



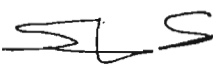
MONTGOMERY COUNTY COUNCIL
ROCKVILLE, MARYLAND

STEVEN A. SILVERMAN
COUNCILMEMBER

MEMORANDUM

July 5, 2006

TO: Art Holmes, Director
Department of Public Works and Transportation

FROM: Steven A. Silverman, Councilmember 
Montgomery County Council

SUBJECT: Response to Forest Glen Road Railroad Crossing Study

I have read the Forest Glen Road Rail Crossing Quiet Zone Study and appreciate the Department's work on this issue. As you know, this issue goes back several years and I look forward to its resolution.

As you stated in your analysis of the study, the cost of Option A is significantly higher than Option B and will not be funded by the Maryland State Highway Administration. Since the Department does not have a suitable umbrella project or a discretionary funding source, the Council would have to appropriate additional funds to the Department's budget for this project. Clearly, pursuing Option A would involve a lengthier and costlier process that would only delay this project further. Joseph Rosenberg, President of the Rock Creek Hills Citizens Association, has written that while Option A would be the ideal solution, his Association recognizes the need for a cost-effective solution and supports Option B.

Therefore, I agree with your recommendation to pursue Option B and would like the Department to move forward on this project as quickly as possible. I would like to know what the estimated timeline is for the implementation of this alternative and what the next steps are.

Cc: Montgomery County Council
Joseph Rosenberg, President, Rock Creek Hills Citizens Association

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