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Subject Monday Night Council Meeting - Reminder VDOT-HOV @ Seminary Rd Item

As per our discussion on Friday and per your request - here is a reminder of the item NOT on the docket for Monday night but one which TES wants to bring up because of the VDOT set timetable for making HOV/HOT Lane decisions. TES's presentation could be under your orals or under the City Manager's orals.

TES wishes to present on Monday night to Council a timetable for the provision of input to VDOT on the I-395 HOT/HOV lanes proposal. VDOT is having public hearings on Feb 9, 10, and 11 (the hearing on the 11th is at Minnie Howard) to educate the public about the proposals and to seek input. The City government's input is not due until about mid-March. The main issues for the City are (1) constructing HOV lane access at Seminary Road, and (2) the control of traffic signals at Shirlington Circle. In regard to the HOV access VDOT is proposing only bus access at Seminary and not automobile access there. As you are aware the City's historic position on HOV access at Seminary was not to support such access. However, this time the access request is for buses only. Seminary West does not want any access but many of the civic groups on the north side of I-395 (in large part due to the new Mark Center development) appear to support full HOV access.

On Monday night, Rich and Tom would plan to present a timeline showing the various decision steps leading up to a proposal that Council hold a public hearing and make a policy decision on this issue at the March public hearing. They will also briefly summarize the policy choices.

The City's Transportation Commission will take up the issue this week at their regular meeting.