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**From:** Debra Steppel  
**Sent:** Friday, February 06, 2015 5:12 PM  
**To:** RestonMasterPlanSpecialStudy  
**Cc:** John W. Farrell  
**Subject:** Fw: My concerns from last June about the Wiehle/Baron Cameron intersection were not incorporated into v2 of the document

Dear Reston Master Plan Special Study team,

I have read this document:

[http://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/dpz/reston/staff\\_documents/20141219\\_v2reston\\_working\\_text\\_edits\\_incorporated.pdf](http://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/dpz/reston/staff_documents/20141219_v2reston_working_text_edits_incorporated.pdf)

but I did not see my concerns from last June (as described in the email below) reflected in it.

Since that time, the "potholes" in the gravel along the median on Baron Cameron just before the left turn light onto Wiehle have grown tremendously. One of them appears to be large enough to swallow a SmartCar whole! And, and I mentioned below, the left turn lane needs to be lengthened. Traffic backs up there every morning as vehicles that want to turn left cannot get into the left turn lane while the light is green, because too many cars going straight (towards Herndon) stop-up the lane by leaving too much space between themselves and the vehicles in front of them. This happens EVERY day especially between 8:30-9:00 AM, and it has only worsened since Metro opened with more vehicles coming from Sterling and Great Falls down Baron Cameron and turning left onto Wiehle to reach the new Silver Line Metro Station.

Please include my comments in the next version of the document. Otherwise, why bother to solicit comments if you are only going to ignore them?

P.S. I have read John Farrell's comments and I completely agree with all of them. That is particularly worth noting, because he and I don't always agree! But, in this case, every single item he mentions is spot-on.

Debra Steppel

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**From:** Debra Steppel  
**Sent:** Wednesday, June 11, 2014 12:24 AM  
**To:** RestonMasterPlanSpecialStudy  
**Subject:** Ideas for Phase II

Thank you for soliciting additional input from those of us who were unable to attend Saturday's event.

As a resident of South Reston (near the Lake Audubon pool) for almost 16 years, I am very familiar with Reston's traffic patterns. I believe one of the best ways to reduce traffic congestion in Reston is to create multiple links between North Reston and South Reston such as the Soapstone Connector, so that people who need to travel north/south do not interfere with the drivers trying to use the Toll Road or the Metro stations. In addition to the Soapstone Connector, there should also be a similar road connecting Sunrise Valley and Sunset Hills, between Wiehle Ave and Hunter Mill Rd. This will alleviate traffic that doesn't need to cause congestion near the Wiehle Ave Metro station.

Also, the Left Turn Lane for cars going west on Baron Cameron to south onto Wiehle Ave needs to be lengthened. It causes constant backups between 7:30-9:30am already, and this will only get worse once Metro opens, as more vehicles come from points west on Route 7, turn right onto Baron Cameron, and then left onto Wiehle Ave to reach the Metro station. The cars going straight (continuing from Baron Cameron to Elden St) clog up the left turn lane. The median strip gets muddy and is almost a ditch. It should be regraded and paved so the left turn lane is longer, or possibly even made into 2 left turn lanes.

If my descriptions in the statement above are unclear, I would be happy to meet someone from VDOT or Fairfax County Government Center at the locations mentioned above, to walk you through my ideas and explain my proposed solutions. My contact information is below.

Thanks again,  
Debra Steppel