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RE: Support Letter for MAGLEV – Water Quality Certification

Dear Danielle Spendiff:

The Maryland Business Clergy Partnership (MBPC) is a unique statewide partnership between over 6,000 businesses and 1500 members of the clergy located in the state of Maryland. The MBPC is a nonpartisan organization with a mission to bridge the gaps between businesses, churches, elected officials and government. Our goal is to make a difference throughout the State of Maryland by changing the economic climate through political influence and advocacy, and to open doors for all.

MBPC feel that the Northeast MAGLEV is extremely vital to future transportation needs along the Northeast corridor connecting major cities and airports in Maryland, Delaware, Philadelphia and New York. We are strong supporters and encourage others to support generational changing projects, such as Northeast MAGLEV that will provide significant economic growth, improve transportation; as well as, connect the DMV to New York in less than one hour.

- ✓ BWRR has committed that the project will follow both Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) and Maryland stormwater management (SWM) guidelines for Federal Projects.
- ✓ BWRR will design the stormwater management system to meet Maryland Department of the Environment (MDE) regulations.
- ✓ The project will meet state water quality standards by following MDE standards for Erosion & Sediment Control practices.

BWRR's design minimizes and avoids environmental impacts as much as possible:

- 70% of the alignment is underground.
- The above ground guideway is a viaduct which has minor periodic impacts from the foundations. Traditional rail projects have continuous impacts.
- The Trainset Maintenance Facility (TMF) footprint has been reduced from earlier concepts and the Maintenance of Way (MOW) facility is co-located which reduces the impact.

With the successful approval of the WQS the state of Maryland moves to the next step of providing the citizens improved transportation modems and significant economic activity for businesses in the state and the region. As we are all aware, this project could significantly reduce highway congestion and improve air quality in the region while also addressing the transportation needs to support the predicted population growth.

Again we support this valuable project.

Sincerely,

Lisa Ellis
CMO and Executive Boardmember

