



**MONTGOMERY COUNTY COUNCIL**  
**ROCKVILLE, MARYLAND**

**OFFICE OF THE COUNCIL PRESIDENT**

October 2, 2013

Ms. Françoise M. Carrier, Chair  
Montgomery County Planning Board  
8787 Georgia Avenue  
Silver Spring, MD 20910

Dear Ms. Carrier:

We have received the Draft White Oak Science Gateway Master Plan and appreciate the hard work that has gone into it thus far. However, the consensus of the Council is that we need you to complete the transportation analysis before we can consider the Plan.

The Draft Plan is not in balance between land use and transportation. We ask that you and your staff prepare a package of recommendations that will allow us to approve a balanced plan, and that you have the opportunity to vet them with the White Oak community and stakeholders. If part of the package includes a recommendation to change the traffic standards, then we ask that you concurrently forward a proposed amendment to the Subdivision Staging Policy that would accomplish this.

We believe that this work should continue under the aegis of the Planning Board so that the Council will have the full package of recommendations when it takes up the plan. We cannot approve the zoning without a full understanding of how the proposed transportation system will work. We will request that the Executive Branch work with the Planning Board and staff to resolve the remaining issues as quickly as possible.

It is paramount that we minimize any delay in the adoption of this important plan as we fully address these critical issues. Please advise us of your anticipated schedule for completing the work.

Although we have already announced a public hearing on the Draft White Oak Science Gateway Plan for October 29, we will be advising potential speakers that the Council will not be taking up the plan until this further work is completed, and that we will schedule a second public hearing at that time.

We are eager to move forward with a plan that will provide the White Oak community with more opportunities to live, work, and play locally.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Nancy Navarro", with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

Nancy Navarro  
Council President