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December 17, 2007

Mr. Clark Tyler
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c/o Sterling Wheeler, Planning Division
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Re: Tysons Circulator System

Dear Mr. Tyler:

I am writing on behalf of Gannett Co., Inc., a leading international news and information company, and a major employer in Tysons Corner. Gannett owns 17.3 acres at 7950 Jones Branch Drive, where we have constructed the international headquarters for Gannett and USA Today. Approximately 1,400 employees are located here.

The Gannett Property is identified as a "Gateway Site" in the adopted Comprehensive Plan and, as such, the property has been afforded additional building height by Fairfax County. In fact, the adjacent property has proposed construction of the tallest building in Tysons Corner. In addition to Gannett, other major employers such as Freddie Mac and IXI Corporation are located on Jones Branch Drive.

I have reviewed some of the recent work of the Task Force with regard to preliminary allocation of densities for transportation analysis purposes. The Prototype 2 Advanced Alternative envisions a circulator system in Tysons to take people to the planned Metro stations and to move people within Tysons. I understand that the concept of the circulator system has been well received by the Task Force but that the specific routes illustrated on the Prototype 2 map have not yet been endorsed by the Task Force. However, since it is not uncommon for "draft routes" to become "recommended routes," I am compelled to voice Gannett's concern with the draft routes.

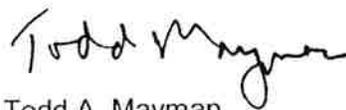
Jones Branch Drive is a major collector road in the northern portion of Tysons serving hundreds of acres developed with office and employment uses. Jones Branch connects south to Westpark Drive and Galleria Drive, which will directly connect to the Tysons Central 123 Metro Station. To the west, Jones Branch becomes Springhill Road and provides access to the Tysons West Metro Station. In addition, a HOT lanes on/off ramp and a connector road linking Westpark to Westgate will create a new major intersection on Jones Branch Drive.

Given the large number of employees and visitors who currently use Jones Branch Drive and the tremendous increase in that number expected in the future, one might assume that any circulator system in Tysons Corner would include a circulator route along Jones Branch Drive. Yet my understanding is that a circulator route along Jones Branch Drive has not been proposed or even considered to date.

By contrast, it appears that circulator routes are shown on new proposed streets in the northern portion of Tysons Corner. While the construction of new streets in Tysons may be desirable, existing major streets with significant employment centers, such as Jones Branch Drive and International Drive, should be included on any circulator system established for Tysons. To overlook these critical streets would be a travesty.

We ask that the Tysons Corner Task Force consider these comments and ensure that Jones Branch Drive is included in any circulator route system that the Task Force may ultimately propose.

Very truly yours,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Todd Mayman". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a large initial "T" and a long, sweeping underline.

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Re: Tysons Circulator System

Dear Mr. Tyler:

As a follow-up to my letter to you dated December 17, 2007, Gannett would like to offer for your consideration a proposed set of criteria designed to help determine appropriate circulator routes in Tysons Corner.

The Tysons Land Use Task Force has indicated its general support for a series of circulators (buses, street cars, or some other light rail system) to help bring riders in Tysons Corner to the four Metro stations and to move people more easily within Tysons. The two advanced prototypes currently being studied show potential alignments of circulator systems.

We understand these routes are for illustrative purposes only at this time. We are relieved to know this as we believe the illustrated routes are not adequate to provide needed service for existing major employers in Tysons Corner like Gannett.

We would like to propose the following set of criteria to establish a framework for a useful and efficient circulator system:

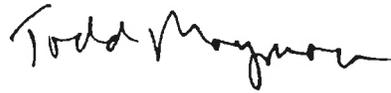
1. The primary role of the circulator system should be to transport riders to the four Metrorail stations. The secondary role of the circulator system should be to move people within Tysons (from employment centers to retail and services, etc.).
2. Circulator routes should be designed to serve areas in Tysons located beyond the typical walking distance to Metrorail ($\frac{1}{3}$ mile).
3. Circulator routes should serve existing large businesses in Tysons (firms with more than 500 employees).
4. Circulators should serve existing major concentrations of residential dwellings.

5. Circulators should be routed along existing major arteries and collectors (for example, Jones Branch Drive, Magarity Road, International Drive).
6. Circulator routes should be designed to accommodate future growth of existing and new commercial and residential uses.

I would appreciate the opportunity to discuss this matter with you and your colleagues further. We at Gannett believe it is essential that any circulator system be designed to maximize usage by existing businesses and residents and to stimulate further redevelopment of suburban Tysons Corner into a vital urban place.

Please share this letter with the other members of the Tysons Task Force and with the County's planning staff. Thanks for your consideration.

Very truly yours,



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