

MEMORANDUM

September 05, 2019

To: Members of the City Council for the City of Annapolis; Mayor Gavin Buckley; Senator Sarah K. Elfreth; Lisa Rodvien, Anne Arundel County Councilwoman; Teresa Sutherland, Annapolis City Manager; Dr. Sally Nash, Acting Director of the Department of Planning and Zoning

From: The Forest Drive-Eastport Citizens Coalition

Re: Implementation of the Forest Drive-Eastport Governmental Agencies Task Force

As representatives of the Forest Drive-Eastport Citizens Coalition we wish to congratulate you on the recent unanimous City Council passage of R-27-19 (Resolution) which establishes the Communities/Governmental Agencies Task Force (attached and incorporated). As concerned and active citizens we welcome the immediate formation of this task force as a long needed mechanism to examine multiple issues related to traffic and mobility planning along the Forest Dr.-Eastport corridor. Toward this effort, we are offering the following timeline and suggestions for implementing the Task Force.

Member Selection:

By its terms, the Resolution limits the number of task force members to no more than 21 to insure that it can reasonably function as a working group. Within this number, two designees (6 total) from appropriate City, County and State agencies should be appointed on or before October 15, 2019. These respective appointments should be made by the chief executives from the City and County and the State Senator representing the Eastport Forest Drive corridor.

Members of the Annapolis City Council shall each designate one citizen to serve from their Ward on or before October 15, 2019. Anne Arundel Councilwoman, Lisa Rodvien, shall designate two residents of the County to serve. These designations shall be made on or before October 15, 2019. Additional citizen appointments may be made upon consensus of the Annapolis City Council and Anne Arundel County Councilwoman Lisa Rodvien.

Time Frame for Implementation:

Our Citizens Coalition advises that the Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) for the City of Annapolis, Anne Arundel County and the State of Maryland be signed on or before October 15, 2019. The first meeting of the Task Force shall be convened no later than November 15, 2019.

To support its work, the Task Force may elect to establish sub-committees to address matters requiring subject matter expertise, and may request the appointment of additional individuals to those subcommittees.

We thank you for your support and recognition of this important effort and we look forward to making this Task Force a model for citizen-government collaboration.

Respectfully Submitted:
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