



**The Mount Vernon Council of Citizens Associations, Inc.**

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Re: 2026 Proposed Active Transportation Roadway Restriping Projects- Belle View Blvd.

Dear Ms. Cacner,

The Mount Vernon Council of Citizens Associations, Inc. (MVCCA) is a nonpartisan, nonprofit organization of citizens' associations in the Mount Vernon Magisterial District of Fairfax County. MVCCA's members live, work and travel throughout the region impacted by the Proposed Active Transportation Roadway Restriping Project. MVCCA has long supported the enhancement of the county's bicycle lanes and the expansion of transportation options throughout the region where appropriate.

The 2026 Proposed Active Transportation Roadway Restriping Project, while improving bike lanes, has several flaws in its assumptions for Belle View Blvd. We therefore do not support this proposal to eliminate parking along Belle View Blvd.

1. Specifically, we believe the proposed removal of 77 parking spaces from both sides of the street to incorporate the lanes will unduly burden the residents of the Belle View Condominium Complex. These spaces are used by residents because the complex itself has an inadequate number of parking spaces for the building's occupants. (A situation that was created by the developer of this complex many years ago and approved of by the county at that time).
2. Your study appears to have looked at the occupancy of these spaces during the workday when the owners of the parked cars have driven to work.

3. A bike lane from Potomac Ave to the GW Parkway creates a situation where bikers will have an incorrect sense that they can just continue to barrel through an intersection and cross the Parkway to meet up with the bike trail on the east side of the roadway. The current intersection and crossing point are unsuitable for bicyclists. Numerous accidents occur at this intersection, so giving riders a false sense of safety could be very dangerous.

We recommend you re-evaluate your study options and consider bike lanes along Belle Haven Rd. or other suitable local streets instead of Belle View Blvd.

We are fully supportive of bike lanes in the Mount Vernon area. However, their development must sensibly balance competing interests for space. The addition of bike lanes must sensibly balance competing interests for space, safety, and efficient vehicular transit.

Thank you in advance for incorporating these comments into the project's feedback. We look forward to working together to enhance the region's transportation network moving forward.

Sincerely,  
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Cc: Supervisor Storck