



May 14, 2013

The Honorable Nancy Navarro, President  
and Members of the Montgomery County Council  
Council Office Building  
100 Maryland Avenue, 6<sup>th</sup> Floor  
Rockville, MD 20850

Re: Rapid Amendment (\$1.0M) to the FY 13-18 Capital Improvements Program and Supplemental Appropriation #10-S13-CMCG-4 to the FY 13 Capital Budget Montgomery County Government Department of Transportation Rapid Transit System (No. 501318):  
Public Hearing May 15, 2013

Dear President Navarro and Members of the Council:

The White Flint Partnership ("Partnership") wishes to express its support for the Rapid Transit System Capital Improvements Program supplemental appropriation which would include studies in support of rapid transit. The White Flint Sector Plan envisions rapid transit in a dedicated center lane on Rockville Pike which is critical to the success of the sector plan and will be instrumental in achieving the mode share goals as established by Council. The White Flint Sector mode share goal thresholds, which if not achieved, would impede the continued redevelopment of the sector. Delay of redevelopment would severely impact the development district taxes as projected and much needed revenues to the County. In this regard, the Partnership feels strongly that the continued success of the White Flint Sector includes rapid transit on Rockville Pike.

Property owners such as those in White Flint with large multi-phased, mixed-use projects need to rely on a plethora of transportation options to be competitive in the market place, as well. The Partnership believes that certainty on core transportation elements such as dedicated rapid transit lanes on Rockville Pike need to be brought into the process early so that site plans can be successfully prepared and implemented.

We believe that early, decisive, continued and targeted investment by the County in the future of rapid transit in Montgomery County will provide the County a competitive position in our region.

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Thank you for your consideration of this matter.

Best Regards,

THE WHITE FLINT PARTNERSHIP

Federal Realty Investment Trust  
Gables Residential  
The JBG Companies  
Lerner Enterprises  
The Tower Companies  
Saul Centers, Inc.

cc: Francoise Carrier