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Victor M. Mendez, Administrator
Federal Highway Administration
1200 New Jersey Ave., SE
Washington, DC 20590

Commissioner Greg A. Whirley, Sr.
1401 E. Broad Street
Richmond, VA 23219

re: Alignment of U.S. 1 Improvements Near Fort Belvoir, Virginia

Dear Administrator Mendez & Commissioner Whirley:

Thank you for the Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) and Virginia Department of Transportation's efforts to complete the federally-funded improvements of U.S. 1 near Fort Belvoir, Virginia. This is a critical project to our community and will provide much needed relief to congestion in the Mount Vernon area.

We represent the areas affected by the entire widening project. Each of us has been contacted by numerous constituents who have expressed an interest and concern about this project.

The Woodlawn Community is a unique part of the historic fabric of our community. Much of the land surrounding the affected portion of U.S. 1 is unchanged from the time it was walked by George Washington. The rural and historic character of this area is a unique asset to our community.

It is our understanding that there are two road alignments currently under discussion. One proposal would widen U.S. 1 in its existing alignment (the "Widen In-Place Option"). A second concept would realign U.S. 1 south of Woodlawn Baptist Church and through property that has been used as an equestrian facility for the last sixty-one years ("the Bypass Option").

We have each studied this issue carefully, viewed the affected areas and discussed the matter with the affected parties and other elected leaders in the community. We likewise agree with Congressman Moran and Supervisor Hyland that the Widen In-Place Option best preserves the historic character of the Woodlawn Community, preserves the existing uses of this historic area, and can be

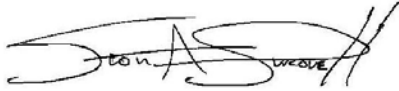
done in a manner to most minimize harm to our community's historic assets. We strongly urge you to adopt that alignment.

Please feel free to contact us if you have any questions or require any further information.

Sincerely Yours,



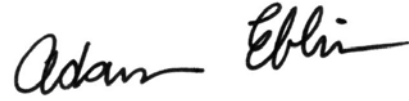
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