

PARK HILLS CIVIC ASSOCIATION

*From Piney Branch Road to Greenbrier Drive,
between Dale Drive and Sligo Creek Parkway*

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March 19, 2012

Mr. Mike Madden
Chief of Project Development
Maryland Transit Administration Transportation
6 Saint Paul Street
Baltimore, Maryland 21202

Dear Mr. Madden:

We are writing on behalf of the Executive Committees of the four civic associations below, in connection with recent articles in the Washington Post by Katherine Shaver (dated January 26 and February 16, 2012) and Harry Lerch (dated January 25, 2012) concerning properties that will be condemned and laws of eminent domain that will be exercised in order to build the Purple Line. We are specifically writing about properties on or near the stretches of Wayne Avenue between Flower Avenue and Fenton Avenue, and Arliss Street between Flower and Piney Branch, which are in residential neighborhoods in our joint civic association territories.

We understand that the list of properties is not final at this stage, and that it will evolve and change as engineering studies are completed. Obviously, this subject is a sensitive one that impacts people's lives in a major way. Members of our associations are expressing anxiety and asking questions about the list and the process for taking property. In order to avoid panic and the spread of misinformation, we want to put word out that when the time is right, we will reach out to MTA to organize a special community meeting to address their concerns and provide accurate information so that those affected can make plans well in advance of having their properties taken.

We think that planning such a meeting may be premature now, and wonder if you can tell us at what point MTA will have enough accurate information about which properties will likely be taken, in whole or in part? We'd also like to ask if, at that point, someone from MTA would be willing to attend a meeting and speak to our neighborhood about this issue.

Further, we would like to ask if MTA would be willing, at that point, to come out and 'mark' this stretch of Wayne Avenue as it will be widened (e.g., place stakes), so that residents can actually see what land is affected. This would be most helpful, as it is very difficult to envision by looking at drawings and reading lists.

Thanks very much.

Very truly yours,

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