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Ms. Helen Cuervo, Administrator
Northern Virginia District
Virginia Department of Transportation
4975 Alliance Drive
Fairfax, Virginia 22030

Reference: Additional Public Input on the I-495 Northern Extension Project (I-495 NEXT)

Dear Ms. Cuervo:

On behalf of the Fairfax County Board of Supervisors, I am writing to inform you of the Board's concern regarding opportunities for public input and feedback on the I-495 NEXT project.

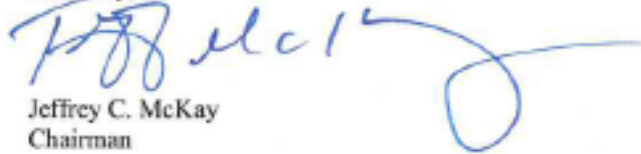
The I-495 NEXT project will have lasting effects on accessibility for surrounding communities in Fairfax County, and it is essential that citizens are well informed of the project's scope and resulting impacts. While the materials related to the I-495 NEXT project have been available since earlier this year, the public has had limited opportunities to engage with the Virginia Department of Transportation (VDOT) on the effects the project will have on the surrounding community.

Recognizing that COVID-19 has made public meetings difficult, there remain ample means to provide additional information to the public and collect more input prior to making any decisions about this major project. The Board requests that VDOT allow additional time and opportunity for the public to learn about the project and provide feedback prior to finalizing the environmental document and design plans and proceeding with execution of the final contract with the concessionaire.

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Thank you for your consideration and continuing efforts on the I-495 NEXT project. If you have any questions, please call Martha E. Coello at (703) 877-5682 or me at (703) 324-2321.

Sincerely,


Jeffrey C. McKay
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cc: Members, Board of Supervisors
Members, Commonwealth Transportation Board
The Honorable Barbara A. Favola, Senate of Virginia
The Honorable Janet D. Howell, Senate of Virginia
The Honorable Mark L. Keam, Virginia House of Delegates
The Honorable Kathleen J. Murphy, Virginia House of Delegates

1 In order to accommodate this request and ensure adequate time was given to comment and review on the I-495 Express Lanes Northern Extension project, VDOT agreed to reschedule the comment period to Dec 4, 2020.

The Honorable Richard C. Sullivan, Jr., Virginia House of Delegates
The Honorable Mary H. Hynes, Northern Virginia District Board Member, Commonwealth Transportation Board (CTB)
The Honorable E. Scott Kasprovicz, At-Large Urban Board Member, CTB
The Honorable Shannon Valentine, Secretary of Transportation, Commonwealth of Virginia
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