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Katherine Ward, Co-Chair
The Mount Vernon Council of Citizens Associations, Inc. (MVCCA)
P.O. Box 203
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Dear Ms. Ward:

Thank you for your letter and the resolution from the Mount Vernon Council of Citizens' Associations Inc. (MVCCA) regarding your concerns for safety for drivers, pedestrians and bicyclists along the Mount Vernon Memorial Highway. Virginia Department of Transportation (VDOT) staff are working in partnership with Fairfax County Department of Transportation (FCDOT) staff to address your concerns.

VDOT traffic engineers are currently reviewing the intersections you mentioned in your letter. We would be happy to meet with you once the review is complete, to discuss our findings and specific concerns you may have. They are considering all of the proposed solutions you offered. We understand that some of the concerns will be resolved by the FCDOT trail project that is upcoming.

We have contacted our liaison with the Fairfax County Police Department (FCPD), to bring attention to your concerns about speeding and distracted driving, and to request increased enforcement if possible, on your behalf.

FCDOT has a program for cut through traffic restrictions as part of their Residential Traffic Administration Program (RTAP). The process can be initiated through Supervisor Storck. More information on the criteria to qualify is available here: <https://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/transportation/residential-traffic-administration>.

Regarding the Mount Vernon Memorial Highway approach to Richmond Highway, and the proposal to change the lane configuration, there is a proposal to reconfigure this intersection as part of the Richmond Highway improvement project. In the interim, we have reviewed the possibility of implementing a change early. There are some challenges with the suggestion you provided, as our analysis has shown that it will likely cause more overall delay to the intersection. We have a potential alternative solution that might be beneficial in the interim, but it would possibly have other negative consequences. It also requires funding identification. We will discuss this further with you when we meet in the future.

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When the Traffic Engineering review results are ready, I will contact you to set up a meeting. In the meantime, please contact me with any further questions, at 703-259-2604 or Allison.Richter@VDOT.Virginia.gov. Thank you again for your correspondence.

Sincerely,



Allison Richter

cc:

The Honorable Dan Storck, Fairfax County Board of Supervisors
The Honorable Scott Surovell, Senate of Virginia
The Honorable Kathy Tran, House of Delegates of Virginia
The Honorable Paul Krizek, House of Delegates of Virginia
Mr. Tom Biesiadny, Director, FCDOT