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Good morning Mayor, Vice Mayor and Council Members,

My name is Charlotte Landis. I live at 433 N. Patrick St. I am here this morning to reiterate the dissatisfaction of my neighborhood with the proposed Transportation Master Plan, especially Bus Rapid Transit. At the last Braddock Road charette I was told that City Council will vote on the BRT proposals in February.

A year ago I stood here and spoke to the BRT issue, and at that time I hand delivered a petition to you representing 50 Parker-Gray households. We hoped that Council, and in turn staff, would listen to our concerns. It seems our statement had little impact. To date no one has acknowledged the seriousness of our petition.

In many a public meeting, Ad Hoc Task Force members have tried to tell me I don't understand ... understand the difference between short - and long - term goals. Their want is to tell me that I'm befuddled, confused and not comprehending. In short is to say that my neighborhood concerns are unwarranted. I do understand. The short term goal... BRT shuttle service from Glebe Rd to the Braddock Metro... is acceptable so long as the busses follow First Street to the service road and travel parallel to Metrorail.

My remarks speak to the long range plan, the proposed north-south transportation corridor most likely Braddock Road to Fort Belvoir. Rte 1 is not appropriate for BRT and BRT does not benefit residents in our neighborhood. Let me once again submit our petition. And with it I again submit my additional comments as requested by the Transportation Task Force. The second document lists my, now the neighborhood's, reasons for excluding the Rte 1 corridor from consideration. I have received no response from either the Task Force or T&ES. Obviously the essence was not absorbed.

I am saddened by this process and oppose its continuation until there is an adequate expression of concern for us Alexandrians and our history. It seems the City is more concerned in facilitating "pass through" traffic (Pentagon to Fort Belvoir) than protecting those residents most gravely impacted by such decisions.

I would suggest that politics now be put aside. The time has come for logic to prevail. Only three Council Members had the courtesy to respond to my initial statement of public concern. I ask the remaining four to consider the reasons now.

Thank you for your time.

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Rapid transit/light rail on Route 1, as Commissioner Robinson announced (02/06/07), is not an acceptable solution for traffic problems that result from either implementation of the Braddock Metro Small Area Plan or poor planning generally.

We request that density be reduced to a level more consistent with a residential neighborhood.

We also request as a benefit of development the following: Wider sidewalks, Improved tree wells, Underground wiring (as per Charles Houston), Speed enforcement.

We would expect the same value given to our environmental health as the City has shown other Alexandria residents when fighting the problems of hazardous pollutants.

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