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The Honorable Steuart Pittman, County Executive
Anne Arundel County
Arundel Center, P.O. Box 2700
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Re: Plan2040 Implementation Advisory Committee Recommendations

Dear County Executive Pittman:

The Plan2040 Implementation Advisory Committee (IAC) is a citizen advisory board created by Plan2040, Anne Arundel County's General Development Plan, and consists of members from established County boards and commissions. The IAC is charged with monitoring the progress of Plan2040, ensuring transparency and accountability, and providing guidance to the County Executive, County Council, and County staff regarding the implementation of the General Development Plan. The IAC may also provide guidance and recommendations on budget matters necessary to carry out implementation activities.

The IAC met on October 30, 2024, and received an overview from the leadership of County departments on efforts to address affordable housing and transportation issues in the County. The IAC identified these two priorities in their previous meetings. The IAC discussed challenges to addressing these issues and provided the following recommendations to guide the County's work to achieve the goals outlined in Plan2040.

IAC Recommendations for Plan2040 Implementation

The IAC affirmed their priority focus areas for County policy, projects, and programs, and they commended the County on progress made over the last three years in implementing the General Development Plan. The top priority focus areas identified by the IAC in previous meetings are: affordable housing, transportation, school capacity, resilient infrastructure, and parks and open space.

As the County and its partners continue to work toward the goals of Plan2040, the IAC makes the following recommendations focused on housing and transportation:

1. **Affordable Housing:** An adequate supply and diversity of housing for people to be able to afford to live and work in Anne Arundel County continues to be a top priority. The IAC

recommends that, as County Code legislation is developed to promote redevelopment and to update impact fees, the policies balance the need for housing and adequate infrastructure and provide flexibility for developers to deliver infrastructure improvements that are timely, cost-effective, and meet public needs.

2. **Transportation:** The IAC commends the expansion and increased reliability, accessibility, and flexibility of transit options in the County. The IAC recommends the County continue these efforts and implement the Transit Development Plan. The IAC also supports efforts to expand the trail network and improve walking and biking infrastructure in communities across the County, especially in Town Centers, as recommended in the Move Anne Arundel and Walk and Roll Plans. The IAC encourages the County and its partners to accelerate the pace of implementation of walking and biking infrastructure improvements. The IAC also recommends that the County critically evaluate roadway projects, development requirements, and policies to encourage multimodal transportation options and reduce reliance on personal vehicles in order to reduce the cost of living while also reducing congestion and environmental impacts.
3. **Coordination and Collaboration:** The IAC encourages County departments and their partners to continue and improve efforts to work together and coordinate, so infrastructure improvements sync with development. The appointed boards and commissions of the County are willing to serve as resources in the development of County policy.

The IAC appreciates this opportunity to provide you with its recommendations on Plan2040 implementation. If there are any questions on our recommendations, please contact Michael Stringer in the Office of Planning and Zoning (pzstri20@aacounty.org).

Sincerely,

Plan2040 Implementation Advisory Committee

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