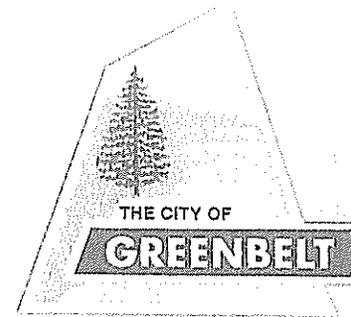


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October 24, 2017

SCMAGLEV Project
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Maryland Transit Administration
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Dear Mr. Al Khatib:

On behalf of the Greenbelt City Council, I am writing to oppose the proposed Baltimore-Washington Superconducting Maglev Project. Two of the three alignments (J & J-1) currently being considered run right through our City. Even though some of the route through Greenbelt is underground, there will be construction impacts and accessory structures for tunnel access, ventilation shafts and power which will negatively impact our historic community.

Greenbelt is a National Historic Landmark and planned community with parks, open spaces and recreational amenities. The J-1 alignment has a tunnel transition in the middle of the City's "green belt" where a City ballfield (Northway Field) and our Forest Preserve, protected by a City ordinance, are located. This proposal will also have a very destructive impact on valuable, environmentally sensitive resources, adjacent to our City including the Baltimore-Washington Parkway, the Beltsville Agricultural Research Center (BARC), the Patuxent Research Refuge and other important open spaces.

This project will not in any way benefit Greenbelt residents or any of the communities and neighborhoods along the proposed routes. Our City is already divided by highways a Maglev train would further divide the community. It is not clear that this project will reduce traffic congestion. Residents have expressed concerns about noise, loss of trees and wildlife habitat, harmful health impacts and reduction in property values. The City is also concerned about the impact on our business community and important scientific/research activities at BARC and the NASA Goddard Space Flight Center.

The City of Greenbelt **strongly opposes** this project. This proposed Maglev project reduces the quality of life in our City. These funds would be better spent on improving existing rail and local transit services. We urge you to dismiss these alternatives and abandon this ill-conceived project.

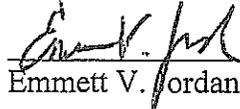
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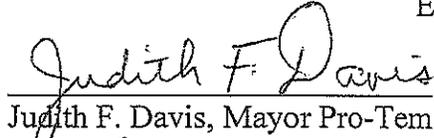
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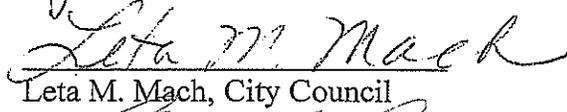
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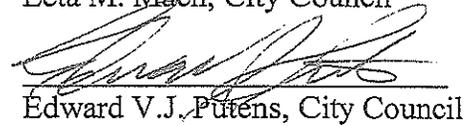


Sincerely,


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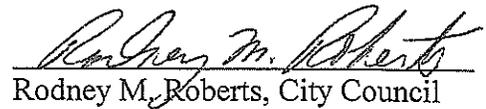

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