



THE MARYLAND GENERAL ASSEMBLY
16TH LEGISLATIVE DISTRICT
MONTGOMERY COUNTY

January 30, 2020

Gregory Slater
Acting Secretary
Maryland Department of Transportation
7201 Corporate Center Drive
Hanover, MD 21076

Dear Acting Secretary Slater:

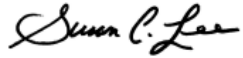
We write to request clarification on two specific issues regarding the Maryland Department of Transportation's (MDOT) I-495 & I-270 Managed Lanes Study and Governor Hogan's Traffic Relief Plan. As you can imagine, we have many questions and concerns regarding the overall program but our constituents in Carderock Spring have raised two specific concerns that we wanted to raise with you.

First, we request confirmation that the project will be constructed within the existing right of way. Our constituents have expressed concern that there was no reference to the requirement of constructing within existing right of way during the Board of Public Works meeting on January 8th. We recognize that the National Environmental Policy Act review is still underway, but the Hogan Administration long ago prejudged the outcome that two additional toll lanes would be built in each direction. Therefore, please confirm that the additional lanes to be built in Phase 1 will be within the existing right of way.

Second, we also request assurances that noise barriers will be constructed on each side of the Beltway, which runs adjacent to Carderock Springs and Carderock Springs South, including Carderock Springs Elementary School. As we have expressed to you in past correspondence, our constituents living in proximity to I-495 and I-270 today deal with highway noise and air pollution from vehicle exhaust. Potential widening threatens to exacerbate those problems and bring pollution closer to homes. Noise barriers are necessary to maintain quality of life for our constituents. In early 2019, members of your team attended a meeting at Carderock Springs and this was a major point of discussion.

Thank you for your attention to our questions. We appreciate MDOT's responsiveness as the state moves forward with this impactful project.

Sincerely,

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Senator Susan C. Lee

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Ariana Kelly". The signature is written in a cursive style with a prominent initial "A".

Delegate Ariana B. Kelly

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Marc Korman". The signature is written in a cursive style with a prominent initial "M".

Delegate Marc Korman

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Sara Love". The signature is written in a cursive style with a prominent initial "S".

Delegate Sara N. Love