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RE: Pedestrian Safety Regarding Project # 820160130 at 8008 Wisconsin Avenue

Dear Mr. Kronenberg & Mr. Braunstein:

I write to you on behalf of the East Bethesda Citizens Association (“EBCA”). EBCA is one of the largest citizens’ associations in Montgomery County, Maryland. It was started in the 1930's and represents over 1,200 households east of Wisconsin Avenue, north of East-West Highway, west of Columbia Country Club, and south of Jones Bridge Road.

We understand that the project #820160130 at 8008 Wisconsin Avenue has a pending amendment before Planning Department. This project is located in a high pedestrian traffic area where, State Route 355, Wisconsin Avenue intersects with Montgomery County’s Cordell Avenue. This intersection is a primary point of entry for East Bethesda residents to access the Woodmont Triangle Area and is also a main point of crossing for East Bethesda residents who walk their children to school each day at Bethesda Elementary. We believe it is imperative that pedestrian safety be taken into consideration during and after the construction phase of this project.

The south side of Cordell Avenue is where the project will be built and this is the side where the current crosswalk is located. The north side of Cordell does not have a pedestrian signal and crosswalk because of the traffic patterns at this intersection. This is a busy intersection with many cars making left turns onto Cordell from Wisconsin Avenue as well as making left and right turns from Cordell Avenue onto Wisconsin Avenue. We urge you to make sure that this project can maintain a crosswalk or safe way for pedestrian traffic to navigate this busy intersection during the construction.

Additionally, it is our understanding that this corner would also be a Bus Station for the Rapid Transit system should that move forward. Accommodations should be made to maintain pedestrian safety at this well-travelled intersection.

I myself, walk my daughter to school through this intersection on a daily basis and use this intersection to access Woodmont Triangle's many restaurants and stores on the weekends.

We ask that the crosswalk remain open to pedestrian traffic while construction is under way.

Thank you for your consideration of this issue important to pedestrian safety. I look forward to your response. Should you have any questions, please contact me at [president@ebca.org](mailto:president@ebca.org).

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Lisa McCabe". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large initial "L" and "M".

Lisa McCabe, President EBCA

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