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Mount Vernon

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Dear Constituents:

I would like to share the following information with you regarding your South County community over the last month.

Please do not hesitate to contact my office at anytime by calling 703-780-7518 or via e-mail at mtvernon@fairfaxcounty.gov.

Respectfully yours in public service,

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Attached Documents

1. Mount Vernon District Transportation Project Update
2. Fairfax County Board of Supervisors
3. Final Piece of Laurel Hill Article
4. Four Reasons FCPS Needs More State Education Funding
5. Board Matters

Important Website Links

- Lorton Road Construction Updates
  http://www.LortonRoadConstruction.com

- Liberty Crest
  http://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/dpwes/libertycrestlaurelhill/liberty-crest-at-laurel-hill.htm

- Laurel Hill Adaptive Reuse
  http://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/dpz/laurelhill/master_plan.htm

Project Status Report

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00637	MV	**Cinder Bed Road/Newington Road**	COUNTY	**Utilities**	5.600	5.000	D	Jan-10	Oct-14	👎Δ
		Intersection Improvements including relocating intersection 450 feet to the north, reconstruction of Cinder Bed Rd, sidewalk, culvert at Long Branch Creek, additional right turn lane along					R	Jul-13	Aug-13	☺
			4YP214		2007 Bonds		U	Feb-14	Dec-14	👍
SEC	TB						C	Oct-14	Oct-15	Δ
Third pre-final plans distributed on 5/19/14. VSMP continuation of coverage submitted 5/22/14. All comments received on 6/24/14 and addressing TMP, drainage, and sanitary comments. Design start date corrected and completion date delayed four months to address additional VDOT stormwater drainage comments. Construction start date adjusted, but the project completion date did not change.										
00286	LE, MV	**Fairfax County Parkway from I-95 to Telegraph Road**	COUNTY	**Study**	0.886	0.886	D	Nov-13	Feb-15	👍
		Corridor study along Route 286 between I-95 and Route 1 for spot improvements to provide additional capacity at intersections and reduce congestion in the through lanes					R	N/A	N/A	
					NVTA Regional		U	N/A	N/A	
PRI	NF						C	N/A	N/A	
The study is considering improvements that could be implemented within the next ten years. Types of improvements being considered include signal modifications, reconfiguration of the existing lane uses at intersections, additional lanes at intersections, and extension of auxiliary lanes. Study is in progress. Funding application submitted to NVTA.										
00629	MV	**Fort Hunt Road and Collingwood Road**	COUNTY	**Project Initiation**	2.220	0	D	TBD	TBD	
		Construct left turn lanes on both northbound and southbound Fort Hunt Road, including new traffic signal, pedestrian signals, and walkways on both sides of Fort Hunt Road					R	TBD	TBD	
					2014 Bonds		U	TBD	TBD	
SEC	TBD						C	TBD	TBD	
Project is included in the 2014 Transportation Bond Referendum which must be approved by voters before the project can proceed. Referendum is scheduled for 11/4/14. Anticipate starting scoping and initial coordination in summer 2016.										
00629	MV	**Fort Hunt Road Walkway from Belle View Boulevard to Belle View ES**	COUNTY	**Project Initiation**	0.400	0.400	D	TBD	TBD	
		Construct walkway on east side of Fort Hunt Road from Belle View Boulevard to Belle View Elementary School					R	TBD	TBD	
					C & I		U	TBD	TBD	
PED/ BIKE	AL						C	TBD	TBD	
Project scoping and initial coordination in progress. Anticipate completing scoping and forwarding for design in fall 2015.										

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XXXXX	MV	**Huntington Service Lane**	COUNTY	**Construction**	3.500	3.500	D	Mar-12	Jul-13	☺
		An approximately 2,522 SF addition and 2,200 SF renovation of the Huntington Bus Maintenance Facility's fare collection, bus maintenance, and bus wash systems.					R	N/A	N/A	
			TF-000015-001		County, State		U	Jul-13	Mar-14	☺
TRAN	DPWES						C	Jul-13	Sep-14	👍
Construction is 98% complete.										
I-95	LE, MA, MV	**I-95 Express Lanes (PPTA Project)**	VDOT	**Construction**	940.000	940.000	D	Feb-11	Dec-11	☺
		Add one Express lane (3 total) from Edsall Road to Prince William Pkwy; Extend two Express lanes to Stafford County					R	N/A	N/A	
					Private, Interstate		U	N/A	N/A	
INT	WPH		70850, 77616, 70849				C	Aug-12	Dec-14	👍
Scope includes HOV/Transit ramp at Seminary Road and new park-and-ride lots. Design-build project. The noise wall segment four is under construction which includes the sound wall at the Overlook Community. The noise wall study for segments one through three was approved. Construction is ongoing on all four segments and is 80% complete.										
I-95	LE, MV	**I-95 Northbound Directional Off-Ramp to Northbound Fairfax County Parkway**	VDOT	**Design**	81.000	4.193	D	Oct-11	Jun-14	☺
		From I-95 Exit 166 for Route 7100 northbound, to 0.6 miles west of Exit 166 (PE only)					R	N/A	N/A	
					Federal		U	N/A	N/A	
INT	TB		93033				C	N/A	N/A	
Funding for design only. 30% design completed. No funding available for ROW or construction.										
00619	LE, MV	**Jeff Todd Way from Route 1 to Telegraph Road**	FHWA	**Construction**	80.000	80.000	D	Mar-07	May-11	☺
		Construct/widen Jeff Todd Way to 4 lanes from Route 1 to Telegraph Road; Widen Telegraph Road to 4 lanes from Beulah Street to Leaf Road					R	Sep-10	May-11	☺
					DAR, State, RSTP, C & I		U	Feb-11	May-14	☺Δ
SEC	JYR		77404				C	Feb-12	Nov-14	👎Δ
Scope includes Woodlawn Road replacement and Old Mill Road Extension. Construction is 97% complete. Road opened to traffic on 8/18/14. Completion date adjusted five months, due to utility relocation and winter weather delays.										

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XXXXX	MV	**Lorton VRE Parking Lot Expansion**	COUNTY	**Project Initiation**	1.500	0.250	D	TBD	TBD	
		Expansion of the existing Lorton VRE Park-and-Ride lot by approximately 150 spaces and associated site improvements					R	TBD	TBD	
			TF-000023-001				U	TBD	TBD	
TRAN	VA						C	TBD	TBD	
Funded for design only. AECOM submitted a fee proposal for full design and construction administration on 7/28/14. Comments on the proposal were transmitted to the AECOM on 8/19/14. A revised proposal is scheduled to be received in September 2014.										
00242	MV	**Mason Neck Trail 2B**	COUNTY	**Bid Ad**	2.290	2.290	D	TBD	Mar-12	☺
		Install 9,900 LF of 8-foot asphalt trail along Gunston Road from Pohick Bay Drive to the Pohick Bay Golf Course entrance					R	Aug-12	Feb-14	☺
			W00600-W6130B		District Walkway		U	N/A	N/A	
PED/ BIKE	CL						C	Jan-15	May-16	
Construction package submitted to VDOT for approval in July 2014. Project administrative agreement for additional funding to proceed with construction approved.										
00235	MV	**Mount Vernon Highway Walkway**	COUNTY	**Complete**	0.425	0.500	D	Mar-10	Nov-13	☺
		Add sidewalk from Richmond Highway (Route 1) to retail north of Sunny View Drive along west side					R	Dec-11	Oct-13	☺
			PPTF01-03900		C & I		U	N/A	N/A	
PED/ BIKE	CL						C	Jan-14	Jun-14	☺
Construction is complete.										
00623	MV	**Old Mount Vernon Road Walkway from Mount Vernon Hwy to Westgate Dr**	COUNTY	**Project Initiation**	2.100	0	D	TBD	TBD	
		Construct walkway on the west side of Old Mount Vernon Road					R	TBD	TBD	
					2014 Bonds		U	TBD	TBD	
PED/ BIKE	TBD						C	TBD	TBD	
Project is included in the 2014 Transportation Bond Referendum which must be approved by voters before the project can proceed. Referendum is scheduled for 11/4/14. Anticipate starting scoping and initial coordination in spring 2015.										

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00627	MV	**Riverside Road Walkway from Elkin Street to Pennsylvania Boulevard** Complete missing links on west side of Riverside Road	COUNTY	**Project Initiation**	0.400	0	D	TBD	TBD	
							R	TBD	TBD	
					2014 Bonds		U	TBD	TBD	
PED/ BIKE	TBD						C	TBD	TBD	
Project is included in the 2014 Transportation Bond Referendum which must be approved by voters before the project can proceed. Referendum is scheduled for 11/4/14. Anticipate starting scoping and initial coordination in winter 2016.										
00001	MV	**Route 1 Northbound from Engleside St to Forest Place (RHPTI)** 460 LF of concrete sidewalk from Engleside Street to Forest Place	COUNTY	**Design**	1.100	0.300	D	Jul-12	Jul-15	👎Δ
							R	Sep-14	Jun-15	Δ
			RHPTI-087		Revenue Sharing, FTA		U	TBD	TBD	
PED/ BIKE	CL		71851				C	Aug-15	May-16	Δ
Final design in progress. Plat preparation underway. Design schedule adjusted seven months, due to delays in receiving plan comments and soil boring information, additional stormwater management design, additional utility designation required because of stormwater design, and additional time required to update plats to new standards. Land acquisition and construction schedules adjusted accordingly.										
00001	MV	**Route 1 Northbound from Fairhaven Ave/Quander Rd to Hotels (RHPTI)** 5' concrete sidewalk along east side Richmond Hwy from Fair Haven Avenue/Quander Road to Virginia Lodge	COUNTY	**Design**	0.900	0.450	D	Jul-12	Jul-15	👎Δ
							R	Sep-14	Jun-15	Δ
			RHPTI-079		Revenue Sharing, FTA		U	TBD	TBD	
PED/ BIKE	CL		71851				C	Jul-15	Apr-16	Δ
Final design in progress. Final plats received. Design schedule adjusted five months, due to delays in receiving plan comments and soil boring information and additional time required to update plats to new standards. Land acquisition schedule adjusted five months and construction schedule adjusted seven months as a result.										
00001	MV	**Route 1 Northbound from Janna Lee to Napper Road (RHPTI)** Pedestrian crossing and signal at Mt. Vernon Highway and 950 LF of 5-foot wide concrete sidewalk	COUNTY	**Construction**	0.689	0.689	D	Dec-07	Sep-13	☺
							R	Nov-11	Apr-13	☺
			40031G-11223		Revenue Sharing, FTA		U	Sep-12	Oct-12	☺
PED/ BIKE	CL		71851				C	Nov-13	Oct-14	👎Δ
Construction is 25% complete. Project completion schedule delayed five months, due to utility conflicts resulting in a signal pole relocation.										

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00001	MV	**Route 1 Southbound Belle Haven Towers to Mount Eagle Drive (RHPTI)** 110 LF of 5' concrete sidewalk along west of Richmond Hwy at the intersection of Mt. Eagle Drive	COUNTY	**Design**	0.600	0.100	D	Jul-12	Aug-15	Δ
							R	Oct-14	Jul-15	Δ
			RHPTI-081		Revenue Sharing, FTA		U	TBD	TBD	
PED/ BIKE	CL		71851				C	Sep-15	Jun-16	Δ

Final design in progress. Plat preparation underway. Design schedule adjusted six months, due to delays in receiving soil boring information, non-standard retaining wall design, and additional time required to update plats to new standards. Land acquisition schedule adjusted six months and construction schedule adjusted nine months as a result.

00001	MV	**Route 1 Southbound from Dogue Creek to Mobile Home Sales Park (RHPTI)** 2,000 LF of trail and new pedestrian bridge over Dogue Creek	COUNTY	**Project Initiation**	1.200	TBD	D	TBD	TBD	
							R	TBD	TBD	
			RHPTI-085		Revenue Sharing, FTA		U	TBD	TBD	
PED/ BIKE	CL		71851				C	TBD	TBD	

Design contract was signed on 7/17/14. NTP letter was sent out on 7/21/14. Original survey complete. Additional survey was requested by consultant in order to perform stormwater analysis and locate stormwater structures outside original scope. Schedule will be determined once survey completed.

00001	LE, MV	**Route 1 Southbound from Russell Road to Gregory Drive (RHPTI)** 270 LF of concrete sidewalk along west side of Route 1, including a signalized crosswalk	COUNTY	**Design**	0.550	0.500	D	Jul-12	Aug-15	Δ
							R	Sep-14	Jun-15	Δ
			RHPTI-083		Revenue Sharing, FTA		U	TBD	TBD	
PED/ BIKE	CL		71851				C	Sep-15	Jun-16	Δ

Final design plan comments received and addressed. Final plats received. Design schedule adjusted eight months, due to delays in receiving plan comments, additional time required to update plats to new standards, and extra time to resolve maintenance issues with VDOT on proposed BMP structure. Land acquisition schedule adjusted seven months and construction schedule adjusted nine months as a result.

00001	MV	**Route 1 Southbound from Sacramento Drive to Engleside Plaza (RHPTI)** 1,400 LF of 5-foot wide concrete sidewalk	COUNTY	**Complete**	0.350	0.350	D	Dec-07	Mar-13	☺
							R	Oct-10	Sep-11	☺
			40031G-11213		Revenue Sharing, FTA		U	Jan-13	Apr-13	☺
PED/ BIKE	CL		71851				C	Apr-13	Sep-13	☺

Sidewalk completed September 2013. Outstanding pavement marking work completed April 2014.

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00001	LE, MV	**Route 1/Ladson Lane (RHPTI)**	COUNTY	**ROW**	0.815	0.400	D	Jul-11	Apr-15	👎Δ
		Pedestrian intersection improvements					R	May-14	Mar-15	👍Δ
			26006G-06002		CMAQ, Revenue Sharing, FTA		U	TBD	TBD	
PED/ BIKE	CL		99054				C	Jun-15	Dec-15	Δ

Final design and land acquisition in progress. Land acquisition schedule adjusted, due to delays in receiving VDOT ROW authorization. Design, land acquisition, and construction schedules adjusted five months as a result.

00001	LE, MV	**Route 1/Lockheed Blvd/Dart Lane (RHPTI)**	COUNTY	**Bid Ad**	0.690	0.500	D	Mar-12	May-14	☺Δ
		Pedestrian intersection improvements					R	N/A	N/A	
			RHPTI-015		CMAQ		U	N/A	N/A	
PED/ BIKE	CL		98753				C	Sep-14	Mar-15	Δ

Final design complete and VDOT permit received 7/6/14. Construction package being prepared. Design schedule adjusted two months and construction schedule adjusted seven months, due to delays in receiving VDOT construction authorization and the need to advertise for construction bids instead of using the annual contractor.

00001	MV	**Route 1/Lukens Lane Phase II (RHPTI)**	COUNTY	**ROW**	1.322	0.300	D	Jul-11	Apr-15	👎Δ
		Pedestrian intersection improvements					R	May-14	Mar-15	👍Δ
			26006G-06002		CMAQ, Revenue Sharing, FTA		U	TBD	TBD	
PED/ BIKE	CL		99054				C	May-15	Dec-15	Δ

Final design and land acquisition in progress. Land acquisition schedule adjusted due to delays in receiving VDOT ROW authorization. Design, land acquisition, and construction schedules adjusted five months as a result.

00001	LE, MV	**Route 1/Mohawk Lane (RHPTI)**	COUNTY	**ROW**	0.850	0.157	D	Jul-11	Apr-15	👎Δ
		Pedestrian intersection improvements					R	May-14	Mar-15	👍Δ
			26006G-06011		CMAQ, Revenue Sharing, FTA		U	TBD	TBD	
PED/ BIKE	CL		99054				C	May-15	Dec-15	Δ

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00600	MV	**Silverbrook Road Walkway from Hooes Road to South County High School** Install walkway on south side of Silverbrook Road	COUNTY	**Project Initiation**	2.300	0	D	TBD	TBD	
							R	TBD	TBD	
					2014 Bonds		U	TBD	TBD	
PED/ BIKE	TBD						C	TBD	TBD	

Project is part of the Third Four-Year Transportation Program approved by the BOS on 7/10/12. Project is included in the 2014 Transportation Bond Referendum which must be approved by voters before the project can proceed. Referendum is scheduled for 11/4/14. Anticipate starting scoping and initial coordination in winter 2015.

00600	MV	**Silverbrook Road/Southrun Road** Intersection improvements, EB left turn lane	COUNTY	**Project Initiation**	1.200	0	D	TBD	TBD	
							R	TBD	TBD	
					2014 Bonds		U	TBD	TBD	
SEC	TBD						C	TBD	TBD	

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00611	LE, MV	**Telegraph Road from Beulah Street to Leaf Road** Widen Telegraph Road to 4 lanes and provide pedestrian facility; Part of Jeff Todd Way Project	FHWA	**Construction**	38.350	27.559	D	Oct-08	May-11	☺
							R	Sep-10	May-11	☺
					Secondary		U	Feb-11	May-14	☺Δ
SEC	JYR		11012				C	Jun-11	Nov-14	👎Δ

Part of Jeff Todd Way Phase II project which is under construction. Construction is 97% complete. Road opened to traffic on 8/18/14. Completion date adjusted five months, due to utility relocation and winter weather delays.

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2016 Board of Supervisors Meeting Schedule

Jan. 12

Feb. 2

Feb. 16 - Public Comment

March 1

March 15

April 5

- 9:30 a.m. to 4 p.m. Board Meeting
- 4 p.m. Budget Public Hearing

April 6 - 7

- 1 p.m. Budget Public Hearings

April 19 - Budget Markup

April 26 - Budget Adoption and Public Comment

May 17

June 7

June 21 - Public Comment

July 12

July 26 - Public Comment

Sept. 13

Sept. 27

Oct. 18 - Public Comment

Nov. 1

Dec. 6 - Public Comment

Final Piece of the Puzzle From Lorton Prison to Laurel Hill

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A project to redevelop the historic core of the Lorton prison, also known as the Laurel Hill A Reuse Area, is moving forward after 14 years and preparations. The 80-acre reuse area is t **of a 2,300-acre land development puzzle that began in 2001.**

Liberty Crest at Laurel Hill, the name of the new neighborhood, will reuse former prison buildings and

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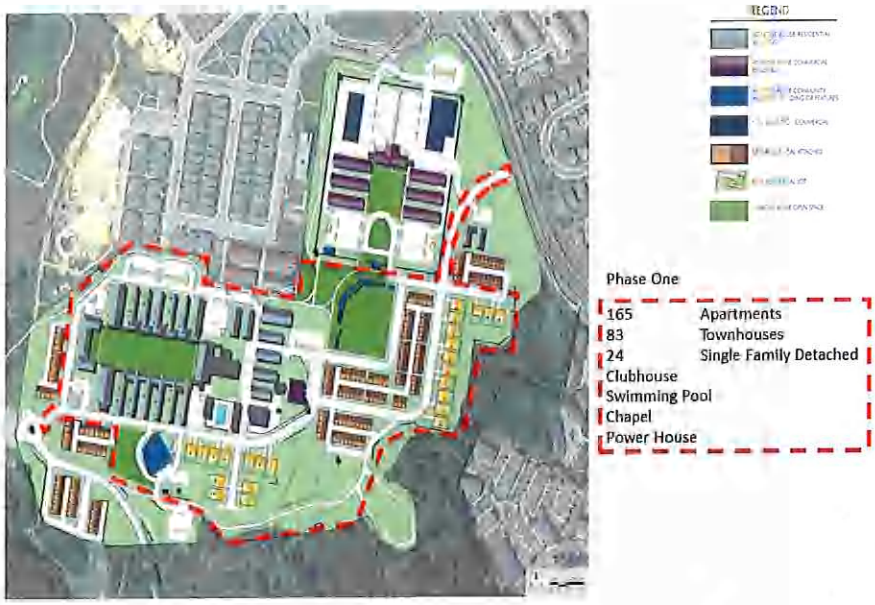

The estimated $188 million project represents a partnership between us and two developers — The Alexander Company and Elm Street Development — with **our contribution capped at $12.8 million** toward the share of public infrastructure design and construction.

Benefits of Redevelopment

- Preservation of a nationally significant historic site
- New living, shopping, dining, and office space options
- Beautification of the former prison
- Improved access to Giles Run Meadow F
- Integration of former prison campus int community
- Improved stormwater management
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For the better part of a century, the grounds of Lorton prison, one of the most beautiful parcels of land in Fairfax County, were restricted and hidden from public view.

There's a rich history of the site dating back to President Theodore Roosevelt and his vision for reforming inmates.

When Fairfax County purchased the 2,300-acre site in 2001 from the D.C. Department of Corrections, there were two areas identified as "adaptive reuse areas" — this project and the current Workhouse Arts Center.

Learn more about the history of the prison through this short video below and through the years of meetings and documents to redevelop the land:

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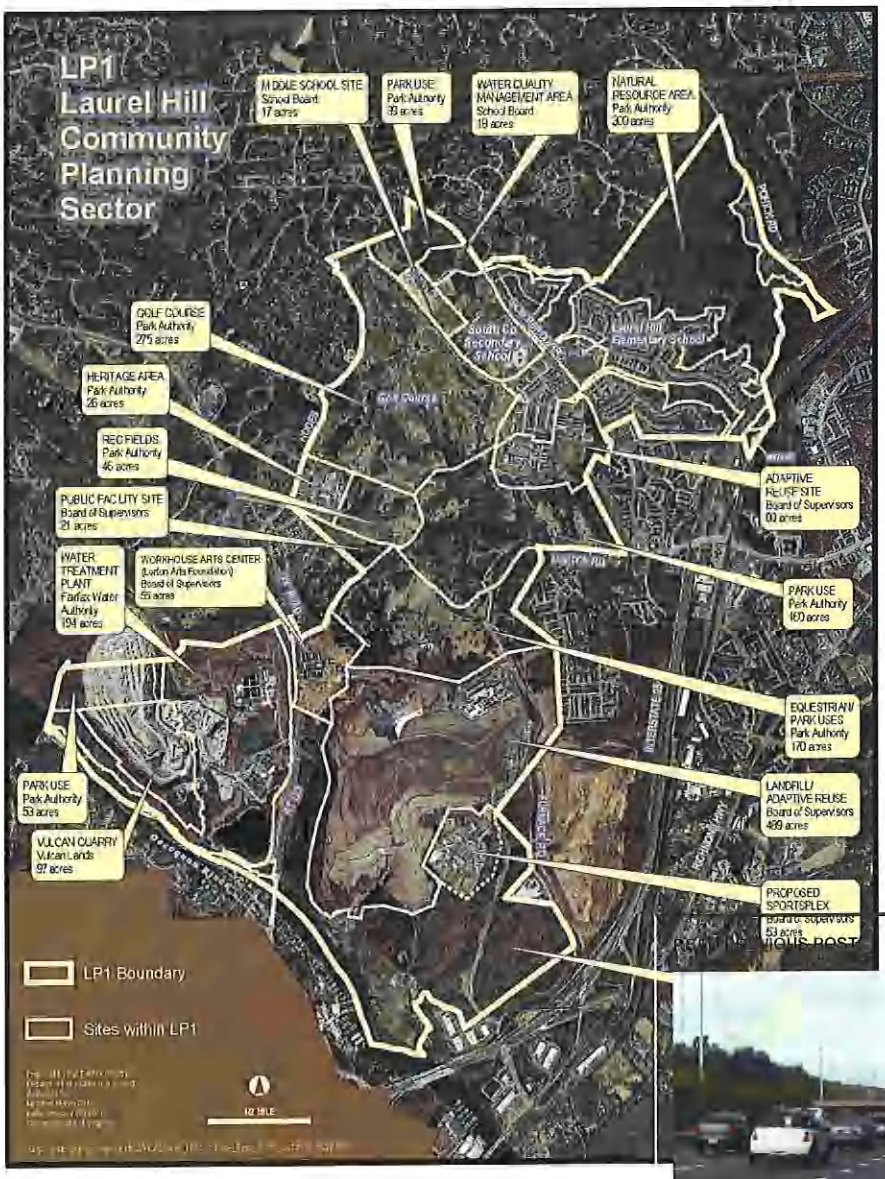

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It is well documented that our Fairfax County Public Schools need more funding. And we're not alone. According to a recent report, Virginia is one of states in income but in the bottom 10 for stat of K-12 education.

The state's K-12 funding is now below what 2005, when adjusted for inflation. These state cuts have **required the county to use more of your tax dollars**

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Why FCPS needs more state funding:

#1: More than 50% of County's Budget Already Goes to FCPS

Despite the challenging budget outlook, we project that we will **increase support of FCPS by 3 percent** for the next fiscal year, not including capital funding and several other support services such as school nurses and the School Age Child Care program. However, costs are increasing countywide and **we face difficult decisions** for other critical and important county services for residents.

In the last decade, the Board of Supervisors has **increased the budget for schools from $1.4 billion in 2** billion in 2015.

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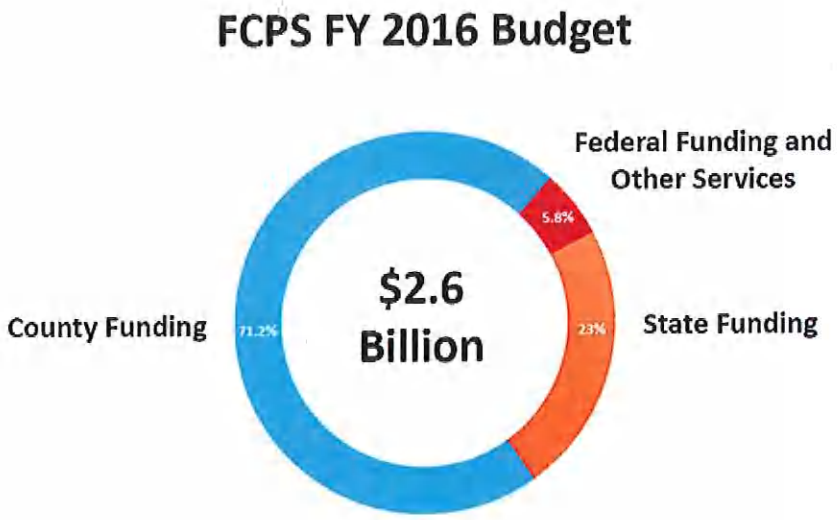

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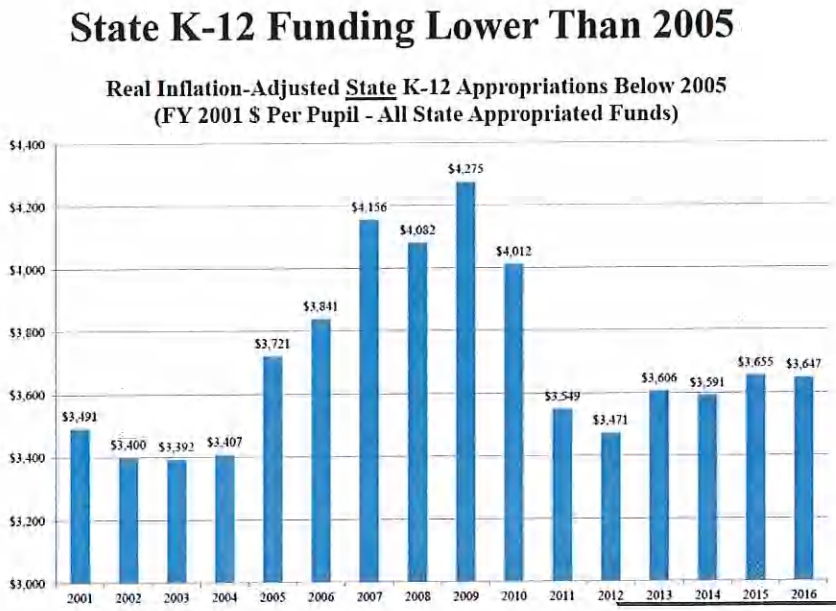

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#4: FCPS Faces $60 Million Shortfal Increased State Funding

From the FCPS FY 2017 Budget Forecast:

We need more state funding for K-12 education, get the facts.

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State funding of education is below 2005 level; your local tax dollars are filling the gap.

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To: Fairfax County Board of Supervisors

From: Dan Storck, Supervisor
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Subject: **BOARD MATTERS for January 12, 2016**

For your consideration, I submit the following Board Matters accompanied by a brief explanation. Your support will be appreciated.

1. **Request for the Board of Supervisors to Establish Goals for Public Engagement**
2. **Thank You to the Fairfax County Police and Fire and Rescue Departments for their Support of a United States Marine Corps Civil Affairs Training Exercise**

1. Request for the Board of Supervisors to Establish Goals for Public Engagement

Background

When I first became an elected official twelve years ago, one of the many initiatives I worked with staff to implement was to find new ways to engage and inform the public. As I begin my term of office on the Board of Supervisors, I would like to continue that work with my new colleagues to explore new ways to engage and inform the residents of Fairfax County. Over the past few months, I have had the privilege to meet with all my fellow Supervisors, County Executive Ed Long, County Attorney Dave Bobzien, Clerk to the Board Cathy Chianese, Director of Public Affairs Tony Castrilli, Director of Information Technology Wanda Gibson and many other County leaders to learn about their respective departments and the resources they have to help inform, engage and assist our residents. We have very professional and responsive representatives dedicated to an open and effective government.

In looking at best practices, I have seen the success of the Fairfax County News Center as a central repository of information for residents, news organizations and other groups to learn what is happening in Fairfax County. Additionally, Fairfax Alerts is a great portal to learn of emergencies and to receive alerts from tax administration, transportation, management and budget among other agencies. As we start our new or first terms, I would like our Board to continue to challenge ourselves and our staff to achieve even more.

There are several areas I urge the Board to consider expediting existing plans or implementing changes that could improve the ease, quality and speed of communications essential to the public. I would summarize these as follows:

- Expanding the News Center or Fairfax Alerts to provide information to residents about the submission of zoning applications, site plans and permits, police and fire incidents and many other topics, which could be customized by the end user based on different criteria like zip code, magisterial district, etc.
- Web post agendas for all meetings seven days in advance, but at least three days in advance.
- Web post all materials to be considered at a meeting at least seven days in advance to provide Supervisors and the public with sufficient time to properly review, formulate questions and have prepared answers at the meeting. Where not possible, materials to be provided should be web posted at or before the time they are distributed so residents watching remotely can access them as well.
- In addition to the regular video recording of current Board of Supervisors meetings and hearings, video or audio recordings should be made of all committee meetings, providing real-time access, greater transparency, and reduced travel while saving resources and the environment.
- Initiate remote video testifying for meetings and public hearings, beginning with the FY2017 Budget Public Hearings. South County Government Center would provide an ideal location and the video process could be as simple and cheap as using a Skype or FaceTime type connection. Saving two hours of travel and fuel would make a real difference to all Mt. Vernon-Lee District residents, and especially the least able. This has been a long-standing community request.
- Meeting minutes should be issued in draft form within seven days of a Board or committee meeting and considered for approval at the next meeting.

These are just a few ideas. I am sure other Supervisors will have their own. Some of these are attainable relatively quickly, some are long-term. The end state is that we find a way to leverage technology and the talents of our staff to be the most responsive, transparent, and engaging Board we can be.

Proposed Action

Therefore, I ask, with unanimous consent, that the Board of Supervisors direct the County Executive to return to the Board of Supervisors with a memorandum on ways to improve public engagement and enact those the Board may agree upon at a future date, perhaps in the Board's Procedures Committee.

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BOARD MATTER
Jointly with Supervisors Cook, Herrity, Storck, Smith Request Zoning Staff Prepare Ordinance Amendment Adding Food and Beverage Processing and Production as By-Right Use in the I-3 and I-4 Districts

January 12, 2015

In December, Tim McLaughlin, owner of Caboose Brewing in the Town of Vienna, contacted my office about his desire to open a craft beer and cider processing facility on Dorr Avenue in Merrifield. This facility would be used to transfer beer from kegs produced at his brewery in the Town of Vienna into cans, as well as age and package cider, also brewed in Vienna.

The location is ideal, as it is next to his distributor, allowing beverages brewed in Vienna to be hand delivered to his Dorr Avenue location saving significant time and cost to his business. However, the I-4 zoning of the parcel only permits food and beverage production with a Special Exception; food and beverage production is already a by-right use in the I-5 and I-6 Districts.

As this Board knows, the craft beverage industry in Virginia is booming. Sales of Virginia-produced wine and beer continue to grow, and sales of Virginia-produced cider grew 200% since last year. The McAuliffe Administration has a stated goal of making Virginia a leader in the craft brewing industry. Over the past two years, Virginia has seen the opening of the largest commercial hops processor on the East Coast, the locating of California-based brewing giant Stone's East Coast operation in

Richmond, and most recently the opening of a craft malting operation in Loudoun County.

In support of Goal 1 of the Strategic Plan to Facilitate Economic Success – to further diversify our economy – Fairfax County should encourage facilities such as the one Mr. McLaughlin hopes to open.

Therefore, I move that the Board of Supervisors ask Zoning Administration to research and prepare a Zoning Ordinance Amendment adding food and beverage manufacturing, production and processing establishments to the uses permitted by-right in the I-3 and I-4 Zoning Districts subject to possible use limitations for addressing the ancillary uses often found in association with these craft brewing operations such as tasting rooms and on-site retail sales.