

**Public Comment for the TPB Communicated Via E-Mail on the  
Proposed Addition of the Purple Line Light Rail Project to the  
2009 CLRP and FY 2010-2015 TIP  
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**Cc:** pbrow@verizon.net  
**Subject:** Save our trail in Bethesda

Dear Governor O'Malley and Council members,

I am a Trail user. I have run 4 marathons training solely on the trail. I can't even begin to express to you how precious it is to have such a safe and beautiful trail to use for training and recreational purposes. It is so important to find ways to incorporate exercise into our daily lives and it is a difficult undertaking given the limited safe resources available. Having the trail allows many to bike to work safely. The trail allows for the independence of teenagers that are able to bike into Bethesda. If they had to bike along side the road it would not be a safe option for them. I can't even imagine biking or running along side a train, and I certainly would not allow my children to do so. Can you with a clear conscience really think running the purple line into the heart of Bethesda a viable solution to those that live here and use these resources. I can bet you would not come out here to bike along side a train!

We need to protect the trail as a viable transportation alternative to cars and trains. It is a walking, running and biking trail that many can use instead of taking motorized forms of transportation. This is such a key component, with the health problems in the US one of the main problems with our society is we don't have a lot of options to incorporate exercise into our already busy lives. Here with our trail many are able to use it to ride bikes to work, ride bikes to go to the movies, ride bikes to go out to dinner. Our family uses the trail in all the above ways as do many others around here.

Before you make any rash decisions to run the purple line through here I implore all of you to come jog or bike the trail to see for yourself the true value of leaving it as a walking, biking and running trail. You can not possibly make an informed decision without coming out to Bethesda and experiencing the trail for yourselves.

Sincerely,

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**Subject:** Save the Crescent Trail

Please save the Crescent Trail by not polluting it surroundings with the noise and traffic of trains. I ride my bicycle several times per week for both exercise and relaxation. The trail is one of the few places that one can ride a bike safely without the fear of traffic. It is just not safe to ride on public roads. It is my observation that the trail is used by persons of all ages and is one that is greatly enjoyed by the citizens of the county. I cannot imagine destroying the serenity of the area surrounding the trail. In addition to the usefulness of the Crescent trail it is one of the few activities that families can enjoy that does not require any expense for a wonderful day out. The trail is a great attraction to our area. It would be a disgrace to destroy our natural resources.

Please find another way or place to transport people that does not require the destruction of the Crescent Trail.

Stephen Small

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**From:** Beth Ciangiulli [mailto:bciangiulli@gmail.com]  
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**Subject:** No Rail on the Trail --Please Preserve Our Greenspace, Trail and Trees

Dear Transportation Planning Board Members,

I am a Montgomery County resident who uses the Capital Crescent Trail every week to commute to work, exercise and spend time with my family.

Every week, more than 10,000 walkers, runners, and bikers -- from all over the region -- use the Capital Crescent Trail between Bethesda and Silver Spring. The Trail is enjoyed

by the elderly, parents pushing strollers, bird watchers, families with small children, casual cyclists, teens going to and from school, athletes in training, and daily commuters.

This irreplaceable Trail is surrounded by tranquil greenspace and thousands of mature trees. It is important to the neighboring communities and to the Region. It is an essential link in a circuit of trails that connects Maryland, DC, and Virginia.

Please use your wisdom, vision and courage to put transit elsewhere and to preserve the Capital Crescent Trail as this region's "Central Park" -- so that we, and generations to come, will be able to enjoy this natural resource, regardless of the growth and development that takes place around us.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,  
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**Cc:** pbrow@verizon.net  
**Subject:** Save the Trail

**Dear Transportation Planning Board Members,**

I use the trail to cycle more than 3 times a week and it is my refuge from the congestion and noise of our increasingly crowded city. Our city has become an overcrowded blight, with few areas of quiet and untrammelled nature, thanks to short-sighted politicians.

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Sincerely,

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**Subject:** Please, no rail on our beautiful trail!

Dear Planners:

Our Capitol Crescent Trail is a treasure that can not be replaced. If the purple line must be built, please tunnel it so that it does not make traffic worse at grade intersections, ties into the rest of the subway line, and preserves the trail.

Sincerely,

Elizabeth Spencer

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I bike on the Capital Crescent Trail at least 4 times per week with an extended tour on the Trail during the weekends. I have the biking experience of several cities in Europe and never had an experience similar to DC-MD-VA tri-state urban area when it comes to the trail system. It is a shame that the transportation board is going to alter these recreational as well as commuting gems that are surrounded by a unique ecosystem. Urban sprawl is taking its environmental toll on the tri-state urban area: adding air, noise and aesthetic pollution to this recreational area would sacrifice the eroding direct and indirect use value of the tri-state urban area.

Please use your wisdom, vision and courage to put transit elsewhere and to preserve the Capital Crescent Trail as this region's "Central Park" -- so that we, and generations to come, will be able to enjoy this natural resource, regardless of the growth and development that takes place around us.

Thank you for your consideration.

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Please save our trail.

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Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

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Subject: Please Save the Trail

I am opposed to the Purple Line for a number of reasons including environmental impacts and damage, financially responsible, and doubt the need.

->My family uses the Capital Crescent Trail. The Purple Line would diminish this preserve.

->In this time of budget cuts paired with the coming lack on income from people who are not working, this is not a good used of funds.

->I also question the true need for this service. My family members are extensive users of the public transportation system. We regularly takes buses over to Prince Georges County where my sister lives. If there is a pressing need for express service, another bus line should be added at a considerable reduced cost from the proposed Purple Line.

Thank you.

Edith Purdie

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**Subject:** Capital Crescent Trail

Dear Transportation Planning Board Members,

As a frequent user of the Trail, I write to you pleading that the Trail be preserved. The Silver Spring, Bethesda, D.C. area has become a large metropolitan area. The Trail provides a wonderful respite from the traffic and congestion. The thought of the destruction of so many trees and the peacefulness that is provided by the Trail is very upsetting. Once this area is destroyed, it will never return to provide the pleasure it now provides to many thousands of people.

Thank you for your consideration.

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**Subject:** URGENT REQUEST -- No Rail on the Trail --Please Preserve Our Greenspace, Trail and Trees

Dear Transportation Planning Board Members,

*I write to you to urge you strongly to preserve the Capital Crescent Trail – it is historic and beautiful and used by thousands upon thousands of people each day (commuters too!). How could you take this away from your constituents and replace it with mass transit? This unbelievable resource is a key element of our city and one that must not be destroyed. Do not sacrifice our greenspace and our trees – a greenspace and path that*

***connects MD to DC and VA, and is one of our nation's capital's most beloved and used natural resource.***

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Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,  
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**Subject:** Capital Crescent Trail/Purple Line

Hello-

I am a resident of East Bethesda and I oppose the destruction of our beautiful Capital Crescent Trail in the name of "green light rail." I am a big supporter of light rail, and if the proposed plan would actually help solve our transit problems, I would support it; however the plan as it is sacrifices a trail used by thousands every week for commuting and recreation--without really putting a dent in the number of cars that will be clogging our roads. In the end we will only shave a few minutes off the commute right now and we will never have the gorgeous canopy of trees again. People from all over the country



marvel at this intelligent greenspace--Let's not foul it up just because we can.

With the BRAC adding 2,500 more jobs to Bethesda, we need a serious plan and the Purple Line with light rail doesn't come close. The best plan--which everyone would support-- would include an underground metro line linking the two ends of the red line. People say that metro rail is too expensive. If that's the case, we should focus on finding the money for the right solution instead of spending a lot of money we don't have for a disaster.

I hope Governor O'Malley will make the right choice for our future: NO Light Rail for the Purple Line!!

Sincerely,  
Jennifer Dunbar

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**Subject:** Capital Crescent Trail

I use the Capital Crescent Trail weekly to bike and jog from Georgetown to Bethesda.

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Thank you for your consideration.

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**Subject:** RE: No Rail on the Trail --Please Preserve Our Greenspace, Trail and Trees

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Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,  
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**Subject:** No Rail on the Trail --Please Preserve Our Greenspace, Trail and Trees

RE: No Rail on the Trail --Please Preserve Our Green space, Trail and Trees  
Dear Transportation Planning Board Members,

***Our family uses the trail for bike riding, jogging and walking. Please preserve it's beauty and tranquility and do not put light rail there. It will destroy the trail completely.***

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Sincerely,  
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**Subject:** Please, please SAVE THE TRAIL!

The Crescent Trail is loved by all! It is used by so many. Destroying this wonderful biking/walking trail will provide little to NO help without traffic problems... solve those problems without taking away one of the best things the area has to offer.

Thank you,  
Jan Thomas

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**Subject:** Re: No Rail on the Trail --Please Preserve Our Greenspace, Trail and Trees

By the way, my family and I are Virginia residents.

Thank you for your time.

Sam Willmott

On Jun 9, 2009, at 3:45 PM, Samuel Willmott wrote:

Dear Council members-

I had the incredible treat of again riding the Capital Crescent Trail this weekend. The trail was exceptionally beautiful, a true gem in our nation's capital, and was being enjoyed by hundreds, if not thousands, of people of all ages... families, young people, elderly citizens, exercising, playing, enjoying the joy of a sunny weekend. The trail is a true gift in our community, affording a place to relax, rejuvenate, and grow together as a community. It would be a tragedy to take that incredible gift away from all of us.

Sincerely,  
Sam Willmott

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Dear Transportation Planning Board Members,

My family and friends all use the Capital Crescent Trail extensively for walking, biking and "being close to nature".

The proposed plan to include a trail alongside the proposed "Purple Line" could only have been put forward by someone who has no concept of WHY the trail is valuable! Sure the trail provides a space for running and biking, but it is the **setting** in which these activities take place that is critical, not the mere presence of a path! The current old-growth trees arching in a canopy over most of the trail provides a tranquil and shady respite from the rest of the city. Comparing running/walking/biking (heck, even just ambling!) on the current path to doing so beside a busy train track where most of the trees have been removed to make room for double tracking is akin to comparing protein pills and vitamin supplements to a well prepared, three-course meal with good friends! One may technically fulfill the requirement while totally missing the point!

This irreplaceable Trail (and I stress the term irreplaceable!) is surrounded by tranquil greenspace and thousands of mature trees. It is important to the neighboring communities and to the Region. It is used by more than 10,000 walkers, bikers and runners each and every week! (those by the way are hard numbers, unlike ridership projections offered my supporters of the Purple Line) The Capital Crescent Trail is an essential link in a circuit of trails that connects Maryland, DC, and Virginia.

Please use your wisdom, vision and courage to put transit elsewhere and to preserve the Capital Crescent Trail as this region's "Central Park" -- so that we, and generations to come, will be able to enjoy this natural resource, regardless of the growth and development that takes place around us.

Thank you for your consideration.

Regards,

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**Subject:** Please oppose light rail on the Capitol Crescent Trail

I'm opposed to light rail on the Capitol Crescent trail. I'm a committed environmentalist, and generally very supportive of public transit, but I firmly believe that the costs outweigh the benefits on this project. A regular bus service could approximate the effectiveness of light rail, while causing little disturbance of existing trails. I currently live in arlington, but grew up in Maryland, and regularly used the CCT for recreation and commuting, as well as training for a marathon.

There is a consistent pattern of well-intentioned or beneficial initiatives "taking" greenspaces, forcing choices between existing natural areas, and benefits from smart growth, public transport, or urban density. The ICC is one example, and light rail on the CCT is another. While there is some appeal to reliable public transport along the CCT, the cost, in terms of destroying a large swathe of existing tree canopy, and significantly altering the aesthetic experience of the CCT, isn't worth it.

Thank you for your consideration, and I encourage you to oppose light rail on the Capitol Crescent Trail.

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**Subject:** No to Purple line

Please do all in your power to stop the Purple line. You have created a wonderful environment for urban recreation, do not screw it up. Vote against the purple line-save Bethesda.

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**Subject:** Please save the trail

Dear Politically Powerful People,

Just to let you know that as one of your constituents I am so much in support of keeping the Capital Crescent Trail free from the negative impact of a train. Please take a long-range conserve-ative view, in the best sense of those words, toward preserving this wonderful and much used public facility against the inevitable air, ground and noise pollution that the rail would bring.

Thank you!  
Anne Charrier

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From: Cary Kountoupes [<mailto:carykountoupes@gmail.com>]  
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Joan.Kleinman@mail.house.gov; Ron Kirby; Pam Browning  
Subject: Please Preserve the Capital Crescent Trail

Dear Transportation Planning Board Members,

I travel often between Bethesda and Takoma Park (and Silver Spring), and I know firsthand how bad the traffic can be, particularly around commuting hours. I recognize the desire for improved mass-transit between these areas. However, I object to the destruction of the Capital Crescent trail to achieve this.

The trail is a crucial green space in the area. It provides trees, quietude, habitat, etc., and in my experience and to the best of my knowledge, there is virtually no possibility of this important green space even being regained once it has been paved over.

I also object to current plans for light rail along the trail because of the inclusion of still more housing, shops, and office space in the vicinity of proposed stops. It is illogical to attempt to treat the problem of road over-crowding while at the same time exacerbating the problem by bringing still more people to the very heart of the overcrowded areas. It is disingenuous to say that all, or even most or many of these people will use the train to get there. Moreover, we should expect a new mixed use building to be erected faster than the

train line, so the traffic problem will get still worse and may never improve.

Please consider New York's Central Park as your model when deciding whether or not to destroy green space and increase development "along the line." As New York (and DC) have shown, trains can be buried, traffic re-routed, roads expanded, buses made more efficient, bike lanes added to existing roads, etc., etc. All of these can be done without damage to irreplaceable green space.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

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**Cc:** pbrow@verizon.net

**Subject:** Purple Line

Ladies and Gentlemen : I have been a regular user of the Capital Crescent Trail for many years. I live in McLean near the CIA and pick up the trail near Chain Bridge and bike into Maryland. It is a vital recreational link for many people from Silver Spring to Georgetown and spots in between

The Purple Line light rail is perhaps the most ill-conceived regional transportation project currently under consideration. The number of people who might use it in the future is wildly exaggerated . A far better use of state and federal funds would be to build the Corridor Cities transitway. More people will benefit from it and MOST IMPORTANTLY it will help reduce the congestion on Interstate 270

Don't listen to the greedy developers---listen to the PEOPLE !!

Thanks for listening.

**Kevin F. Reed**

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**Subject:** No Rail on the Trail --Please Preserve Our Greenspace, Trail and Trees

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Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,  
John Morrissey

Washington, DC

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**Subject:** Purple Line

Please do not ruin the treasure that is the Capital Crescent hiker/biker trail!!! The Purple Line should be underground, using fast-serve buses until it is complete. Duh!

I live, vote, drive, hike and bike all along the route - you will ruin it, absolutely ruin it, by putting in a light rail. It's as evident as can be. Let's be a regional and national leader in mass transit - underground metro Purple Rail and above ground peace and tranquility w/ the hiker/biker trail!!!!

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**Subject:** Trail

Traffic problems will never cease. However, many future generations will thanks us for preserving the trail.

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**Subject:** Save the Trail

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Sincerely,

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Subject: RE: No Rail on the Trail --Please Preserve Our Greenspace, Trail and Trees and Build the Appropriate Line

Good Evening,

I am writing to express my support for keeping a light rail Purple Line from running along the Capital Crescent Trail. I could go on and on about how my family, neighbors, friends and others use the trail for everything from exercise to commuting to socializing to a nature/environmental discovery area or the kids and more. However, I am writing to express my belief that it seems to be a plan that if not already obsolete will quickly be so. Not connecting directly to any Metro station when most people won't actually stop in Bethesda and not connecting to major job centers such as NIH and the Navy Medical Center just makes it seem as though the planning process stopped far too soon. Suburban to suburban commuting which is growing (as opposed to suburban to urban which is shrinking), ever potential increasing ridership and population density calls for a full and proper underground Metro (including possibly under the Capital Crescent Trail) and on that

preferably connects directly to an appropriate station and is a better long term solution. Even if a full underground Metro line mirroring the Beltway can't be built now, making this Purple Line portion a start is a good idea.

It can always be extended as has been done in other cities and I imagine that support from the communities along the Beltway will make it an eventuality. The Purple Line as proposed will never be anything more than its limited beginnings.

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Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

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**Subject:** Save the Trail

There is only one "greenway" in downtown Bethesda-Chevy Chase, but lots of roadways. It is for this reason that I implore you to save the Capital Crescent Trail between Rock Creek Park and downtown Bethesda. On any given day throughout the year, the trail is busy with people of all ages and families exercising and enjoying the outdoors. It is an incredibly rare resource and asset for the community that would be completely destroyed by the installation of the Purple Line light rail. Bikers commute, elderly walk with their

nurses, children learn how to ride bikes, and dogs enthusiastically wag their tails while walking with their owners down the tree-shaded path.

As someone with a university degree in Environmental Urban Planning, I understand and encourage infill development and public transportation; however, the preservation of unique resources should take priority. I am pro-Purple Line, but I believe that it should be run along Jones Bridge Road, connecting with Medical Center, or built underground. Jones Bridge Road already has considerable traffic flow and the addition of a light rail track would be significantly less disruptive than running a train & track down a tranquil, tree-lined narrow trail. This alignment would avoid the removal of over 6 acres of old-growth trees: a travesty in a built-up, mature community. Additionally, this alignment would avoid destroying the grassy, open-space at the trail junction at Bethesda Row, in downtown Bethesda.

Developers have indicated that the trail can run alongside the Purple Line, but it will not be an enjoyable experience to use an unshaded, noisy pathway next to a speeding train. Please SAVE THE TRAIL and keep this treasure alive.

Sincerely,

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**Subject:** One more citizen that...

...would like to keep the Capital Crescent Trail.

I understand the need for transportation, but please consider other options.

thank you,  
pete chauvette

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Joan.Kleinman@mail.house.gov; Ron Kirby  
Subject: RE: No Rail on the Trail --Please Preserve Our Greenspace,  
Trail and Trees

Dear Transportation Planning Board Members,

I am a frequent user of the Capital Crescent Trail and now with the connection from the new Matthew Henson Trail it has become an even more valuable asset to me and others who prefer the use of bicycles or jogging to get around the city of Washington and nearby Montgomery County, Maryland.

Having lived in Montgomery County for over 71 years (my entire life) I have seen many changes and also appreciate the need for mass transportation which has seen ups and downs over those 71 years. Now that we have a good beginning with the Metro Rail and Metro Bus it is critical that the right choices for further improvement are made. We also need to protect our valuable green space which are special "quality of life" issues and make Montgomery County the number one place to live and work. Please help by keeping the valuable Capital Crescent Trail and the Georgetown Branch portion as part of the green space so valuable to our community.

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Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

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**Subject:** Purple Line opposition

With all of the studies discussing the problem of obesity in Americans why would we replace land that is used regularly for exercise and peace of mind, and replace it with the Purple Line.

I feel the Purple Line is a poor solution to the transportation problems in the Metro area. I live close to proposed Purple Line and have worked through out the Metro area and I feel the proposed Purple Line should include node to node transfer point with the Metro system and loop the entire beltway to include the VA area.

It has been my observation over the years that the public is unfortunately, poorly educated about the Purple Line system, and the public basically thinks the Purple Line is part of Metro, they will certainly be fooled and the metro transportation problems will not be solved.

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**Subject:** Purple Line in Bethesda

I have been asked again to email you regarding the decision to construct a light rail line out of Bethesda that would result in the loss of many trees and loss of the trail that so many people use now.

In these times of budget constraint and fiscal problems, I can't imagine why anyone would vote for a project that costs more than the benefits that would accrue from it. I have read several times about how nice the rail system would be and how unpopular buses are. These are poor arguments at best for spending our tax dollars. There has to be a compelling need to transport people on a light rail versus a bus for our elected officials to spend so much money on it.

I do not believe a compelling need has been established and am very strongly opposed to the light rail system.

Regards,

Stephen Taylor

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**Subject:** No Rail on the Trail --Please Preserve Our Greenspace, Trail and Trees

**Dear Transportation Planning Board Members,**

*I use the Capital Crescent Trail nearly every day, and a week does not go by when I am not on the trail. I use it with family and friends; I use it for running, biking, and walking; I use it to train for events and to just enjoy the tranquil environment that surrounds the trail. Using this trail helps keep me sane and re-connect with nature .I love the surrounding trees and plants. I would be devastated to see it altered.*

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Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,  
Laura Boyer

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**From:** Dani Pere [mailto:dani\_pere@hotmail.com]  
**Sent:** Tuesday, June 09, 2009 10:17 PM  
**To:** dani\_pere@hotmail.com  
**Subject:** NO to the Purple Line



Dear Transportation Planning Board Members and Lawmakers: I am a Bethesda resident who uses the utilizes the Capitol Crescent trail about 4 times a week for running and biking. I moved from Philadelphia to Maryland a year ago and specifically choose to live in Bethesda for access to the trail, which I believe translates into a very high quality of life. I am also a daily user of the Metro system and believe in strong public transportation. Although we need more public transportation, it should not be at the expense of our prized trail system. I strongly urge you to re-think the purple line route and develop an expansion plan that does not harm our trail system and all that utilize it. As a part time graduate student at Georgetown Universities Public Policy Institute, I will be using the purple line debate as a case study in public policy /urban development planning for an upcoming research project and the need for more well thought out transportation and environmental policies. In the meantime, I hope I can count on you as public agents to seriously reconsider this poorly planned transportation proposal and to think longer term about the impact on residents and our quality of life.

Best,

Dani Pere, 4903 Edgemoor Lane, #714, Bethesda, MD 20814

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**From:** Firuzeh McLean [mailto:firuzeham@yahoo.com]

**Sent:** Tuesday, June 09, 2009 11:31 PM

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**Cc:** pbrow@verizon.net

**Subject:** Do not destroy the Trail

To the council members and the purple line planning board,

I am a resident of Montgomery County and an avid user of the trail. I, along with my fellow trail users, have a hard time believing that you have really thought all the angles through.

1-Safety of the current trail users. 2-our precious dwindling green space and tax dollars. And of course 3-WHO is going to ride this thing? If it is such a vital part of our transportation system, why does it not tie directly into the existing Metro system? Does it help the north/south traffic of connecticut Ave???? . Every time a question is raised about the safety of putting a train in a residential area and along a path that is used by elderly, children, pedestrians and bikers, or how much will it cost?, or what about all the trees??? we get the same vague answers." Oh it will be safe", "we'll replant some bushes".

I wonder if you have visited the trail when BCC students are walking across it, and office workers from all over are biking home, jogging or walking , or on the week ends when families from as far away as Va and DC are on the trail. There is hardly enough

room NOW for the speeding bikes, runners, and those of us that use it to get a fresh breath of air. How are you going to fit two tracks of train on top of all this. I know !! by killing all the trees. But even that will not give you enough room. You are going to destroy our beautiful sacred Green trail, the only one we have left in the Bethesda area, and dump trains in downtown Bethesda (Woodmont) where we were promised a park for families in front of the ice cream shop.

Mr. Berliner, you told a group of us county residents, recently, that you are happy that you live along the C&O path. A beautiful green space in your neighborhood that you would not want to face losing. As your constituents we happen to feel the same way about this beautiful trail. Are you really fighting for our green spaces as much as you would for the one in your neighborhood?

Well I guess you can treat this as Just another pro-trail e-mail, but please stop for one moment and think of the devastating effects of this decision. You all know it will NOT BE SAFE, and it will destroy something irreplaceable. Please think of a better solution. Do not create another example of poor planning, and giving into political pressure from builders.. Make us proud of choosing this community to live in and choosing you as our representatives.

The McLean Family

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**From:** carol roberts [mailto:caroloroberts@verizon.net]  
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**Subject:** Capital Crescent Trail

Ladies and Gentlemen:

Every day we read and hear in the news the importance of "going green." Metropolitan Washington already has a major asset toward that goal. We don't have far to "go" because we already have one of the finest urban green treasures in the U.S.: The Capital Crescent Trail. (Out of town visitors are stunned when I tell them they can go from Chevy Chase to Mt. Vernon through a green oasis.) While I certainly understand the need for more and better public transportation - I used buses and the Metro in my 30-year career - I do not see the need to destroy an irreplaceable natural asset in the process.

Please consider the viable, CHEAPER alternatives to destroying forever the opportunity to stay green and thus set an example for the rest of the country.

Carol O. Roberts

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**From:** Assya P

**Sent:** Wednesday, June 10, 2009 4:51 AM

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**Cc:** pbrow@verizon.net; Marichka; A.C. P

**Subject:** No Rail on the Trail --Please Preserve Our Greenspace, Trail and Trees

Dear Transportation Planning Board Members,

I have been living in Bethesda, MD for 3 years. One major reason for re-locating my family there was the proximity of the Capital Crescent Trail. It runs less than half a mile from my house. My family uses it daily to walk to downtown Bethesda, for bike rides, and longer runs and walks to Georgetown. This is the case also for most of my neighbors and friends. Every week, more than 10,000 walkers, runners, and bikers -- from all over the region -- use the Capital Crescent Trail between Bethesda and Silver Spring. The Trail is enjoyed by the elderly, parents pushing strollers, bird watchers, families with small children, casual cyclists, teens going to and from school, athletes in training, and daily commuters.

This irreplaceable Trail is surrounded by tranquil greenspace and thousands of mature trees. It is important to the neighboring communities and to the Region. It is an essential link in a circuit of trails that connects Maryland, DC, and Virginia.

I am greatly concerned that any changes to the trail will seriously erode the local environment, will decrease the quality of life in my neighborhood and will decrease substantially the residential properties' value. I have traveled a lot all over Europe and USA. I can attest that it is indeed a unique treasure for an urban area to have the green space this Trail provides. It will be a grave and irreparable mistake to reduce or destroy it.

Please use your wisdom, vision and courage to put transit elsewhere and to preserve the Capital Crescent Trail as this region's "Central Park" -- so that we, and generations to come, will be able to enjoy this natural resource, regardless of the growth and development that takes place around us.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,  
Assya P

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**Subject:** RE: No Rail on the Trail --Please Preserve Our Greenspace, Trail and Trees

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Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,  
Anita Reichert  
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**From:** J Nash [mailto:jnash@cavtel.net]  
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**Subject:** Purple Line

Dear Sirs, Mesdames:

Please preserve the beautiful green park through which runs the Capital Crescent Trail. This park is our back yard giving the neighborhood privacy and beauty. It is why the home-owners of this neighborhood purchased their homes. Please do not ripe up these beautiful trees to replace them with a noisy and unsightly train or bus.

The Capital Crescent Trail is used for purposes of exercise, commuting, and the pleasure of escaping the noisy streets that surround us. Stripping the thousands of trees along this trail will destroy Mother Nature's gift of a beautiful nature setting that this neighborhood has enjoyed since the construction of our homes 50 years ago.

Please do not further burden our households, our county and our state with the added taxes needed to accomplish this destructive project.

Sincerely,  
Judith LeBon  
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**From:** Mayer, Diane [mailto:Diane.Mayer@marriott.com]  
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councilmember.andrews@montgomerycountymd.gov; Joan.Kleinman@mail.house.gov;  
pbrow@verizon.net  
**Subject:** No Purple Line on the trail

Dear Transportation Planning Board Members,

I am a lifelong resident of Montgomery County MD and as a resident of Chevy Chase a user of the Capital Crescent Trail. While I am a big user of and believer in public transportation, I am greatly in opposition to the Purple line generally and specifically to the route that would run on the current Capital Crescent trail for the following reasons:

- the environmental impact study failed to consider the trail a park, for technical reasons, despite it's obvious use that way by thousands of people every day. It is the most critical green space in lower Montgomery County. The purple line route will destroy it by clear cutting thousands of mature trees. There is no funded plan to replace those trees. And if there was it would be impossible: there is nothing relaxing or tranquil about trains running a few feet from you every 5 minutes. the trail and light rail cannot realistically co-exist.
- The state's own study acknowledges the purple line will not take cars off the road. We have congestion problems that this won't solve. We have thousands of additional cars heading to this area due to BRAC that this route fails to address.
- The riders this line might benefit have other options (bus, subway, car pooling).
- The other beneficiaries are the Chevy Chase Land company and other developers and I do not support my tax dollars stimulating additional development in the lower part of the county where it's not needed
- While I appreciate the argument that says the county took possession of the trail to use later for transit, that was a long time ago and times have changed. We are not talking about a single line trolley anymore. Now we have limited green space, real estate is so expensive it cannot be purchased down county, and we have an obesity epidemic. I'm amazed that the same county that banned trans fats would destroy its greatest asset to encourage health and fitness. The plan was 25 years ago is no longer realistic and you are responsible for the here and now.
- At a hearing in Chevy Chase recently, all the state delegates lined up in support, and the most repeated argument I heard for their support seemed to be "this is our best shot at federal transportation \$." Those are my tax dollars too, and I don't like hearing any elected officials, even ones that supposedly represent me, grabbing for dollars just because they are there.
- if we are going to spend precious tax money, do it right. Find a way to do it without ruining the best park in the area. Why does it have to be either or?

I respectfully ask that you not support any Purple line route that runs on the Capital Crescent trail, and to not support the Purple Line at all if it is not more effective at taking cars off the road and solving the looming congestion issues brought on by Walter Reed moving to Bethesda.

*Diane Mayer*

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**From:** Suzanne Picard [mailto:suzannepicard@msn.com]

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**Subject:** no Rail on Trail

Dear Transportation Planning Board Members,

My family (2 kids at Bethesda-Chevy Chase high school & a 10-year-old) use this trail for recreation and to get to the high school at least several times a week. It is exactly the kind of multi-use trail we should be preserving for future generations. We should be creating more of these trails -- not taking them away!!

This irreplaceable Trail is surrounded by tranquil greenspace and thousands of mature trees. It is important to the neighboring communities and to the Region. It is an essential link in a circuit of trails that connects Maryland, DC, and Virginia.

Please use your wisdom, vision and courage to put transit elsewhere and to preserve the Capital Crescent Trail as this region's "Central Park" -- so that we, and generations to come, will be able to enjoy this natural resource, regardless of the growth and development that takes place around us.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

Suzanne & Matthew Picard  
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**From:** Phil Stewart [mailto:pstewart@rrm.com]

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**Subject:** RE: No Rail on the Trail --Please Preserve Our Greenspace, Trail and Trees

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Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

Phil Stewart  
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**Subject:** Please save our trail.

Dear Transportation Planning Board Members,

Early I wrote to say how I used the trail as a boy growing up in the area. Now my kids and family use the trail to enjoy on the weekends and I use the trail while commuting to work.

Please understand there are very few options for bike recreation or safe commuting if this trail is taken away.

Thanks for your attention to this letter.

All the best,

Jay Talbott

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From: Kristin Burka [mailto:[kristin@burkastudios.com](mailto:kristin@burkastudios.com)]  
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Cc: pbrow@verizon  
Subject: Save the Trail



Dear Transportation Planning Board Members,

We live two blocks from the Trail and use it to walk into Bethesda; to bike; and walk our dogs. Living close to the Trail is one of the main reasons we moved to our house. The Trail gives our children a connection to nature that is difficult to find in this day and age.

Before agreeing to build the Purple Line on the Trail, I am imploring you to please take a long walk or better yet a bike ride on the Trail with your family - you can borrow our bikes. It is so special and lovely - there are moments when you feel you must be in another less populated part of the country.

Every week, more than 10,000 walkers, runners, and bikers -- from all over the region -- use the Capital Crescent Trail between Bethesda and Silver Spring. The Trail is enjoyed by the elderly, parents pushing strollers, bird watchers, families with small children, casual cyclists, teens going to and from school, athletes in training, and daily commuters.

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Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

Kristin Burka  
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**From:** Victor Bonilla [mailto:vbn44@msn.com]

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**Subject:** Re Capital Crescent Trail and Rapid Transit

**RE: Plans to Build Purple Line Light Rail on Capital Crescent Trail**

**Dear Transportation Planning Board Members, Governor O'Malley, and  
Legislative Representatives,**

**I am aware of the difficult task you face in balancing the many interests on hand, and energy efficient and cost effective mass transit is one of them. The term often applied of "smart growth" entails balancing the needs for commerce and a sustainable tax base with the growing realization among the electorate that business as usual no longer works when it comes to quality of life and health. We and generations to come will pay a heavy price if we continue on this unsustainable path. As a Public Member of the Montgomery County Council's Forest Conservation Advisory Committee and an active member in the Greenwich Forest Citizens Association I want to express my strong opposition to current plans to build a Light Rail line on the Capital Crescent Trail.**

**I am only one of a growing citizens coalition joining efforts to foster an appreciation for the natural resources that make our metropolitan area unique among our nation's cities. Key to that goal has been the preservation of those fast disappearing and irreplaceable assets that have been our legacy. The current plan to build the Light Rail, beside its overwhelmingly negative impact on the environment, on citizens' rightful enjoyment of the Trail, and destruction of so much more, will only ameliorate for a time, and will not ultimately cure, the problem of traffic congestion caused mostly by inadequate planning and unfettered construction and development. The demise of our County's forests should serve as a warning, if one is needed, of the consequences of expediency at the cost of our future.**

**I urge you to reject this band aid solution and to look at the whole picture, including the long term needs of the community, present and future, in a fair and open manner. We need for all of you to exercise wise leadership consonant with the trust placed in you by your neighbors and fellow citizens.**

**Very truly yours,**

**Victor Bonilla**

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**From:** mkoidinjaffee@aol.com [mailto:mkoidinjaffee@aol.com]

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pbrow@verizon.net

**Subject:** No Rail on the Trail --Please Preserve Our Greenspace, Trail and Trees

Dear Transportation Planning Board Members,

I am writing in opposition of building a train line on the Capital Crescent Trail. Every day, I walk on the trail with my 3-year-old twins and our dog. Often, I run on the trail, and while training for the Marine Corps Marathon, I enjoyed the shade of its tall trees, its tranquility and its distinctiveness from the hustle and bustle of the surrounding urban/suburban area. When my daughters were assigned to collect leaves for preschool, we walked up and down the trail, picking up all kinds of foliage.

I cannot understand how people think it would be possible to build train tracks and still have a nature trail alongside it. I invite you to come for a walk on the trail. The only way to make space for train tracks in two directions AND a trail would be to bulldoze dozens of homes. In actuality, it is a very narrow space.

On any given day, I see people on the trail who are running, biking, dog-walking, getting to school or work and enjoying the solitude. What a shame it would be to cut down all those towering, vibrant trees that provide beautiful scenery and a breath of fresh air amid our hectic lifestyles.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,  
Michelle Koidin Jaffee  
Chevy Chase, MD

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Joan.Kleinman@mail.house.gov; Ron Kirby; pbrow@verizon.net  
Subject: Save the Capitol Crescent Trail

To whom it may concern,

As a former environmental science teacher, I love using the trail to teach my grandchildren about nature, not far from the city but close to home.

Those who came before us had the vision to preserve gems like Rock Creek Park and the C&O Canal for posterity. Without that vision, these

treasures would be gone forever. You have the power to make a difference. Save the Capitol Crescent Trail.

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**Subject:** Please save the Georgetown Branch Trail! -- No Rail on the Trail!

### **Please Preserve Our Green Space, Trail, and Trees**

Dear Transportation Planning Board Members,

Until last summer, my family and I lived in East Bethesda, adjacent to the Georgetown Branch trail (the hoped-for eventual extension of the Capital Crescent Trail as well as the proposed location for the Purple Line light rail). We rode, ran, and walked on the trail every day. Now that we have moved from East Bethesda, we do not use it every day, but almost: my son's daycare (The Family Academy) backs up directly to the trail and my husband often takes him to school by bicycle, via the trail. The children at the daycare often walk on the trail to go to the playground adjacent to the trail in Chevy Chase. One of the school's play areas is separated from the trail only by a chain-link fence and the new concrete ditch. We LOVE the trail. I love that it is unpaved, my preferred running surface. We love the trees. We love the convenience of having the traffic-free route from downtown to our son's school and beyond to Rock Creek Park. When I think of the destruction to the trees and the environment that the Purple Line would bring, I want to cry. I believe in public transportation; I think it is important. However, the trail represents an irreplaceable green space in our city, and it would be a tragedy to lose it.

Every week, more than 10,000 walkers, runners, and bikers -- from all over the region -- use the Georgetown Branch/Capital Crescent Trail between Bethesda and Silver Spring. The Trail is enjoyed by the elderly, parents pushing strollers, bird watchers, families with small children, casual cyclists, teens going to and from school, athletes in training, and daily commuters. When I pick up my son from school, I always see many people using and enjoying the trail.

This irreplaceable trail is surrounded by tranquil green space and thousands of mature trees. It is important to the neighboring communities and to the Region. It is an essential link in a circuit of trails that connects Maryland, DC, and Virginia.

Please use your wisdom, vision and courage to put transit elsewhere (or think of the long term benefits and bury the line) and to preserve the Capital Crescent Trail as this region's "Central Park" -- so that we, and generations to come, will be able to enjoy this natural resource, regardless of the growth and development that takes place around us.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

Peggy Dickison

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**From:** Alice P

**Sent:** Wednesday, June 10, 2009 5:06 PM

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**Subject:** No Rail on the Trail --Please Preserve Our Greenspace, Trail and Trees

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Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,  
Alice P

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**Subject:** One of trail lovers

Dear Transportation Planning Board Members,

*I love to ride at 5AM because it is so quiet and peaceful. Occasionally, I ask a friend to ride with me and eat breakfast in Silver Spring or Bethesda. My friends love it so much when I introduced them to the trail. They were so surprised how convenient it is to ride to and from. I make the habit to introduce the trails to new friends.*

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Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,  
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**From:** junon101@aol.com [mailto:junon101@aol.com]  
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**To:** Ron Kirby  
**Subject:** RE: No Rail on the Trail --Please Preserve Our Greenspace, Trail and Trees

Dear Transportation Planning Board Members,

12 years ago, my family and I were looking for the perfect place to live and chose to move to this beautiful area due to the fact that it was literally a urban paradise, surrounded by nature with access to remarkable and unique assets such as Rock Creek Park and the Crescent Trail. We host a lot of guests from Europe, the US, Canada, Asia... who are literally in awe at the fact that the Washington area can provide such a delightful and peaceful place for its citizens and visitors. No where else in the world such a stunning place exists! We do use the trail on a daily basis, and take advantage of the fabulous facilities around, it would be a shame to loose this paradise! Rock Creek Park the longest urban park in the world and the Crescent Trail are truly treasures that need our protection.

Please, do not alter and destroy the trail by going forward with the purple line project. There are alternate routes, do not change forever one of the most envied Capital area in the world. This is not an issue of "not in my backyard" it is a question of common sense and keeping the very much used Crescent trail the way it is. The irreversible damages that would occur with the implementation of the purple line is unconceivable and should be stopped before it's too late. This is why I ask you today to reconsider moving forward with this project and explore other possibilities.

Thank you for your time and diligence.

Best regards,

Michèle Arnaud and family  
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Subject: Maryland's Purple Line -- A Flawed Plan

To  
Governor O'Malley  
Congressman Van Hollen  
County Executive Leggett  
Members of the Montgomery County Council

With regard to the Purple Line, the time has come to think outside the box.

I am not opposed to a "purple route." But I strongly oppose the current Purple Line.

First, it's not what it's name implies.

Light rail is a poor substitute for a heavy rail metro link. Persons who coined the name "Purple Line" instinctively recognized its association with other color-oriented names of the DC metro system. Intended or not, the very name led the public to expect heavy underground rail. Media reinforced the name and along with it the tacit expectation that the Purple Line would be underground and heavy rail. Few citizens who support the so-called Purple Line have any experiential understanding of what light rail is. Few have ever ridden light rail and certainly not on a daily basis. Everyone applauds the Portland, Oregon, light rail system, but how many of these advocates has ever used it -- or lived there?

Second, light rail won't be especially efficient or speedy, and in the near future not faster than automobiles. After all, it's light rail, not underground rail. It cannot achieve the speeds of underground rail due to noise restrictions, restricted routing through urban neighborhoods,, and frequent stops. Persons who utilize the line will need to spend time walking to a pick-up station/ stop and/or find parking for their cars. The walk and the parking takes time -- on both ends of the trip - and will cancel any time savings achieved on the trip. To advocate the line as a time saver is for the majority of riders simply misleading. It's going to be faster for some time to come for commuters to utilize their automobiles. And isn't part of the purpose here to get cars off the road?

Third, the "Purple Line" will not preserve "the trail." Advocates, especially those in the cycling community, have consistently underscored the rail-to-trail aspect of the Purple Line. Just as the term Purple Line implied the route was something it was not, so did frequent assurances that the trail would remain in place. What is more, improvements to the trail were emphasized. To meet bicycle demand, the trail would be paved... and widened. To meet safety concerns, it would be heavily fenced to protect pedestrians and cyclists from the trains. And it would be "landscaped." What advocates fail to mention is that it will certainly be uninviting to walkers, mothers pushing strollers, unhealthy for dogs with unprotected paws on blistering summer days... in short, it will be unshaded and hotter than h... many weeks out of the year, and, in spite of any landscaping, it will no longer be a restful place to walk. Imagine -- trains rushing by, cyclists fantasizing they're in training for the "tour de France" .... As intense as the gym... likely more so.

And, none of the problems outlined above, even touches on the negative impact on the abutting residential communities.

To be honest, the trail will cease to exist. It will be replaced by an asphalt Capitol Crescent bike route with adjacent rail service. Not pretty.



When I said that we need to think outside the box, the box I had in mind is Montgomery County's Master Plan. The Purple Line is part of this master plan. Yes, the plan gets tweaked occasionally, but less often than not. As I see it, that plan has become a bit of a sacred cow. In fact, what I often see happening is when a project is opposed for any reason, the Planning Board so often responds with "it's part of the master plan... All plan requirements have been met." Just because the Purple Line was added to the master plan does not mean the trail's destiny is set in stone. It appears that way, but where is the necessity? At times it seems as if our County Council members are reluctant to seriously revisit fundamental thinking on any subject if it's been covered, however inadequately, by the master plan or the thinking surrounding a decision made several years ago. Just because there's a plan doesn't mean the plan is always right. Nor should one assume that the plan will be right going forward.

What kind of urban master plan does not include a comprehensive plan for large areas of conveniently situated and walkable urban parkland? Where are the Olmsteds among our smart growth advocates? Where are the persons with the foresight to invent our Central Parks and Boston Gardens and even our pocket parks, places with lots of trees, grass and fountains, even an occasional pond? We are creating an increasingly concrete environment. Even our local sidewalks refuse to gracefully relinquish a few feet of cement to provide space for our street trees to thrive.

To advocate destruction of one of our few remaining Bethesda urban forests is to me incomprehensible in this day and age, and especially so at a time when citizens are becoming increasingly knowledgeable regarding the ways in which trees and forest impact the air quality and overall health of our community.

I have heard State representatives assigned to this light rail project talk about tree removal along the Purple Line as if it were a minor inconvenience. We'll just plant more trees they say -- somewhere else. To be clear, we are discussing "forest removal." A forest is not just a bunch of trees. Forest is far more complicated and far more important. What you need to know is that forest is a vital, irreplaceable part of our urban environment. Moreover, the particular urban forest we are discussing -- the Georgetown Branch -- is home to many animals and birds who cannot simply pack up their nests and move elsewhere. The adjacent local ecosystems will not support their displacement. They will die. Landscaping does not constitute natural habitat.

Having spearheaded revisions to the roadside tree law and having worked tirelessly over the last five years to make possible better care and conservation of Maryland's roadside trees, I am disheartened to contemplate what the loss of local trees - and forest - will mean to Montgomery County. The unrelenting deterioration of our environment continues at a lively pace. Real tree and forest protections are necessary. Talking green is great. Planting trees is better. Better yet, let's get serious about protecting our forests.

We need to update our thinking about our trees and forest and rethink the Purple Line. They are not separate issues. They are vitally connected.

It's a new era. It's time for real change.

Respectfully submitted,

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**Subject:** Please STOP the Purple Line

Dear Transportation Planning Board Members,

My wife and I are regular users of the Capital Crescent Trail -- we walk, we ride our bikes, we walk our dog -- and it would be devastating to us to lose this exceedingly valuable part of our community. IT IS NOT TRUE that you can run a light rail along this space and preserve it. It will be destroyed. And it is totally unnecessary. There are better, more cost effective, alternatives. Do not do irreversible harm to our community.

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Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

Randy Teslik  
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**From:** Monique Shimm [mailto:moniqueshimm@hotmail.com]  
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**Subject:** Save our Trail, PLEASE!

Dear Transportation Planning Board Members,

I use this trail 7 days a week to walk my dogs. I use the portion from the Town of Chevy Chase, through the tunnel, and up to the swimming pool in Bethesda. In addition to being the only real green space in the Town of Chevy Chase, it is an important link in the Capital Crescent Trail system. To lose this trail, even if only during construction, you will be sending thousands of people, children, pets, cyclists onto the road - going across one of the busiest areas of Wisconsin Avenue.

Also, many BCC students use the trail to commute to school and many use it to access the busy Sport & Health Club. Walking access to these facilities allows for many fewer car trips.

If the rail is added to the trail, I will no longer use it. I will simply get into my car every afternoon, drive my dogs over to Rock Creek Park, and walk them there. So you will have essentially added a car trip (two-way) onto East West Highway unnecessarily. Not to mention another three to four car trips to the Sport & Health Club.

It should not be underestimated the importance of allowing green space in each community. Why should Bethesda, Silver Spring, Kensington, Somerset and DC be allowed to have green space -- and not the Town of Chevy Chase? You cannot count Elm Street Park - that is simply not a multi-use park.

And I haven't even mentioned the impact on trees.

Please use your wisdom, vision and courage to put transit elsewhere and to preserve the Capital Crescent Trail as this region's "Central Park" -- so that we, and generations to come, will be able to enjoy this natural resource, regardless of the growth and development that takes place around us.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

Monique Shimm  
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Joan.Kleinman@mail.house.gov; Ron Kirby; pbrow@verizon.net  
Subject: Purple Line

Hi,

I am emailing about the Purple Line Plan. I really do not approve of this plan because it would destroy the natural beauty of the trees along the trail that runs directly next to where the line would go. There are already buses that do the job, if we really need more transportation in that area, just add more buses. Please realize that many people feel this way about the Purple Line, and the people who have to live near it do not desire it at all. Thank you for not destroying something precious to us.

Natasha Finnegan

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**Subject:** No To the "Purple Line"

Dear Transportation Planning Board Members,

I am all in favor of smart investments for effective public transportation...which is precisely why I am opposed to the so called Purple Line.

This is an ineffective use of limited transportation dollars that will not only waste good money on a system that won't take many cars off the road, it will also eliminate the opportunity to put in place an effective East-West system in Montgomery County and it will also eliminate any hopes of a circumferential Metro line. At the same time it will most likely actually INCREASE CONGESTION along Connecticut avenue, because it will encourage and enable further development. This is an outcome that no elected leader would want to be identified with.

Times have certainly changed since the Purple Line was first introduced. With the base realignment, and other developments, it is imperative that we reconsider an effective integrated Metro system that includes the first leg of an actual regional circumferential Metro line, most logically along the Capital Beltway.

Finally it has become very clear that building either option of the Purple Line would ruin one of the most popular green spaces in lower Montgomery county, the Capital Crescent Trail and the "Future Capital Crescent Trail." The true potential of this green space as a linear park is far from realized since the meager funding to fully upgrade this area with a paved trail along the entire length has been delayed due to the proposed Purple Line. Funding these small improvements would certainly be a popular move for lower montgomery county.

In summary, with the changes in outlook that President Obama has brought about, people are starting to expect and demand effective, efficient, and prudent investments of their tax dollars from their elected officials. As the original ridership study has shown, and as time will tell, the Purple line will be an ineffective waste of money that people will not be able to forget.

Please reconsider a new study of the best way to spend our transportation dollars on real improvements for the congestion in lower Montgomery County.

Sincerely  
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**Subject:** No Rail on the Trail - Please Preserve Our Greenspace, Trail and Trees

**RE: No Rail on the Trail --Please Preserve Our Greenspace, Trail and Trees**

**Dear Transportation Planning Board Members,**

My family and I use the Capital Crescent Trail year-round. Before I was married, I would take long runs or bike rides alone and with friends and train for races. Now that I am married, have two young daughters and work full-time, I don't get to run on the trail as much as I used to. But, my shorter and less frequent runs have been complemented by first, pushing baby strollers, then bike riding with a child carrier, and now riding into Bethesda with my girls on their own bikes. My parents also walk and ride bikes on the trail frequently. I often run into former colleagues and current friends on the trail. It is a true urban oasis.

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Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

Ann W. Bittman  
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Subject: No Rail on the Trail --Please Preserve Our Greenspace, Trail  
and Trees

My family and I enjoy riding our bicycles on the trail where the Purple Line has been proposed to run. The greatest thing about this trail is that, despite living inside the Beltway in the heart of a very large city, I can ride my bicycle among trees, birds, and other wildlife, and feel like I am out in the country. I used to live in Los Angeles, California, where the city planners did not set aside very much parkland or biking trails for people to commute to work or for leisure time. That's exactly why I like this area so much more. One of my favorite summertime activities is riding my bicycle from my house over to Bethesda to enjoy dinner there. My family gets exercise, both going and coming home, and I don't have to worry about finding a parking space. I am also proud that my family is not polluting the air when we do this.

If the Purple Line is run along the trail, the bike ride won't be enjoyable with all the trees and wildlife gone. PLEASE, PLEASE, PLEASE don't run the train alongside the trail! The Purple Line needs to either go underground, like they did with the Metro Red Line running up to Glenmont, or along the Beltway, between the inner and outer loop, like they do in Los Angeles.

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Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,  
Julie Friauf  
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**Subject:** Purple Line

Honorable Ladies and Gentlemen,

As a long-time resident of the District of Columbia (40 years), and with my wife a daily hiker along the Capital Crescent Trail, I implore you not to destroy this great nature trail by constructing the proposed Purple Line along this route. There are alternate routes which - at lesser cost and no detriment to this great natural amenity - can and should be adopted. In the interest of our environment and fiscal responsibility, I implore you to select alternate paths for the Purple Line.

Respectfully yours,

Peter F. Healey

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**Subject:** Purple Line and Capital Crescent Trail between Bethesda and Silver Spring

Dear Transportation Planning Board Members,

First, I'd like to state that I do not live along the route of the currently proposed Purple Line, so I am not a NIMBY.

However, I do have grave concerns about what the current plan for the Purple Line will mean for bike (and other users) of the CCT between Bethesda and Silver Spring. As an avid cyclist and bike commuter, I feel that I am not part of the problem, rather, I am part of the solution.

Every week, more than 10,000 hikers and bikers -- of all ages, races, ethnicities, and abilities -- use the Capital Crescent Trail between Bethesda and Silver Spring. The Trail is enjoyed by the elderly, parents pushing strollers, bird watchers, families with small children, casual cyclists, teens going to and from school, athletes in training, and daily commuters. Trail users come from all around the region.

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Preserve Our Greenspace, Trail and Trees.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,  
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**Subject:** Save the Trail - Vote For Buses

Dear Representative,

Please vote for buses instead of the subway on the Capital Crescent Trail. Buses are cheaper than the rail line and can be done right away.



And the trail would be saved. You'll be a hero!

Yours,

Elliot Klayman  
4614 Chevy Chase Blvd.  
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Subject: Pls dont take away the Trail:(

> All: I am writing to encourage you with all my heart to save "our"  
> Trail -- which is beloved by my 75-year old parents, my dog, my  
> teenage babysitter, and my school-age kids, as much as it is by this  
> 43-yr old mom. I have walked, run, and sometimes practically crawled  
> on that trail since moving into the area some 15 years ago. It was  
> my  
> salvation when the kids were babies, to have a safe place to push  
> them  
> in a stroller & get fresh air. It has been the scene recently of  
> "Fun  
> Runs" for my girls in whom I'm trying to instill some good healthy  
> exercise habits.  
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> What would i do without that Trail? Drive to a gym --not the most  
> environmentally-friendly thing to do -- and sweat inside. Dodge cars  
> along Connecticut Ave & East-west highway to get some of the same  
> outdoor walking benefits as the Trail? My senior-citizen parents  
> would likely do neither. It's just such a shame to think of a  
> community WILLINGLY giving up this gem.  
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> I know the issue is complicated with many, many stakeholders & you  
> all  
> are probably getting weary of these impassioned pleas.....but I'm  
> asking for you to please hear my thoughts with an open mind and do  
> the  
> right thing - for all of us. We are entrusting you with a huge,  
> irrevocable decision.  
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> Many thanks for your consideration --  
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**Subject:** Re: Purple Line

The Environmental Impact Statement on the Purple Line makes it clear that the visual degradation of the Georgetown Branch Trail between Silver Spring and Bethesda will be “severe.” Users of the Trail have known this for a very long time, but our concerns go further than the loss of a trail that provides a visually attractive experience for walkers and cyclists.

We know that the Chevy Chase Land Company has plans to develop its site at Chevy Chase Lake East on Connecticut Avenue. Bethesda continues to develop high-density housing and commercial facilities, and plans for a similar pattern along the proposed route for the Purple Line east of Silver Spring are in the pipeline. There are good reasons to develop existing urban and suburban sites, rather than continue the sprawl into rural Maryland. Increasing pressure on road users makes long commuter routes less attractive, and we must do everything possible to reduce dependence on cars. However, it is also clear that growth in high-density housing and employment in urban and suburban areas makes the need for green recreational spaces more essential than ever. Mass transit has many virtues, especially when we face challenges to the nature of our energy consumption and the need to reduce carbon emissions, but it also has its drawbacks, and that includes degradation of the environment. We must be prepared to build mass transit schemes that do not remove green spaces, even if that means greater expense by routing underground. Green spaces are not simply visual assets, they support diverse ecosystems, reduce water run-off – scarcely mentioned in the EIS – reduce urban noise and air pollution.

Construction of the Purple Line would not only take out many trees on the Georgetown Branch Trail that provide the visual impact mentioned in the EIS. It will divide communities along the proposed route, an intervention that transforms lives negatively, and threatens to impair diversity in residential and economic life. The route, once a single-track railway, cannot accommodate safely a two-track, frequent high-speed service. There are other alternatives open to Montgomery and Prince George’s Counties that do not carry such negative outcomes; for example, the Beltway Loop or an underground route designed to take more cars off the Beltway and East West Highway

than the proposed plan. It would also make obvious good sense to route the Purple Line with a direct connection to Medical Center.

As it stands, the proposed Purple Line demonstrates weakness of vision at a time when we need a mass transit infrastructure that is far more robust and flexible for the Greater Washington region. It is easy to make fiscal stress an excuse for not standing ground against schemes that degrade what little we have left of accessible green urban space, and that fracture existing communities. Please return to the drawing board!

Yours sincerely

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**Subject:** Bethesda Passenger Connectivity - Purple Line

Dear Transportation Planning Board Members,

Please let me describe how Purple Line passengers will transfer between the proposed Purple Line Bethesda-Terminus (in front of Gifford's Ice Cream store) and the existing Bethesda Multi-Modal Transfer Station. The planner's dream.

These connecting passengers would walk three city blocks, through crowded Bethesda intersections to make their surface transit connection; Metro Bus, Ride-On, or the Bethesda Circulator. They would soon abandon the Purple Line for depositing them where they do not want to be. The planner's nightmare.

Unlike the conveniently proposed second Bethesda MetroRail elevator for connecting subway-only passengers, surface transit passengers would fend for themselves. METRO will not permit these passengers to enter and cut-through Metro's crowded platforms.

For the scores of passengers not connecting to the MetroRail subway, they will abandon the three-block walk as unreasonably lengthy, arduous, non-ADA conforming and dangerous.

The MTA has consistently failed to propose a solution for non-subway Purple Line passengers needing to connect to the Bethesda Multi-Modal Transfer Station.

You are a Planning Board. Demand to see a solution based on documentable reality. Planning Board Members must stand between the MTA's failure to address and the FTA's decision to fund what now seems, for the Bethesda Terminus, to be a gold plated MetroRail only enhancement project.

Sincerely,  
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Cc: Browning, Pam  
Subject: Please vote No on the Purple Line

Dear Governing Officials,  
I am sending this email to ask you to please strongly consider the testimony against the purple line given by Senator Madaleno, David Lublin, Pat Burda and others before the COG Transportation Planning Board on May 20, 2009.

I am a resident of the District of Columbia. The Capital Crescent Trail is a natural treasure that I use frequently (like many, many others of all ages). Please keep it intact and choose a less destructive (and less costly) alternative such as the Jones Bridge Road Bus Rapid Transit option.

Rather than solve our problems, the purple line will break something very special that is "working" on so many levels. BRT is a smart option for today while the full costs and impact of light rail are examined more closely.

Sincerely,

Vali Tschirgi

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**Subject:** No Rail on the Trail --Please Preserve Our Greenspace, Trail and Trees

Dear Transportation Planning Board Members,

My son thoroughly enjoys using the Crescent Trail to walk our dog. He is one of the more than 10,000 walkers, runners, and bikers -- from all over the region -- that use the Capital Crescent Trail between Bethesda and Silver Spring every week. The Trail is enjoyed by the elderly, parents pushing strollers, bird watchers, families with small children, casual cyclists, teens going to and from school, athletes in training, and daily commuters. If the trail was to share light rail, the safety and tranquility would be shattered for those that currently use the trail.

This irreplaceable Trail is surrounded by tranquil greenspace and thousands of mature trees. It is important to the neighboring communities and to the Region. It is an essential link in a circuit of trails that connects Maryland, DC, and Virginia.

I remain concerned about the light rail crossing of Connecticut Avenue. And the impact on the communities after the Trail stops.

Please use your wisdom, vision and courage to put transit elsewhere and to preserve the Capital Crescent Trail as this region's "Central Park" -- so that we, and generations to come, will be able to enjoy this natural resource, regardless of the growth and development that takes place around us.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,  
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**Subject:** NO RAIL ON THE TRAIL - Please preserve our green space

RE: NO RAIL ON THE TRAIL!

Dear Transportation Planning Board Members,

I am a registered voter and a frequent user of the Capital Crescent trail. I ask you to preserve the trail. This green sanctuary should NOT be sacrificed in the name of public transit, especially since other reasonable options exist.

This trail, with its tall mature trees and tranquil shady canopy, is like a green cathedral. It is very much needed as a recreational and healing green space in this developed area. As a frequent user I can see elderly people enjoying a quiet stroll, walkers, runners, and bikers -- using the Capital Crescent Trail between Bethesda and Silver Spring. This section of the trail is essential for the community. It is also essential as a green haven and link in a circuit of trails that connects Maryland, DC, and Virginia.

Please stand up and preserve this vital green link of the Capital Crescent Trail and preserve the Capital Crescen Trail as this region's equivalent of Central Park, so that we, and generations to come will be able to enjoy this natural resource, regardless of the growth and development that takes place around us.

Public transit should never come at the expense of green space.

Sincerely,  
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**Subject:** No Rail on the Trail--Please Preserve Our Greenspace

Dear Elected Officials and Transportation Planners:

I have been an area resident for the past 10 years and purchased my home because of its proximity to the Capital Crescent Trail. The combination of greenspace and opportunity for exercise is extremely important to my family. Our son has a chronic health condition that requires regular aerobic activity. A great way for us to "do his treatment" and get outside as a family is for us to bike, walk, scooter or rollerblade on the trail, which we do almost every

weekend. My other son began his trail rides in the stroller, and has since graduated through several sizes of bicycles. He recently read aloud to his first grade class his essay on his family in which the trail figured prominently. Whenever we have family friends in town, we take them on the trail and they marvel at the tranquility of the Trail and the amazing green in a urban environment. My kids love the trail so much that they are motivated to pick up other people's trash when they see it on the trail!

My family is but 4 of the more than 10,000 walkers, runners, and bikers -- from all over the region -- that use the Capital Crescent Trail between Bethesda and Silver Spring. This irreplaceable Trail is surrounded by tranquil greenspace and thousands of mature trees. It is important to the neighboring communities and to the Region. It is an essential link in a circuit of trails that connects Maryland, DC, and Virginia.

Please use your wisdom, vision and courage to put transit elsewhere and to preserve the Capital Crescent Trail as this region's "Central Park" -- so that we, and generations to come, will be able to enjoy this natural resource, regardless of the growth and development that takes place around us.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,  
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