



ARLINGTON COUNTY TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION

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Ms. Mary Hynes, Chair
Arlington County Board
2100 Clarendon Boulevard
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RE: I-66 Inside the Beltway

Dear Chair Hynes,

I am writing to express the view of the Transportation Commission regarding VDOT's current project to transform I-66 inside the beltway.

The Transportation Commission, by a vote of 10-0 supports the following elements of VDOT's plan:

- 1) extending restrictions on rush hour traffic to both directions during peak periods;**
- 2) eliminating the clean fuel HOV exemption.**

The Commission does not feel comfortable making any further recommendation on the I-66 project without further detail on what Tier-1 multimodal improvements will be implemented and clarity on the character and number of Tier-2 multimodal improvements that can be implemented before VDOT goes back to looking at widening.

The Commission has had multiple presentations from VDOT so far this year. The Commission set aside time specifically to make a recommendation on the project at its Thursday, April 30th, 2015 meeting. Arlington County Staff helpfully made themselves available to answer questions.

Specifically, the Commission is loathe to endorse the plan without more specific details on

1. What the expected traffic impact will be on parallel arterials like Lee Highway, Wilson Blvd, Washington Blvd and Arlington Blvd.
2. How much revenue the toll lanes will generate and how much of that revenue will be available for multimodal solutions after covering the construction and operation of the tolling facilities.
3. What "Tier 1" multimodal improvements will be built concurrently with the tolling.
4. What (and perhaps more importantly, how many) "Tier 2" will be constructed and how long they will have to "find their audience" before widening is considered.

Present and voting at the meeting were Commissioners Price, Gearhart, Ortiz, Gutshall, Hubbard, Schroll, Perkins, Slatt, McGuire, and Schneider.

I am happy to answer any questions at 571-482-8454, at chris@dodgersden.com or in-person at an upcoming County Board meeting if desired.

Best,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Chris Slatt". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a long horizontal stroke extending to the right.

Chris Slatt,
Chairman