

Remarks to Council 10/17/2009 Public Hearing
Alice Cave
Parkfairfax Resident

Mayor Euille, Vice Mayor Donley, and Members of the Council, thank you for this opportunity to speak out once again about the I-95/395 HOT lanes project. My name is Alice Cave; I am speaking as a resident of Parkfairfax, and I am also Secretary of the Board of Directors. I would like to acknowledge others from Parkfairfax who are here today. My remarks concern the environmental impacts that our task force's research shows would likely result, if the project goes forward.

The first point I would like to make concerns the Categorical Exclusion erroneously granted to the project by the Federal Highways Administration. This CE was originally granted based on project designs that only included restriping the existing two HOV lanes to create three HOT lanes. In reaffirming the CE in January 2009, FHWA, VDOT, and Fluor-Transurban neglected to consider major changes to the project scope and designs that had occurred since the CE was initially granted. The project scope had expanded significantly by 2009, adding major construction and/or reconstruction at multiple I-95/395 interchanges – including Shirlington Rotary and Seminary Road. This work goes far beyond simply restriping existing HOV lanes.

Many neighborhoods, along with public infrastructure such as schools and hospitals, are quite close to these interchanges – particularly along I-395. While adding HOT lanes would likely create large environmental impacts for the entire I-95/395 corridor, the Task Force has naturally given particular attention to negative environmental impacts upon Parkfairfax. The following project-related impacts are of major concern to us:

- Further deterioration in our air quality due to increased dust and emissions pollution.
- Higher rates of respiratory and other health problems due to worsened air quality.
- High noise levels this project would cause in Parkfairfax, particularly during construction.
- Damage to our buildings due to construction-related vibrations through underlying marine clay.
- New and significantly different traffic patterns due to increased cut-through traffic, both during and after the changes to the Shirlington Rotary, creating the following problems:
 - Safety issues for children at Charles Barrett Elementary School and for residents parking on our streets; it can already be dangerous getting into and out of a car here.
 - Safety issues for residents embarking/debarking on/from Metro and DASH buses.
 - Increased road maintenance (e.g., repaving, repairing pot holes) costs, for Alexandria and the Commonwealth of Virginia in a time of recession and budget problems.
- Decline in our property values and quality of life due to severe environmental impacts.

All of these potentially severe environment impacts on large numbers of residents warrant a full environmental assessment as mandated by the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA). The Task Force believes this assessment should, and will, result in a mandated Environmental Impact Statement.

In summary, Parkfairfax has raised many valid environmental concerns about this project. Unfortunately, VDOT and Fluor-Transurban have not responded with many answers to our concerns. In preparation for our June 2009 meeting, the Task Force sent questions to VDOT in advance about the various impacts of the I-95/395 HOT lanes project. However, VDOT and Fluor-Transurban did not address them then, or after the meeting. Parkfairfax and Alexandria will likely experience severe environmental impacts if this project goes forward. I ask you to please pass a strong resolution opposing the I95/395 HOT lanes project, and also continue to consider any legal remedies at the City's disposal.

Thank you for listening to my concerns.

Heather Rogers

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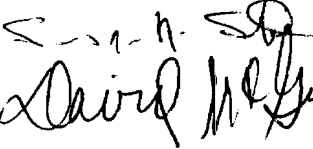
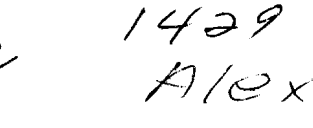
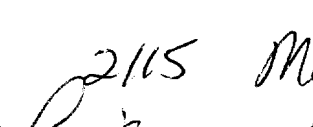
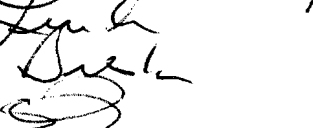
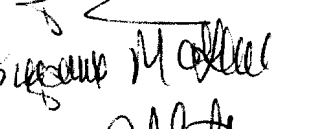
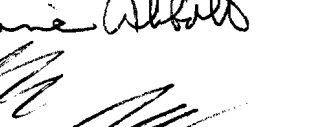

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Statement of Alex Luchenitser at October 17, 2009 City Council meeting during Agenda Item #6, concerning I-395 HOT Lanes Project

(Note: footnotes containing citations to case cites will not be orally read.)

I am Alex Luchenitser, a Parkfairfax resident and an attorney with a non-profit civil-liberties organization in the District.

My remarks will focus on whether Alexandria should become involved in litigation concerning the HOT Lanes project.

I deeply appreciate the detailed analysis provided by the City Attorney at Tuesday's work session.

I agree that it makes sense to review the responses to the lawsuits before taking any action, and I understand the importance of conserving City funds and resources.

But I do have some concerns about the strategy that has been proposed.

First, even when you are likely to be significantly affected by a lawsuit filed by someone else, the law only allows you to take part in the case if your request to intervene in the case is timely.¹

Courts have denied requests to intervene as untimely even when the requests were filed less than a year — in some cases, only about four months — after the case was filed.²

Courts have also often denied requests to intervene that were filed during the settlement stage of a case.³

The written version of my remarks, which I have submitted to the clerk, contain footnotes with citations to cases supporting these points.

If Alexandria is not able to participate in the legal proceedings concerning the HOT Lanes, one of two bad things could happen:

If there is no settlement, the lawsuits could result in a judicial ruling that harms Alexandria's interests.

More likely, Arlington's lawsuit could be settled without Alexandria being able to take part in the settlement discussions.

¹ See *Stewart v. Rubin*, 948 F. Supp. 1077, 1103 (D.D.C. 1996); *Dize v. Amalgamated Council of Greyhound Local Unions*, 684 F. Supp. 332, 338 (D.D.C. 1988); *In re Lorazepam & Clorazepate Antitrust Litigation*, 205 F.R.D. 363, 367 (D.D.C. 2001).

² See *Stewart*, 948 F. Supp. at 1103 (citing other cases); *Dize*, 684 F. Supp. at 338.

³ See *Hirson v. Republic of Bolivia*, 979 F. Supp. 908, 913 n.5 (D.D.C. 1997); *Stewart*, 948 F. Supp. at 1105; *Lorazepam*, 205 F.R.D. at 367-68.

A settlement of a lawsuit is the only way Alexandria can obtain a binding, enforceable commitment from VDOT concerning what will and what will not be done in and around the I-395 corridor.

And I think that FHWA and VDOT may well be willing to settle with Arlington without Alexandria's agreement, because they may view a decision by Alexandria not to take part in the legal proceedings now as a signal that Alexandria will not file a lawsuit of its own later.

FHWA and VDOT may also try to reach an agreement with Arlington that is not objectionable enough to induce Alexandria to sue, but not as good as what Alexandria could obtain by taking part in Arlington's case.

Finally, if Alexandria does end up filing a lawsuit of its own later, such a lawsuit would probably be much more expensive than taking part in Arlington's lawsuit now would be.

By intervening in the current case, Alexandria could focus on explaining how its positions agree with or differ from Arlington's, while letting Arlington do most of the heavy lifting.

For these reasons, I hope the Council gives further thought to its legal strategy.

Thank you.

Greg Cota

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**Statement of Greg Cota on HOT Lanes
Alexandria City Council Meeting
October 17, 2009**

Thank you, Mr. Mayor and members of the Council. I am Greg Cota – a resident of Parkfairfax and a volunteer on the community’s HOT Lanes Task Force. We greatly appreciate the Council’s focus on the HOT lanes issues – and I would like to focus my comments today on the traffic impacts here in Alexandria.

You have heard and read a lot over the past few months about the construction impacts on communities all along the I-395 corridor – and VDOT’s ridiculous plan to put six traffic lights on Shirlington Circle.

We believe, though, that regardless of whether the Shirlington or Seminary interchanges are redesigned, the HOT lanes will increase traffic at both exits and in the adjacent neighborhoods because the HOT lanes encourage single-occupancy drivers. Not only is BRAC adding new drivers to the corridor, but people who now carpool or take public transit will be incentivized to drive their own vehicles because of the promise of free-flowing traffic.

Over time, the new HOT lanes will just lead to increased traffic congestion in Alexandria – just as we’ve seen over and over again in Fairfax County and across Northern Virginia. New traffic will access the HOT lanes from local neighborhoods in the West End, Del Ray, and Crystal City – and new traffic will exit the HOT lanes from Fredericksburg, Prince William County, and Fairfax County.

Moreover, the District of Columbia has no plans to increase capacity across the 14th Street Bridge, so traffic will back up on I-395 further than it does now during both the morning and evening rush. As a result, more people will bail out at the Arlington and Alexandria exits – worsening traffic throughout the city.

At Shirlington, we would see traffic backing up on Gunston Road, Martha Custis Drive, Quaker Lane, and Preston Road. Frustrated motorists likely will cut through Parkfairfax to Glebe Road, Quaker Lane, or Route 1 – as they do now whenever there is an incident on I-395. This added traffic would have a negative impact on our streets, especially at the bottleneck that already exists in front of the Charles Barrett Elementary School.

At Seminary, analysis from the city’s transportation department shows that the additional BRAC congestion will worsen conditions at intersections and side streets in all directions. These spillover effects will impact all of the streets and neighborhoods in Alexandria’s I-395 corridor – from Edsall Road to Duke Street to Seminary Road to Beauregard Street to Braddock Road to Van Dorn Street to King Street to Quaker Lane to West Glebe Road and everywhere in between.

The City of Alexandria repeatedly has asked VDOT for traffic count information along the local streets in the vicinity of the HOT lanes, but VDOT has failed to respond to these requests. I think many of us are wondering if VDOT will ever respond since they know that the city won’t like the answers.

We also are concerned that VDOT promises today may not be kept tomorrow. While VDOT says, for instance, that Seminary Road will have a bus-only ramp – or that they'd consider this option for Shirlington – VDOT could come back in the future and push for the addition of cars – just as they now are pushing to widen I-66 inside the Beltway after promising years ago to leave it at two lanes in each direction.

We are all happy that VDOT has put the HOT lanes project on hold and promised another look at Shirlington Circle, but we are not out of the woods yet. The economy will get better; BRAC is coming; a gubernatorial election is just a few weeks away; and VDOT will be back at us even more vigorously once Fluor-TransUrban can lock in financing for the project. For us that means the fight isn't over. We need your help now (a) passing a strong resolution against the project, and (b) pursuing legal action to ensure that VDOT's environmental review documents properly address the significant impacts on Alexandria. A legislative strategy is a fine back-up plan, but I am not optimistic that we are going to see a sea-change in Richmond next year that suddenly is going to be against the promise of "free money" from the HOT lanes.

Thank you.

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Dear Mayor Euille and Members of City Council:

Attached please find comments that the Board of Directors of Brookville-Seminary Valley Civic Association, Inc. ("BSVCA") respectfully submits for your consideration in determining what actions the City Council ("Council") should take with respect to the proposed High Occupancy Toll Lanes project ("the HOT Lanes Project") being contemplated by the Virginia Department of Transportation ("VDOT"). As discussed in the attached letter, we believe that it would be prudent for the Council to refrain from joining in the lawsuit that the County Board of Arlington has brought against the Federal Highway Administration and VDOT at this time, and we urge that the Council instead focus its immediate attention on engaging with VDOT regarding the Interchange Justification Report on proposed options for direct access from I-395 to the BRAC facility at Mark Center on which VDOT is currently working.

Thank you for your consideration of our comments. We respectfully request that this e-mail and the attached document be included in the record relating to this proceeding, and accordingly, we are including the City Clerk as a "cc" recipient on this e-mail. If you have any questions regarding our comments and recommendations, please do not hesitate to contact me at geoff.goodale@bsvca.net or at (703) 618-6640.

Respectfully submitted,

Geoffrey M. Goodale



President, Brookville-Seminary Valley Civic Association, Inc. BSVCA Comments on HOT Lanes Project.pdf

BROOKVILLE-SEMINARY VALLEY CIVIC ASSOCIATION, INC.
P.O. Box 23348
Alexandria, VA 22304

October 16, 2009

Mayor William D. Euille and Members of City Council
301 King Street – City Hall
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Re: Comments on the Proposed VDOT HOT Lanes Project and Related Matters

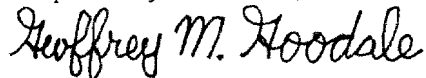
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The BSVCA, which is comprised of individuals from several hundred households in the Brookville-Seminary Valley area of the City, is a non-profit organization that seeks to promote the best interests of Alexandrians. We submitted comments to VDOT regarding our concerns about the HOT Lanes Project on February 20, 2009 (copy attached as Exhibit 1). Subsequently, we urged the City’s Transportation Commission to recommend that the Council withhold support for the HOT Lanes Project until the issues raised by us and others were adequately addressed by VDOT on March 4, 2009 (copy attached as Exhibit 2), and we provided comments in support of the Transportation Commission’s recommendation to this effect at the public hearing held by the Council on March 14, 2009. We were grateful to the Council for adopting a resolution withholding support for the HOT Lanes Project at its meeting on March 24, 2009.

While we understand why the Arlington County Board felt compelled to bring its lawsuit against VDOT, numerous reasons were raised as to why it would not be beneficial for the City to join in the lawsuit now at the Council’s Work Session on October 13, 2009. As such, we urge the City to refrain from joining in the lawsuit at this time, but we recommend that the City Attorney monitor the lawsuit closely and, if warranted, the City may wish to join in the lawsuit at a later time or at least consider submitting an amicus brief in the case. Conversely, we urge the Council to become actively engaged with VDOT as soon as possible regarding the BRAC Access IJR on which it is now working, because we fear that VDOT may not be taking all necessary factors and options into consideration.

Respectfully submitted,



Geoffrey M. Goodale

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EXHIBIT 1

BROOKVILLE-SEMINARY VALLEY CIVIC ASSOCIATION, INC.
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February 20, 2009

Mr. Ronaldo T. Nicholson, P.E.
Regional Transportation Program Director
Virginia Department of Transportation
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Re: I-95/395 HOV/Bus/HOT Lanes

Dear Mr. Nicholson:

The Board of Directors of Brookville-Seminary Valley Civic Association, Inc. ("BSVCA") respectfully submits these comments relating to the I-95/395 HOV/Bus/HOT Lanes project (the "Project"). As discussed below, we request that the Virginia Department of Transportation ("VDOT") respond to crucial questions and conduct necessary additional studies requested by various entities, including Arlington County, the City of Alexandria, the Northern Virginia Transportation Commission ("NVTC"), and the Northern Virginia Transportation Authority ("NVTA"), before proceeding with the Project.

The BSVCA, which is comprised of individuals from several hundred households in the Brookville-Seminary Valley area of the City of Alexandria, is a non-profit organization that seeks to promote the best interests of Alexandrians. Given the close proximity of the Brookville-Seminary Valley area to I-395, the Project is of great interest to the BSVCA.

We are aware that Arlington County has articulated a list of questions and issues about the Project, including fundamental inadequacies with the modeling that was used to support the environmental documentation, and that it believes that the Categorical Exclusion ("CE") documentation did not receive adequate review by VDOT and the Federal Highway Administration ("FHWA"). We further understand that numerous multi-jurisdictional organizations, including the NVTC and the NVTA, have also expressed concern about the Project and its impacts on transit and mobility in the region. We also are cognizant of the fact that the City of Alexandria has requested that VDOT and Fluor/Transurban conduct a study to evaluate the potential impact of creating HOT access at the Seminary Road interchange connection on adjacent residential neighborhoods. In addition, we recognize that several municipalities, including Arlington County, have expressed the view that the Project, as it is designed today, will likely have an adverse impact on citizens across the Northern Virginia region.

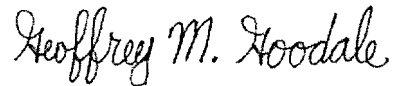
For the reasons discussed above, we make the following requests. To begin with, we urge that the CE documentation be re-examined by the FHWA, including a more careful look at the modeling used to support the environmental conclusions, and that the FHWA and VDOT work with local jurisdictions to ensure that the impacts to localities created by this project are adequately captured and addressed in the environmental documentation and any subsequent Project agreements, consistent with the conditions of the CE. We also ask that the design exceptions currently under review receive the same level of scrutiny typical of a project of this magnitude, and that there be close coordination with the local jurisdictions that will be impacted. In addition, we request that VDOT and Fluor/Transurban conduct a study to evaluate the potential impact of creating HOT access at the Seminary Road interchange connection on adjacent residential neighborhoods, as has previously been requested by the City of Alexandria. Finally, we urge VDOT to keep

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in mind that the efficient movement of transit and HOV should continue to be the primary purpose of these lanes, and that the design of the Project should reflect this priority.

Your consideration of our comments is greatly appreciated. If you have any questions regarding our comments, please do not hesitate to contact me at geoff.goodale@bsvca.net or (703) 618-6640.

Respectfully submitted,



Geoffrey M. Goodale
President, Brookville-Seminary Valley Civic Association, Inc.

cc: Mayor William D. Euille and Members of City Council
Mr. James Hartmann, City Manager of the City of Alexandria
The Honorable Patricia S. Ticer
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EXHIBIT 2



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Transportation Commission Meeting of March 4 -- Comments on Docket Item No. 2

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Dear Mayor Euille and Members of the Transportation Commission:

It is our understanding that consideration of comments to the Virginia Department of Transportation ("VDOT") regarding the I-95/395 HOV/Bus/HOT Lanes project (the "HOT Lanes Project") will be discussed as Docket Item No. 2 at tonight's meeting of the Transportation Commission. In view of this fact, we wish to submit for your consideration the attached comments that the Board of Directors of Brookville-Seminary Valley Civic Association, Inc. ("BSVCA") has recently submitted to VDOT regarding the HOT Lanes Project. As discussed in the attached comments, we have requested that VDOT respond to crucial questions and conduct necessary additional studies requested by various entities, including Arlington County, the Northern Virginia Transportation Commission, and the Northern Virginia Transportation Authority, before proceeding with the HOT Lanes Project.

We greatly appreciate your consideration of our comments, and we hope that the City may consider submitting comments to VDOT along the lines of the "withhold support" resolution that the Arlington County Board of Supervisors recently passed. If you have any questions regarding our comments, please do not hesitate to contact me at geoff.goodale@bsvca.net or at (703) 618-6640.

Sincerely,

Geoffrey M. Goodale
President, Brookville-Seminary Valley Civic Association, Inc.

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North Ridge Citizens' Association
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October 26, 2009

Dear Mayor Euille and City Council Members:

The purpose of this letter is to convey the concerns of the North Ridge community over the Shirlington HOT Lanes proposal. Our perspective can be expressed on two different scales:

- 1) As Alexandria neighbors, we are concerned about the local traffic and construction impacts of the proposed modification to the Shirlington Rotary.
- 2) As residents of Virginia, we are concerned that the public policy objectives of the larger HOT Lanes project have not been adequately defined or communicated by the State

Local Concerns – VDOT and Fluor/Transurban have not addressed the congestion or construction impacts on our community.

The original plan for the I-395 portion of the HOT Lanes project anticipated relatively minor changes to the carpool lane. Based on “preliminary environmental impact information,” the Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) granted VDOT a “Categorical Exclusion” in August 2006 allowing the proponents to dispense with the environmental impact and other studies that are normally required of such projects.¹ Subsequently, the original plan was altered to include dramatic changes at four interchanges – including the Shirlington Rotary and Seminary Road – to permit vehicles to exit and/or enter the HOT lanes at these points. These changes would involve large-scale, multi-year construction and would clearly impact local traffic, noise pollution, and air quality. The changes at Shirlington would also pose a threat to dwellings in the Parkfairfax historical district and possibly render some uninhabitable. Nonetheless, VDOT has asserted that these changes would not have significant impacts on any historical resource, on air or noise quality, or on local travel patterns in the area. In January 2009, FHWA reissued the Categorical Exclusion.²

In recent hearings and public meetings, and through the Arlington County lawsuit, many citizens have raised questions about the specific transportation, air quality, noise and construction impacts of the proposed modification to the Shirlington Rotary. Other than posting brief overview statements on the VDOT

¹ See FHWA document, “Documentation of FHWA Review,” January 7, 2009 at page 1.

² *Id.*, final paragraph on page 6.

website, neither VDOT nor Fluor/Transurban officials have addressed the concerns that have been voiced or provided answers to the many questions raised. In fact, they have failed to provide detailed plans or analysis addressing most of the issues raised by this project.

Regional Concerns – **This project does not address the basic problem of congestion.** Our members remain confused as to the basic purpose of an I-95/395 HOT Lanes project. It seems that the project would help a select group of private vehicles get more quickly to the congested approaches to the 14th St and Memorial Bridges. Since there are currently no plans to increase their capacity, this will only increase the problem at the bridges. The proposal also consigns a major public right-of-way to the control of a private consortium for 80 years to construct and operate the HOT Lanes, and uses tolls from single occupancy vehicles (SOVs) to fund the operation of these lanes.

Unanswered Questions – The many unanswered questions about both aspects of the HOT Lanes project include:

- 1) What is the justification for such a radical change at Shirlington? The surrounding area is not a major commuter destination, and none of the streets entering and exiting the rotary (e.g., Gunston, Quaker Lane, and Preston) are capable of handling the increased volume that a project of this magnitude implies. How can these changes fail to increase “cut-through” traffic on local roads by commuters heading for National Airport or Crystal City?
- 2) What impact will this have on traffic on local streets in Parkfairfax, Fairlington, and Beverley Hills?
- 3) Will this exacerbate the traffic now choking Glebe Road heading east, which is already a major bottleneck frequently backing up traffic onto I-395 northbound?
- 4) What will the impact be on noise and air quality in the vicinity?
- 5) What is the plan to deal with accidents north of Shirlington with no shoulder or breakdown lane?
- 6) Does the contract guarantee the contractor to make a profit; does it include specific numbers; what are those?
- 7) How will single occupancy HOT Lane users with Seminary/New Federal Center destination be routed if they are forbidden to exit at Seminary Road rotary?
- 8) What studies have been conducted regarding location of major access/egress points?

Serving the Public Interest –The broad public interest is best served by moving the maximum number of people through this transportation corridor, while reducing the number of vehicles. This could be accomplished by investing in more robust Bus Rapid Transit – making public transportation more convenient and practical.

If we are irrevocably committed to a HOT Lanes approach in Virginia, then we should ensure that funds collected serve broader public objectives. For example, we should ensure that priority is given to investment in buses, bus stations, and access/egress points for buses along the I-95 corridor – in ways that will make public transportation more convenient and affordable. We must not allow HOT lanes to create an incentive for clogging the lanes with paying vehicles to maximize profits– and slowing public transit and carpools to the same pace as regular lanes.

Many of these issues and concerns have been well articulated in the discussions in Council, and in written briefs submitted on this topic. The document offered by the Parkfairfax Citizens Association is among the most complete, and we endorse their concerns. We ask that you incorporate our perspectives as you proceed forward with your deliberations.

We support any course of action, including joining the Arlington County lawsuit, that will require the State to publicize plans, share their impact analyses, and respond specifically to our questions.

Thank you for creating opportunities for citizens to debate these issues, and to offer our opinions and concerns.

Sincerely,

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I strenuously opposes VDOT's proposed I-95/395 HOV/Bus/HOT Lanes project.
I live near the intersection of Quaker and Janney's Lane at the top of Key Drive. The traffic is already very heavy with the addition of HOT lanes;
Comments: those who live on and near Seminary Road will suffer a serious, irrevocable deterioration to our daily quality of life. Will you lower my tax bill as a result? The ill-conceived HOT Lanes project should be abandoned. Thank you.

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Subject: HOT lanes on I-395

Please do not approve HOT lanes for I-395. I already think it is a big mistake to do this on the beltway. Do not make it worse by approving it for 395.

Here are some of the issues:

- How do we verify how much we will be billed for each trip if we don't have the minimum number of passengers? Already it is impossible to know how much you are billed for EZ-Pass on the state's highways unless you literally write it down while you are driving each time you cross a toll booth. We are never sent a bill that we can check, but have to take on the burden of going online to check. With the HOT lanes changing prices every minute, we will certainly have to write it down. This will increase hazardous driving in the area. If we don't write it down each morning and evening during our commute, then there are no checks and balances and we can be easily overcharged. Also, how do we argue when the amount we wrote down does not match what we are

billed?

Comments: - HOT lanes will make regular traffic worse. I take 395 to work every day (from Duke, although I often get on at Quaker instead). My trip is going to be much worse if you add the HOT lanes because it will create much more traffic and congestion for those of us who want to use the regular lanes.

- The technology is not yet well developed. How will we know with a 100% guarantee that the technology can sense the exact number of passengers, even with a baby in a rear-facing carseat? We will all then have the burden to check each time to make sure we were not billed incorrectly. This is ridiculous. You are creating a nightmare situation for city residents if this is approved.

Please disapprove HOT lanes for I-395. If you still are unsure, then just wait for the beltway to finish its HOT lanes first before you take any action. You will see what a terrible mess it is and how many angry travelers complain. After you witness this, I'm sure you will want to disapprove HOT lanes for 395.

Thank you for considering these comments.

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Subject HOT Lanes Public Hearing Added to the October 17 docket

Tomorrow, when you get the Saturday, October 17 docket you will see an item has been added by the Mayor. It is #6: "Public Hearing to Receive Public Comment on the Proposed VDOT HOT Lanes Project". This new item came as a result of discussions at the Transportation Commission about HOT Lanes and a new proposed resolution drafted by Councilman Krupicka for Council to consider adopting. The resolution uses the original "Whereas" portion of the resolution adopted by Council last Spring and makes changes to the last three "Whereas" clauses. **The key proposed policy position in this draft proposes changing (in the last Whereas clause) the Council position on HOT Lanes from its last Spring position of "withholding support" to a new position of "does not support"**. The "Be it further resolved section" will need to be crafted.

The Mayor wanted me to pass on that **this proposed new resolution is in a draft stage** and that Council members should consider it as subject to their ongoing thoughts and input.

The plan would be for Council to hold the HOT Lanes worksession on October 13, the public hearing on October 17, and then consider the new HOT Lanes resolution at Council's second legislative meeting of this month on October 27th.

WHEREAS, the City of Alexandria has asked numerous questions regarding the implementation of and impacts of the proposed HOT lanes project; and

WHEREAS, the majority of those questions have gone unanswered thus making it impossible for Alexandria to adequately review this project; and

WHEREAS, the City of Alexandria is concerned that this project, as presently conceived, will have significant adverse impacts on mobility and quality of life along this corridor; and

WHEREAS, the City of Alexandria has requested documentation from the HOT lanes project team that indicates how the HOT lanes will benefit Alexandria as well as how

possible adverse impacts of the HOT lanes to Alexandria are being addressed; and

WHEREAS, the County of Arlington, along with others, have entered into legal proceedings that raise numerous questions and concerns about the HOT lanes project; and

WHEREAS, Alexandria agrees with Arlington that the environmental documentation for this proposed project was not properly prepared; and

WHEREAS, Alexandria believes the presented concepts for the Shirlington Circle will have a negative impact on Alexandria neighborhoods; and

WHEREAS, Alexandria does agree that congestion along I-95 and I-395 create substantial challenges for Alexandria, the region and the new BRAC project at the Mark Center in Alexandria; and

WHEREAS, according to the Northern Virginia Transportation Commission (NVTC), during the morning peak period, the two existing HOV lanes on I-95 I-395 outside the Capital Beltway carry about 25 percent more people than the four conventional lanes, and inside the Beltway the existing HOV lanes carry 50 percent more people than the conventional lanes; and

WHEREAS, the City of Alexandria has a strong desire to preserve and improve the person throughput on this corridor; and

WHEREAS, the City of Alexandria is convinced that we can't solve this problem by building more and more roads and that mass-transportation solutions are the only sustainable and long-term ways to effectively address I-95 and I -395 traffic congestion; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT, the City of Alexandria does not support the I-95 I-395 HOT lanes project as currently conceived.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED.....

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It is very important that you, Mr. Mayor and the City Council, take a strong stand on stopping the Hot Lanes project. I am really appalled that it got started and once again that Alexandria seemed unaware of the negative impact on our city. I fear that it will be brought to a certain stage where Alexandria & Arlington will stop it and the traffic will backup and the backup blamed on out two cities and we will eventually be forced to continue it. It needs to stopped in its tracks right now!

Comments: It is too late to undo the physical damage along the beltway but it doesn't have to continue! It should never have been allowed to start.

Why can't Alexandria get a head start on these big projects that over whelm us before they get to the stage where one has to go to court to deal with them and where often that is too late. Who has the responsibility

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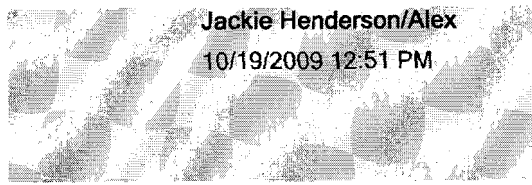
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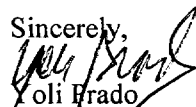
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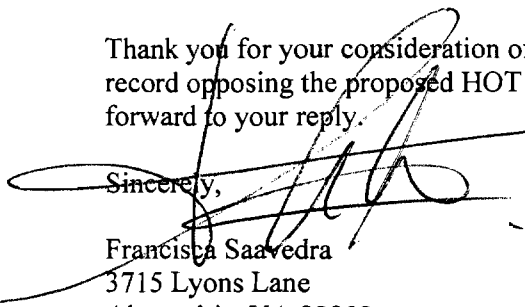
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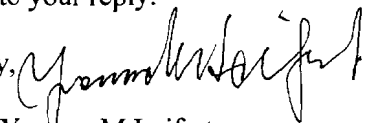
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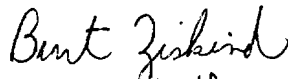
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