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Mayor and City Council
City of Annapolis
160 Duke of Gloucester St.
Annapolis, MD 21401

Re: Petitions for Removal of Smith and Archwood Avenues from Special Residential Parking District 3

Dear Mr. Mayor and Members of the Council:

The Transportation Board received two petitions on December 15 and January 17 from residents of Murray Hill who asked that Smith and Archwood Avenues be removed from Special Residential Parking District 3. The Board met on January 25, 2017 to discuss the petitions.

The Board voted 6-1 to support both petitions.

Rationale:

Based on the submitted petitions, the Board determined that the criteria in Annapolis Municipal Code section 2.32.040, Considerations for creation, alteration or elimination have been met. The residents have experienced no lack of parking supply on these streets and as a result believe the restrictions are unnecessary. The request was virtually unanimously supported by residents on both streets as well as by surrounding stakeholder organizations such as Bates Middle School and Maryland Hall for the Creative Arts.

We did raise the concern that as development continues along West Street, there is a risk that parking pressure will eventually reach these streets and that the entire lengthy process outlined in the city code would need to be followed if at that point they wish to have the restrictions reinstated. However, this risk was deemed acceptable.

As an interesting side note, the routine enforcement of the restrictions in all Special Residential Parking Districts by SP+ is what precipitated these requests. Residents on Smith Avenue have been parking in front of their houses for years without permits and have only recently been receiving tickets. This action is what we would consider a correction to the regulation based on consistent application of the existing laws outlined in our code, which is a direct result of the work SP+ is performing on behalf of the city.

Furthermore, the Smith Avenue petition requested use of the parking garage at 275 West Street for adverse weather events. We advised the petitioner that this is a privately owned garage not

used by the city for these kinds of events and if they are interested in utilizing this facility to inquire directly with the garage owner.



If you have any questions, concerns, or comments, you can reach me at alex@teampline.org or 443-510-7297.

Respectfully submitted,

Chair, Transportation Board