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February 19, 2025

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RE: Ashby Livable Centers Initiative (LCI) 2025 Application - Letter of Support

Dear Mrs. Blaszyk,

ATLDOT is pleased to support the Department of City Planning's application for the Ashby Livable Centers Initiative (LCI) Plan. We share the department's stance that supporting public life around the Ashby MARTA Station begins with the design of the station's facilities and nearby streets, which should prioritize the mobility and comfort of people: pedestrians, cyclists, and transit users.

In 2024, we released the Vision Zero Action Plan, our City's commitment to improving roadway safety and ending traffic fatalities. This project has the capacity to support several nearby prioritized Vision Zero initiatives, including the Community of Concern Vine City and two Safe Routes to Schools priority schools. We make this commitment with corridors like Martin Luther King Jr. Drive and Joseph E. Lowery Boulevard NW, both members of the High Injury Network, in mind. Properly designed, these streets have the great potential to be an integral piece of a more safe, reliable, and efficient transportation network that will serve Atlanta as it continues to grow.

We intend to be an active partner in this study. Our goal is that the planning process will help us determine future capital projects, as well as support the implementation of existing projects, including the J.E. Lowery Complete Street, for the safety of all people living and traveling near the Ashby MARTA Station and nearby corridors. Further, this work will be done tangentially to our upcoming Comprehensive Transportation Plan, kicking off in 2025 with community engagement slated to continue through 2026. We will do this work in close coordination with the Georgia Department of Transportation (GDOT) and engage them as a partner in this process.

ATLDOT is a committed partner to this LCI. Should you have any questions or require additional information, please contact me at bsmoot-madison@atlantaga.gov

Regards,

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