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Parker Williams, Administrator  
State Highway Administration  
707 North Calvert Street  
Baltimore, MD 21202

Dear Mr. Williams:

I grew up in Montgomery County and still live there. This year, I began following the Intercounty Connector issue. After reading the Draft Environmental Impact Statement/Major Investment Study Overview, I realized that it left many questions unanswered. Indeed, it seemed biased against mass transit and gave the highway alternatives kinder treatment.

In order to carefully assess this study, the public needs more than the 75 days granted by your administration. We must consult the 1,000 page full study, which took your department four years to produce; we need more than 2.5 months to review this document and formulate questions for the hearings and for the record.

I ask you to, at the very least, extend the comment period to 120 days. This would give us time to review the study and its technical appendices.

Second, please make one hearing accessible by public transit, namely Metrorail. Richard Montgomery High School is near the Rockville Metro and thus would be an ideal site. Besides, you don't have to have two hearings at Springbrook High School.

Third, make the DEIS/MIS more accessible by putting it on the SHA website, along with the technical documents. This would make it easier for the public to access the document they paid \$1 million to research and produce.

There is no reason to hurry this process, because no decisions will be made until the end of the year. As a public official, please act to include the public in this process as much as possible by allowing more time to review the documents and easier access to them.

Thank you for considering these requests. And remember that people dislike traffic and gridlock, so think mass transit.

Sincerely,

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cc: Gov. Parris Glendening