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February 10, 2011

The Honorable Sean T. Connaughton  
Secretary of Transportation  
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Reference: I-95 High Occupancy Toll Lanes Project

Thank you for your letter of February 2, 2011, regarding the I-95 High Occupancy Toll (HOT) Lanes project. The Fairfax County Board of Supervisors discussed the revised project on February 8, 2011. The Board welcomes your efforts to break loose a financially viable project that can be constructed in the near-term that will address major impending congestion issues. Our Board is supportive of the proposal, in concept. However, a number of issues previously expressed by the Board on March 30, 2009, and transmitted to the Commonwealth in a letter dated April 13, 2009 (attached), still need to be addressed. The Board authorized me to send you the following comments:

1. The Board is encouraged that the Commonwealth has developed a proposal to proceed with the I-95 HOT Lanes project; however, the Board is interested in seeing more specific details on the public's financial share of the project, the park-and-ride locations and the proposed transit service.
2. The Board is pleased that this option retains the connection to the Beltway HOT Lanes Project. This connection is important to ensuring that transit service can effectively access Tysons Corner.
3. The Board is also encouraged that the Commonwealth has committed to provide a direct HOV ramp to Seminary Road to assist buses and carpoolers in accessing the Mark Center. The Board supports construction of this ramp as expeditiously as possible.
4. Although the Board previously opposed terminating the I-95 HOT Lanes project at the Beltway, time is of the essence in terms of finding ways for non-single occupant vehicles to access the Mark Center. There is no other proposal that will provide equal or greater benefits to traffic accessing the BRAC133 site in the near term.
5. The Board encourages the Commonwealth and Arlington County to resolve the pending litigation, so that the I-395 portion of the project can be constructed expeditiously. (*Subsequent to the Board's action, Arlington County withdrew its lawsuit.*)
6. The Board seeks your commitment that the Commonwealth will work with the County to address traffic issues on primary and secondary roads in the County that result from ending the project at the Beltway and to address other issues previously outlined in the April 13, 2009, letter (attached).

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If you have any questions or would like to discuss the Board's comments in my detail, please call me at (703) 324-2321.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Sharon Bulova".

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Chairman

Attachment

cc: Members, Fairfax County Board of Supervisors  
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