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As Administrator of the Maryland Department of Transportation State Highway Administration (MDOT SHA), I am pleased to share the Takoma Junction Vision Study with you. MDOT SHA conducted this vision study to collaboratively document the reimagining of Takoma Junction as a more walkable and bikeable community.

The resulting vision and this report reflect the community's ideas for Takoma Junction's future. To arrive at that vision, over the course of 18 months, MDOT SHA included community members at every turn, conducting surveys and interviews, meeting with stakeholders, and hosting public workshops all in an effort to understand what you envisioned for the hub of your community. Not surprisingly, our community engagement resulted in a wide range of feedback, captured in this report. Your varied and passionate perspectives illustrated a rich and exciting vision for the future, images that will serve as a springboard for continuing efforts going forward. With such varied and sometimes conflicting perspectives, MDOT SHA had to distill many individual ideas to arrive at the essence of what the community envisions. The ideas captured in this report are broad and flexible to properly document a shared community vision.

Reimagining Takoma Junction as a more walkable and bikeable community, using the vision outlined in this study, will lead us to solutions that balance safety, accessibility, and mobility for all users. Balancing those desires with the need to address existing congestion will, of course, require additional work by MDOT SHA and its partners. Identifying this vision is a positive first step based on which MDOT SHA and its partners can build upon. Advancing from a vision to a conceptual plan for improvements will involve the prioritization of your varied feedback and additional collaboration by the community, its leaders, and MDOT SHA. The framework created by you and documented in the Takoma Junction Vision Study will allow for a clearer development of those concepts.

Thank you for your time, your interest, your passion to improve your community, and for letting MDOT SHA partner with you. We are looking forward to building on the past 18 months and all the positive steps we have taken together.

Sincerely,



Tim Smith, P.E.  
Administrator