

Congress of the United States
Washington, DC 20515

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The Honorable Sharon Bulova
Chairman
Fairfax County Board of Supervisors
12000 Government Center Parkway, Suite 530
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The Honorable Catherine M. Hudgins
Supervisor, Hunter Mill District
Fairfax County Board of Supervisors
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Dear Chairman Bulova and Supervisor Hudgins,

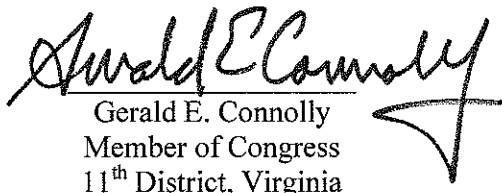
We write to echo some of the concerns of our shared constituents with the Fairfax County Department of Transportation's feasibility study for constructing additional ramps to connect the Dulles Toll Road with Tysons Corner. Like you, we are committed to improving mobility throughout Tysons Corner as part of its long-term redevelopment while also preserving and enhancing what few natural resources remain.

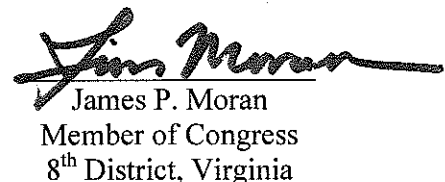
One alternative in particular, Option 3 for a ramp linking to the future extension of Boone Boulevard, is the source of great concern for residents of the Greater Tysons Green Civic Association and other neighbors. Local residents recently invited staff from our offices to walk the proposed alignment. As you are well aware from having met with the neighbors and visited the site yourself, this option would cut through the Resource Protection Area and the Old Courthouse Spring Branch Stream Valley Park on the western edge of Tysons Corner. The County's latest comprehensive plan update for Tysons singles out this stream valley park and other green spaces not only for preservation but also for improvement to round out the Board's vision for a more livable urban center.

It is our understanding that FCDOT is conducting this initial analysis to determine whether additional ramps will in fact be needed and, if so, to narrow the County's preferred options. Such analysis will be necessary if the County advances any of the options currently under review for a full environmental analysis under the National Environmental Policy Act in order to justify both preferred options and the reasons for having ruled out others.

As the County continues its review of these proposals, we respectfully request the Board do everything in its power to protect this stream valley and any other natural resources that might be affected by future road connections in Tysons Corner. We commend the Board for its vision in laying out a dynamic blueprint for a modern, green city in Tysons Corner to accompany the arrival of Metrorail service through Tysons and the Dulles Corridor, and we look forward to continuing to collaborate with you to deliver these vital improvements for our community.

Sincerely,


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Member of Congress
11th District, Virginia


James P. Moran
Member of Congress
8th District, Virginia

Cc: FCDOT