



The Mount Vernon Council of Citizens Associations, Inc.

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Supervisor Dan Storck
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Dear Supervisor Storck

Ref: MVCCA Resolutions Encouraging Private and Public Funding Options for EMBARK and Rt. 1 Widening

On behalf of the MVCCA the attached resolutions are forwarded for your consideration and action.

The MVCCA urges the EMBARK Advisory Group and the County to seek private and public funding for projects related to the EMBARK program and the widening of Rt. 1.

Sincerely,

Katherine Ward

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Co-Chair
MVCCA

Enclosed: MVCCA Resolution 2017-02- (Budget and Finance) – EMBARK projects public and private funding

MVCCA Budget & Finance Resolution 2017-02

RESOLUTION

URGING THE COUNTY AND THE EMBARK ADVISORY BOARD TO CONSIDER PRIVATE FINANCING
OPTIONS TO HELP ADDRESS POTENTIAL FEDERAL FUNDING ISSUES

- (1) **WHEREAS:** An endorsement of the October 2014 recommendations of the Route 1 Multimodal Alternatives Analysis emphasized funding options and the need to create achievable funding plan; and
- (2) **WHEREAS:** The Route 1 Multimodal Alternatives Analysis recommended that the project would require funding from a range of sources, including local, regional, state, and federal funds; and
- (3) **WHEREAS:** One of the potential federal sources noted in the above mention document is the Federal Transit Administration (FTA) New Starts/Capital Investment Program (CIG); and
- (4) **WHEREAS:** The FTA New Starts/CIG program historically has provided a 50% funding match to local/state funds to large new construction transit projects like this potential Route 1 multimodal project;
- (5) **WHEREAS:** The President of the United States' proposed FY2018 budget cuts the FTA New Starts/CIG program funding by 43% or \$928M of the FY2017 budget levels; and
- (6) **WHEREAS:** The President's administration says it will support New Starts/CIG projects that have already signed funding agreements with the federal government, but wants to eventually eliminate New Starts/CIG funding completely; and
- (7) **WHEREAS:** The U.S. House proposed FY2018 budget (passed in July 2017) cuts the FTA New Starts/CIG program funding to \$1.75B, down from the current FY17 funding of \$2.41B; and
- (8) **WHEREAS:** The Route 1 Multimodal Alternatives Analysis stated that another key potential federal funding source could be the TIGER program; and
- (9) **WHEREAS:** The President's proposed FY2018 budget and the passed U.S. House FY2018 budget (passed in July 2017) zeroed out the funding amount for the Transportation Investment Generating Economic Recovery (TIGER) Discretionary Grant program; and
- (10) **WHEREAS:** While the U.S. Senate might be able to keep the above mentioned programs through their budget and reconciliation efforts with the U.S. House in the final U.S. Congress FY2018 approved budget, the EMBARK Advisory Group should be concerned that the President of the United States and the leaders of the U.S. House want to either minimize or completely remove the above mentioned transit/transportation funding programs; and
- (11) **THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED:** That the Mount Vernon Council of Citizens Associations requests the EMBARK Advisory Group explore the option of private financing implemented into the funding mix to create a DBFOM (Design-Build-Finance-Operate-Maintain) or a DBFOMT (Design-Build-Finance-Operate-Maintain-Transfer) funding structure.

APPROVED BY THE MVCCA GENERAL COUNCIL AT THEIR SEPTEMBER 27, 2017 MEETING