snyder  
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Providing a regional bike-sharing system will increase bicycling opportunities not only for seasoned cyclists, but for the occasional or new cyclist as well, and help make our region more livable.

We believe this project can make a significant contribution to the quality of life in our region and look forward to participating in its implementation.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Nat Bottigheimer", with a large, sweeping flourish extending to the right.

Nat Bottigheimer  
Assistant General Manager  
Department of Planning & Joint Development



August 18, 2010

Mr. David Snyder  
Chair, National Capital Region Transportation Planning Board  
777 North Capitol Street NE, Suite 300  
Washington, DC 20002

Dear Chairman Snyder:

I am writing to express the American Planning Association's support for the National Capital Region Transportation Planning Board's application for a Regional Bike-Sharing Project under the U.S. DOT's TIGER II competitive discretionary grant program.

The American Planning Association has long supported increased investment of transportation dollars to enhance the livability of communities by promoting more affordable transportation alternatives for all people, providing people with more low- and non-polluting transportation options, and encouraging active transportation to improve human health. The Planning and Community Health Research Center (PCH), a program of APA, is committed to helping local and regional governments create healthier, more sustainable communities and shape better places for future generations.

This project will complement PCH programs by reducing air pollution and motor vehicle traffic, creating opportunities for physical activity, improving access to variety of destinations, goods and services—employment, school, health care, food and other shopping—and promoting healthy lifestyles throughout the region. Such a program can reduce risk factors for obesity and chronic disease, mental illness, respiratory illness, and injury and death.

We see a strong need for new and innovative options such as bike-sharing, which will make the Washington region more livable by making sustainable modes like bicycling more accessible and safe. The proposed regional bike-sharing system will serve as a model for communities across the country.

The American Planning Association enthusiastically supports the region's grant application. We are looking forward to the implementation of the program, which will provide an environmentally sustainable, affordable and healthy means of transport for the metropolitan Washington region.

Sincerely,

Kimberley Hodgson  
Manager, Planning and Community Health Research Center  
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202-349-1009

cc: Ron Kirby, National Capital Region Transportation Planning Board

b. Other Local Support:

Mayors, County Managers, and Planning Directors

Housing Directors

Public Health Directors

Environmental Directors



*City of Alexandria, Virginia*  
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*William D. Euille*  
Mayor

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August 3, 2010

Mr. David Snyder, Chair  
National Capital Region Transportation Planning Board  
777 North Capitol Street, N.E., Suite 300  
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Dear Mr. Snyder:

On behalf of the City of Alexandria, I would like to reaffirm our support for the National Capital Region Transportation Planning Board's application for the Regional Bike-Sharing Project.

The City of Alexandria has long supported increased investment of transportation dollars to give the region's residents and visitors more low- and non-polluting transportation options, such as bicycling and mass transit. In Alexandria, the regional system would include 17 stations and nearly 150 bikes clustered around high-capacity transit locations with the potential to shift tens of thousands of single occupant vehicle trips to bicycling and transit.

This project fits well with our Eco-City Alexandria initiative and will complement the programs we support by reducing air pollution and promoting healthy lifestyles throughout the region. It will allow people new, convenient and affordable access to transit, and reduce the need for costly and environmentally damaging new infrastructure. We see a strong need for new and innovative options such as bike-sharing, which will make the Washington region more livable by making sustainable modes, like bicycling, more accessible and safe.

This application was approved by the TPB on June 16, 2010, and the City of Alexandria enthusiastically supports the region's grant application. We are looking forward to the implementation of the proposed projects, which will provide an environmentally sustainable, affordable and healthy means of transport for the region.

Sincerely,

  
William D. Euille  
Mayor

cc: Ron Kirby, National Capital Region Transportation Planning Board

*"Home Town of George Washington and Robert E. Lee"*



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August 18, 2010

U.S. Department of Transportation  
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Washington, DC 20591

Dear Sir or Madam:

Arlington County is pleased to take part in the Metropolitan Washington Transportation Planning Board's submission to the Department of Transportation (DOT) Fiscal Year 2010 TIGER II Discretionary Grant Program, for an expanded regional bikesharing system.

Bikesharing is an exciting and cost-efficient new way to provide local transit services, in which bicycles are parked at a network of stations, and users pay a fee for short-term rental of a bike for travel to another station. Arlington has already partnered with the District of Columbia to launch a 1,100-bike network, but this funding opportunity would allow a dramatic expansion of the program to over 3,500 bikes spread throughout the region.

Arlington County remains committed to maintaining fiscal responsibility and sustainability, and to providing the resources necessary to satisfy the expectations of our residents. Please be assured that should our proposal be accepted, Arlington County pledges to meet all terms of the grant agreement, including providing the necessary non-federal matching funds.

We thank you in advance for your consideration of this funding proposal. Please do not hesitate to contact me if you require any additional information or have any questions regarding our submission.

Sincerely,

*Michael B. Brown*

Michael B. Brown  
County Manager



July 30, 2010

Mr. David Snyder  
Chair, National Capital Region Transportation Planning Board  
777 North Capitol Street, NE  
Suite 300  
Washington, DC 20002

Re: Tiger II Regional Bike-Sharing Project Application

Dear Chairman Snyder:

I am writing to express the support of the City of College Park Department of Planning, Community and Economic Development for the National Capital Region Transportation Planning Board's application for a Regional Bike-Sharing Project under the U.S. DOT's TIGER II competitive discretionary grant program.

The City of College Park is a long-time member of the Washington Metropolitan Area Council of Governments and supports increased investment of transportation dollars to enhance the livability of communities by promoting more affordable transportation alternatives for residents, providing residents and visitors with more low- and non-polluting transportation options, and encouraging active transportation to improve human health. This project will help to implement the recently approved Central US 1 Corridor Sector Plan and Sectional Map Amendment that calls for increased use of walking and biking as a way to decrease traffic congestion along the Route 1 corridor.

As a college town, the City of College Park, along with the University of Maryland, is working on projects and programs that will reduce air pollution and promote healthy lifestyles on campus and throughout the city. The City Council recently tasked the Planning Department with preparing a bicycle master plan to complement the bicycle study recently completed by the University of Maryland. Bike sharing will become an important component of these efforts and will make the Washington region and our community more livable by making sustainable modes like bicycling more accessible and safe.

This application was approved by the TPB on June 16, 2010 and the College Park Planning Department enthusiastically supports the region's grant application. We are looking forward to the implementation of the proposed projects, which will provide an environmentally sustainable, affordable and healthy means of transport for the region.

Sincerely,

*Terry Schum*  
Terry Schum, AICP  
Planning Director

cc: Ron Kirby, National Capital Region Transportation Planning Board

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July 21, 2010

Mr. David Snyder  
Chair, National Capital Region Transportation Planning Board  
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Dear Chairman Snyder:

I am writing to express Arlington County Planning Division's support for the National Capital Region Transportation Planning Board's application for a Regional Bike-Sharing Project under the U.S. DOT's TIGER II competitive discretionary grant program.

Arlington County has long supported increased investment of transportation dollars to enhance the livability of communities by promoting more affordable transportation alternatives for residents, providing residents and visitors with more low- and non-polluting transportation options, and encouraging active transportation to improve human health. This project will complement the programs we support by reducing air pollution and promoting healthy lifestyles throughout the region. It will provide alternative options to the single occupant vehicle, allow people new, convenient and affordable access to transit, and reduce the need for costly and potentially environmentally damaging new infrastructure.

We see a strong need for new and innovative options such as bike-sharing, which will make the Washington region more livable by making sustainable modes like bicycling more accessible and safe. The proposed bike-sharing system in Arlington will benefit our residents by providing increased opportunities to make non-auto trips to both work and play.

This application was approved by the TPB on June 16, 2010 and the Arlington County Planning Division enthusiastically supports the region's grant application. We are looking forward to the implementation of the proposed projects, which will provide an environmentally sustainable, affordable and healthy means of transport for the region.

Sincerely,

  
Robert E. Brosnan  
Planning Director

cc: Ron Kirby, National Capital Region Transportation Planning Board



**MONTGOMERY COUNTY PLANNING DEPARTMENT**  
THE MARYLAND-NATIONAL CAPITAL PARK AND PLANNING COMMISSION

July 20, 2010

Mr. David Snyder  
Chair, National Capital Region Transportation Planning Board  
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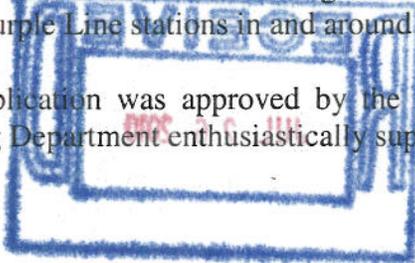
Dear Chairman Snyder:

I am writing to express the Montgomery County Planning Department's support for the National Capital Region Transportation Planning Board's application for a Regional Bike-Sharing Project under the U.S. DOT's TIGER II competitive discretionary grant program.

As part of the Maryland-National Capital Park and Planning Commission (M-NCPPC), our mission is to manage physical growth and plan communities, protect and steward natural, cultural and historic resources, and to provide leisure and recreational experiences. M-NCPPC has long supported transportation investments to enhance the livability of communities by promoting more affordable transportation alternatives, providing more low- and non-polluting transportation options, and encouraging active transportation to improve human health. Among the projects we are currently engaged in, the Purple Line, Capital Crescent Trail, and Metropolitan Branch Trail stand out for their potential to reduce dependence on the automobile. The regional bike-sharing project will complement the programs we support by reducing air pollution and promoting healthy lifestyles throughout the region. It will provide alternative options to the single occupant vehicle, allow people new, convenient and affordable access to transit, and help reduce the need for more costly new infrastructure.

We strongly promote innovative travel options such as bike-sharing, which will make the Washington region more livable by making sustainable modes like bicycling more accessible and safe. The proposed bike-sharing system in Montgomery County will benefit our residents by creating a network of bike-sharing stations within a short distance of our existing Red Line and future Purple Line stations in and around Bethesda and Silver Spring.

This application was approved by the TPB on June 16, 2010 and the Montgomery County Planning Department enthusiastically supports the region's grant application.



Mr. David Snyder  
National Capital Region  
Transportation Planning Board  
July 20, 2010  
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We are looking forward to the implementation of the proposed projects, which will provide an environmentally sustainable, affordable and healthy means of transport for the region.

Sincerely,



Rollin Stanley, Director  
Planning Department

cc: Ron Kirby,  
National Capital Region Transportation Planning Board





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August 9, 2010

Mr. David Snyder  
Chair, National Capital Region Transportation Planning Board  
777 North Capitol Street, NE, Suite 300  
Washington, DC 20002

Dear Chairman Snyder:

I am writing to express the Alexandria Office of Housing's support for the National Capital Region Transportation Planning Board's (TPB) application for a Regional Bike-Sharing Project under the TIGER II competitive discretionary grant program.

The Office of Housing is dedicated to the production and preservation of affordable housing within the City of Alexandria, Virginia. The proposed bike-sharing project will provide more convenient access to a range of public transportation alternatives and is consistent with the City's Eco-charter and its Strategic Plan. Pursuant to our mission, the Office of Housing is supportive of the development and maintenance of infrastructure and systems which enhance the livability of communities and which promote affordable, green and healthy transportation options for residents. With seventeen bike stations planned around the City's four metro stops, we believe that many low and moderate income residents of affordable housing developments which are located within the 1 to 2 mile bike sheds can benefit from the program when implemented.

The bike-sharing project application was approved by the TPB on June 16, 2010 and the Office of Housing supports the region's grant application. We

look forward to implementation of the proposed project, which will provide a more environmentally sustainable, affordable and healthy means of transport for the participating jurisdictions.

Sincerely,

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Mildrilyn Stephens Davis  
Director

cc: Ron Kirby, National Capital Region Transportation Planning Board  
Yon Lambert, Deputy Director, Operations and Maintenance,  
Department of Transportation and Environmental Services



DEPARTMENT OF HOUSING AND COMMUNITY AFFAIRS

Isiah Leggett  
County Executive

Richard Y. Nelson, Jr.  
Director

July 26, 2010

Mr. David Snyder, Chair  
National Capital Region Transportation Planning Board  
777 North Capitol Street, NE, Suite 300  
Washington, DC 20002

Dear Chairman Snyder:

I am writing to express the support of the Montgomery County Department of Housing and Community Affairs (DHCA) for the National Capital Region Transportation Planning Board's (TPB) application for a Regional Bike-Sharing Project under the U.S. DOT's TIGER II competitive discretionary grant program.

As a housing agency our primary goal is expanding housing affordability, particularly for those with the lowest incomes. However, we have long recognized that transportation is also a critical component of household expenditures and that access to reliable and affordable transportation options helps low-income households meet all of their needs. We see a strong need for new and innovative options such as bike-sharing, which will make the Washington region more livable by making sustainable modes like bicycling more accessible and safe. The proposed expansion of the bike sharing program into Montgomery County will benefit our residents by creating a low-cost, environmentally sound and healthy means of transportation that alone or combined with walking or transit will increase our residents' mobility.

This application was approved by the TPB on June 16, 2010, and the Department of Housing and Community Affairs enthusiastically supports the region's grant application.

Sincerely,

Richard Y. Nelson, Jr.  
Director

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cc: Ron Kirby  
National Capital Region Transportation Planning Board

Office of the Director

GOVERNMENT OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA  
Department of Housing and Community Development

Office of the Director



Mr. David Snyder  
Chair, National Capital Region Transportation Planning Board  
777 North Capitol Street, NE  
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Dear Chairman Synder:

I am writing to express that the Department of Housing and Community Development (DHCD) is in support for the National Capital Region Transportation Planning Board's application for a Regional Bike-Sharing Project under the U.S. DOT's Tiger II competitive discretionary grant program.

The mission of the DHCD has long supported increased investment of transportation dollars to enhance the livability of communities and promote more affordable transportation alternatives for residents. This project will complement the programs we support by providing convenient access to affordable transportation alternatives, including shared bicycles and improved access to mass transit, which will reduce auto-dependency and its related strain on households with limited incomes.

We see a strong need for new and innovative options such as bike-sharing, which will make the Washington region more livable by making sustainable modes like bicycling more accessible and safe. The proposed bike-sharing system in Washington, DC will benefit our residents by providing a more economical alternative to commuting that is environmentally friendly.

This application was approved by the Transportation Planning Board on June 16, 2010 and DHCD enthusiastically supports the region's grant application. We are looking forward to the implementation of the proposed projects, which will provide an environmentally sustainable, affordable, and healthy means of transport for the region.

Sincerely,

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Leila Finucane Edmonds  
Director

cc: Ron Kirby, National Capital Region Transportation Planning Board



# County of Fairfax, Virginia

To protect and enrich the quality of life for the people, neighborhoods and diverse communities of Fairfax County

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August 5, 2010

Mr. David Snyder  
Chair, National Capital Region Transportation Planning Board  
777 North Capitol Street, NE  
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Washington, DC 20002

Dear Chairman Snyder:

On behalf of the Fairfax County Health Department, I am pleased to endorse the National Capital Region Transportation Planning Board's application for a Regional Bike-Sharing Project under the U.S. DOT's TIGER II competitive discretionary grant program.

The mission of the Fairfax County Health Department is to protect, promote and improve the health and quality of life of all Fairfax residents. With a population of approximately 1.2 million, Fairfax County is the most populous jurisdiction in both Virginia and the Washington, DC National Capital Region (NCR). The Health Department serves the residents of Fairfax County, Fairfax City, Falls Church City, and the Towns of Reston, Herndon, Vienna, and Clifton.

Fairfax County is committed to health promotion initiatives that encourage individuals to take preventive measures and adopt healthier lifestyles. Our Prevention System is broad based and encompasses community nonprofits, faith based entities, schools, community members, and public agencies in Fairfax. We support interventions (such as being proposed under this grant) that have a regional and community focus.

Studies show that people are more likely to change their behaviors when they encounter positive messages and supports for behavior change in their surrounding community – their family, their social network, their neighborhood institutions, and the media. Providing the region's residents with more opportunities to build physical activity into their day through the promotion of active transportation, such as bicycling and walking, will go a long way towards increasing the health of our community.

We see a strong need for new and innovative options such as bike-sharing, which will make the Washington region more livable by making healthy, sustainable modes like bicycling more accessible and safe. The Fairfax County Health Department enthusiastically supports the region's grant application. We look forward to the implementation of the proposed projects, which will provide a healthy, affordable and environmentally sustainable means of transport for the region.

Sincerely,

Gloria Ado-Ayensu, MD, MPH  
Director of Health

cc: Ron Kirby, National Capital Region Transportation Planning Board  
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DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION AND ENVIRONMENTAL SERVICES  
Office of Environmental Quality  
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August 09, 2010

Mr. David Snyder  
Chair, National Capital Region Transportation Planning Board  
777 North Capitol Street, NE  
Suite 300  
Washington, DC 20002

Dear Chairman Snyder:

I am writing to express the City of Alexandria's support for the National Capital Region Transportation Planning Board's application for the Regional Bike-Sharing Project.

The City of Alexandria has long supported increased investment of transportation dollars to give the region's residents and visitors more low- and non-polluting transportation options, such as bicycling and mass transit. This project will complement the programs we support by reducing air pollution and promoting healthy lifestyles throughout the region. It will provide alternative options to the use of single occupant vehicles, allow people new, convenient and affordable access to transit, and reduce the need for costly and environmentally damaging new infrastructure.

We see a strong need for new and innovative options such as bike-sharing, which will make the Washington region more livable by making sustainable modes like bicycling more accessible and safe. As a project partner, the proposed bike-sharing system will address and is complementary to many of Alexandria's transportation goals outlined in its Eco-City Charter and Environmental Action Plan 2030 such as promoting multi-modal travel by creating city streets that put "people first" and reducing the number of vehicle miles traveled (VMTs) on a per capita basis.

This application was approved by the TPB on June 16, 2010 and the City of Alexandria enthusiastically supports the region's grant application. We are looking forward to the implementation of the proposed projects, which will provide an environmentally sustainable, affordable and healthy means of transport for the region.

Sincerely,



William Skrabak, Deputy Director  
Department of Transportation and Environmental Services,  
Office of Environmental Quality  
City of Alexandria

cc: Richard Baier, P.E., LEED AP, Director, T&ES  
Abi Lerner, Deputy Director of Transportation, T&ES  
Erica Bannerman, Senior Environmental Specialist, OEQ, T&ES  
Ron Kirby, National Capital Region Transportation Planning Board

c. Not yet participating jurisdictions



# City of Bowie

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July 20, 2010

Mr. David Snyder  
Chair, National Capital Region Transportation Planning Board  
777 North Capitol Street, NE  
Suite 300  
Washington, DC 20002

RE: Regional Bike-Sharing Project

Dear Chairman Snyder:

I am writing to express the City of Bowie's support for the National Capital Region Transportation Planning Board's application for a Regional Bike-Sharing Project under the U.S. DOT's TIGER II competitive discretionary grant program.

The mission of the City of Bowie is, in partnership with the community, to provide a cost-effective system of services and facilitate compatible economic development that enhances quality of life within a positive and sustaining physical environment. The mission of the City's Planning Department is to influence, in a positive and constructive way and with significant citizen involvement, our City's growth and physical development. The Planning Department prepares and coordinates plans, studies and recommendations and participates in public policy planning including, but not limited to, transportation planning and recreation and public properties planning.

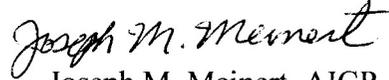
The Planning Department has long supported increased investment of transportation dollars to enhance the livability of communities by promoting more affordable transportation alternatives for residents, providing residents and visitors with more low- and non-polluting transportation options, and encouraging active transportation to improve human health. This project will complement the programs we support by reducing air pollution and promoting healthy lifestyles throughout the region. It will provide alternative options to the single occupant vehicle, allow people new, convenient and affordable access to transit, and reduce the need for costly and potentially environmentally damaging new infrastructure.

We see a strong need for new and innovative options such as bike-sharing, which will make the Washington region more livable by making sustainable modes like bicycling more accessible and safe. The proposed bike-sharing system in the region will benefit our residents by providing a low-cost, efficient and non-motorized transportation option for them to use in downtown Washington, D.C. or at selected Metro stations.

Letter to Mr. David Snyder

This application was approved by the TPB on June 16, 2010, and City of Bowie enthusiastically supports the region's grant application. We are looking forward to the implementation of the proposed projects, which will provide an environmentally sustainable, affordable and healthy means of transport for the region.

Sincerely,



Joseph M. Meinert, AICP  
Director of Planning and  
Economic Development

cc: City Council  
City Manager  
Mr. Ron Kirby



**Gaithersburg**  
A CHARACTER COUNTS! CITY

July 19, 2010

Mr. David Snyder  
Chair, National Capital Region Transportation Planning Board  
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Washington, DC 20002

Dear Chairman Snyder:

I am writing to express the City of Gaithersburg's support for the National Capital Region Transportation Planning Board's application for a Regional Bike-Sharing Project under the U.S. DOT's TIGER II competitive discretionary grant program.

The mission of the City of Gaithersburg's Planning Department is to ensure that all planning and development considers and responds to the City's environmental, transportation, economic, social, and civic needs. The City of Gaithersburg has long supported increased investment of transportation dollars to enhance the livability of communities by promoting more affordable transportation alternatives for residents, providing residents and visitors with more low- and non-polluting transportation options, and encouraging active transportation to improve human health. This project will complement the programs we support by reducing air pollution and promoting healthy lifestyles throughout the region. It will provide alternative options to the single occupant vehicle, allow people new, convenient and affordable access to transit, and reduce the need for costly and potentially environmentally damaging new infrastructure.

We see a strong need for new and innovative options such as bike-sharing, which will make the Washington region more livable by making sustainable modes like bicycling more accessible and safe. The proposed bike-sharing system in Gaithersburg will benefit our residents by increasing transportation options for our residents, reducing air pollution and promoting healthy lifestyles.

This application was approved by the TPB on June 16, 2010 and the City of Gaithersburg enthusiastically supports the region's grant application. We are looking forward to the implementation of the proposed projects, which will provide an environmentally sustainable, affordable and healthy means of transport for the region.

Sincerely,

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cc: Ron Kirby, National Capital Region Transportation Planning Board

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