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June 8, 2015

The Honorable Craig Rice  
Councilmember  
District 2  
100 Maryland Avenue, 6<sup>th</sup> Floor  
Rockville, MD 20850

Dear Councilmember Rice:

This is in reference to your May 12, 2015 letter requesting a pedestrian road safety audit along MD 118 (Germantown Road) and along MD 355 (Frederick Road) in Germantown, Montgomery County. We appreciate your interest in safety and assure you that safety is the first and foremost priority of the State Highway Administration (SHA).

SHA realizes the relationship between safety of pedestrians and transit environments along our roadways and has started broad conversations with our regional and local transit partners on topics of mutual interest. We are working to develop and implement policies and solutions to enhance safety of all road users. The SHA has implemented a Pedestrian Road Safety Audit (PRSA) program to systematically review high pedestrian crash corridors. The SHA is prioritizing PRSA studies in these corridors based on historical crash data. The subject corridors referenced in your letter are not one of the priority locations. As a result, we cannot undertake a full PRSA study of these corridors at this time. However, my traffic engineering staff will undertake a comprehensive traffic safety study along these corridors with emphasis on pedestrian and transit safety. As part of the study, we will meet with all stake holders, including Washington Metropolitan Transit Authority (WMATA) and Montgomery County, to identify specific concerns. We will collect and analyze traffic and safety data and develop improvements. This study is expected to be completed within 90 days, at which time we will share our findings with you. My staff and I are also available for a field meeting, if you should deem it necessary.

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Thank you, again, for your letter. If we may be of any further assistance, please do not hesitate to contact me directly at 301-513-7498, or toll-free in Maryland at 800-749-0737 or via email at [amookherjee@sha.state.md.us](mailto:amookherjee@sha.state.md.us).

Sincerely,



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