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Ref: Huntington Avenue Road Diet resolution is attached.

The Mount Vernon Council of Citizens Associations (MVCCA) Board of Directors on behalf of our 21,000 members fully supports the proposed road diet along Huntington Avenue in the Mount Vernon District of Fairfax County. This diet would convert four auto lanes into two lanes with a center turn lane.

We understand that the complete road diet includes more than just restriping the Huntington Avenue however the restriping could be accomplished as part of this year's planned repaving of Huntington Ave later this year.

Regards,

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Attachment: Road Diet Huntington Ave MVCCA Resolution

**MOUNT VERNON COUNCIL OF CITIZENS' ASSOCIATIONS (MVCCA) Resolution in Support of Proposed Huntington Ave Road Diet (MVCCA, PS&T Resolution 2025-02)**

WHEREAS; Huntington Avenue is currently configured with four wide travel lanes for cars with narrow sidewalks and no bicycle lanes; and

WHEREAS; There are no left turn lanes on Huntington Ave between Biscayne Dr and Hunting Creek Rd, which increases chances for accidents; and

WHEREAS; Huntington Ave runs through the Huntington Transit Station Area, which contains the Huntington Metrorail Station. It is the southern terminus for the Yellow Line and will be the northern terminus for a planned Richmond Highway Bus Rapid Transit (BRT) system; and

WHEREAS; The 2017 Fairfax County Comprehensive Plan recommends that the Huntington Transit Station Area develop into a mixed-use center with “non-automobile dependent development” and exist as “a place where county residents can live, work and shop without excessive dependence upon the automobile”; and

WHEREAS; The 2022 Active Transportation Plan by Fairfax County Department of Transportation (FCDOT) identified high levels of stress for both pedestrians and bicyclists along Huntington Ave; and

WHEREAS; In a 2024 survey conducted by FCDOT 67 percent of respondents rated their level of comfort for walking across Huntington Ave as “Uncomfortable” or “Very Uncomfortable” and 77 percent rated their level of comfort biking along Huntington Ave as “Uncomfortable” or “Very Uncomfortable”; and

WHEREAS; FCDOT plans to install four Capital Bikeshare stations along Huntington Ave; and

WHEREAS; The MVCCA has consistently endorsed measures to enhance pedestrian safety in order to improve quality of life for all residents, not just automobile drivers; and

WHEREAS; Pedestrians frequently cross Huntington Ave at unmarked locations due to the lack of crosswalk infrastructure; and

WHEREAS; Visibility of the two crosswalks between Foley Dr and Mainstay Dr is extremely limited, especially at night; and

WHEREAS; The road diet proposed by FCDOT would convert four auto lanes into two lanes with a center turn lane and space for bicycle infrastructure; and

WHEREAS; The proposed road diet would make crosswalks east of Farrington Ave eligible for Rectangular Rapid Flashing Beacons (RRFB), a feature which both drivers and pedestrians along Huntington Ave have consistently identified as necessary; and

WHEREAS; The proposed road diet would reduce speeding and eliminate accidents caused by cars passing slower cars or waiting to turn left; and

WHEREAS; FCDOT data shows that this design would only increase travel time at the Richmond Hwy intersection by 7 seconds during AM/PM peak hours, and at the Telegraph Rd intersection would increase travel time by 9 seconds during AM peak hours and 5 seconds during PM peak hours; and

WHEREAS; The proposed road diet is consistent with future development planned for the Huntington Transit Station Area as outlined in the Fairfax County Comprehensive Plan and the recommendations in the FCDOT Active Transportation Plan for Huntington; and

WHEREAS; The Huntington Community Association, the organization which represents the Huntington community and is a member of the MVCCA, after significant discussion over several meetings, fully endorsed the road diet approach.

THEREFORE, the MVCCA declares its support for the proposed road diet which would convert four auto lanes into two lanes with a center turn lane.

ALSO RESOLVED, the MVCCA calls upon the Virginia Department of Transportation and Fairfax County Department of Transportation to implement the proposed road diet as part of this year's planned repaving of Huntington Ave.

Approved by the MVCCA Board of Directors June 10, 2025