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Ref: EMBARK and Richmond Highway Widening Design (PA 2015-IV-MV1)

Dear Supervisor Storck,

On behalf of the MVCCA membership this letter is being sent to thank you in advance for supporting our resolutions (December 26, 2017, January 24, 2018 and February 16, 2018) regarding PA 2015-IV-MV1. They address our concerns regarding the need for this Plan Amendment to strongly support the under-grounding of utilities, environmental protections and metro-rail guarantees.

The storm related outages this week make it clear that under-grounding of the utilities on Richmond Highway is essential. Extended closures due to outages on Richmond Highway at Lukens Lane, Frye Rd, Pohick Rd, and Highland Lane negatively impacted the finances of businesses, residents and flow of traffic on this corridor.

Our previous resolutions and the letter from the Mount Vernon-Lee Chamber of Commerce strongly urged the under-grounding of utilities in conjunction with the widening of Richmond Highway (Jeff Todd Way-Napper Rd). The MVCCA members certainly hope that you will consider the outages that occurred this week and their financial impact on businesses, traffic flow and residential communities as you make your decision about PA 2015-IV-MV1.

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