

January 4, 2022

To: The Planning Commission for the City of Annapolis

cc: Mayor Gavin Buckley, Members of the Annapolis City Council, City Manager, Director of the Department of Planning and Zoning, Members of the Eastport Civic Association

From: The Eastport Civic Association

Re: 100% Electric Mobility Plan O-40-21 - Planning Commission Hearing January 6, 2022

I am writing to you on behalf of the Eastport Civic Association (ECA) regarding your preliminary consideration of additions to the 100% Electric Annapolis Mobility Plan to include electric vehicles, a boat and associated support infrastructure to the fiscal year 2022 capital budget and capital improvement program. First, please understand that the ECA generally affirms its support for any meaningful steps and modifications to our city code that improve our mobility challenges and environmental sustainability. The implementation and use of electric vehicles is only one part of a comprehensive planning effort and cannot be viewed as a reactive quick fix for parking problems caused by the imminent renovation of the Hillman garage.

To immediately address the practical issues and problem solving that is needed because of this proposed ordinance, the Eastport Civic Association (ECA) has already engaged in preliminary meetings with leadership of the Eastport Business Association (EBA), Alderman Ross Arnett from Ward 8 and Mr. David Jarell, the Annapolis City Manager. We are creating a stakeholder task group to examine all aspects of this proposed legislation and to carefully consider the impact upon the citizens of Eastport. This task group will be formed and operating by the end of this month.

The data and the recommendations contained in the 2018 Eastport Parking Report (attached) are valid and should be first and now applied before any parking impact of O-40-21 and the renovation of the Hillman garage. As cited in the executive summary of this report, "The time is overdue for parking in Eastport to receive the attention that its location, residents, businesses and tax dollars deserve". Any implementation of O-40-21 should be consistent with the latest traffic and mobility studies conducted in Eastport and with the forthcoming 2040 Comprehensive Plan for the City of Annapolis.

We welcome the input and collaborative consultation with City staff, the Planning Commission, and members of the City Council as we conduct a fair and thorough review of this proposed legislation and address the consequences of its implementation. Because meaningful community participation is essential for good governance and any successful collaboration between the City and its citizens, we ask that the Planning Commission record for O-40-21 be held open to allow all voices to be heard.

Sincerely,



William B. Reichhardt
President, Eastport Civic Association
Enclosure as stated

