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Dear Supervisor Storck

Ref: MVCCA Resolution Transportation – Crosswalk on Pole Rd MVCCA (Tran) Resolution 2016-5 and Signalization at Jeff Todd Way/MV Memorial Highway/RT 1. MVCCA (TRAN) Resolution 2016-6

On behalf of the MVCCA I am transmitting the attached resolutions to you for your action. MVCCA General Council approved this resolution unanimously at our Oct 27<sup>th</sup> 2016 meeting.

Inaction between pedestrians and automobiles and automobiles with other automobiles is complicated on our roadways. It is especially complicated during rush hour. These two resolutions seek simple solutions to these problems.

Your support and action will be greatly appreciated.

Sincerely,  
*Katherine*

Katherine Ward  
Co-Chair  
MVCCA

Enclosed: MVCCA Resolution Transportation 2016-5 and 2016-6

MVCCA (Transportation) Resolution 2016 -5  
Pedestrian Crosswalk on Pole Road

Whereas: Traffic on Pole Road has increased since the new Jeff Todd Way has provided both east and west options at the southern end of the road;

Whereas: The increased traffic on Pole Road moves rapidly, often exceeding the posted speed limit;

Whereas: Pedestrians from the housing areas on the east side of Pole Road need to cross the road in order to reach the large ball field as well as the bus stop on the west side of Pole Road, which is a particularly hazardous task at the Sacramento Drive intersection, since at that location the sight line is obstructed by vegetation;

Whereas: The Virginia Department of Transportation (VDOT) has presumably recognized the problem since it has recently erected a sign cautioning drivers about 'Pedestrians' in the vicinity of the bus stop near Credos Court, about three block distance from Sacramento Drive;

Whereas: The caution sign without a painted crosswalk is deemed to have just a marginal effect for drivers to slow down;

Whereas: A striped crosswalk will provide pedestrians a right-of-way on all Virginia roads where the speed limit is set for 35 MPH or less.

Therefore Be It Resolved: That the MVCCA request the Mount Vernon District Supervisor to contact VDOT and recommend that a pedestrian crosswalk be painted across Pole Road in the vicinity of their posted 'Pedestrian' sign, near the Credos Court intersection and the existing bus stop, in order to enhance pedestrians to cross Pole Road at that location and to provide them with legal protection by requiring vehicle drivers to provide those pedestrians the right-of-way.

APPROVED AT THE MVCCA GENERAL COUNCIL MEETING OCTOBER 26, 2016

MVCCA Resolution (Transportation) 2016 -6

Resolution: Intersection Rt. 1/Jeff Todd Way/ Mt Vernon Memorial Highway

Whereas: The revised intersection at Route #1, Jeff Todd Way and the Mount Vernon Memorial Highway is not working effectively during evening rush hour with traffic backing up on the Mount Vernon Memorial Highway all the way back to the Fort Belvoir Walker Gate;

Whereas: Currently there are three lanes on the Mount Vernon Memorial Highway approaching Route #1 – the right lane is dedicated for traffic intending to turn right onto Route #1 or going straight into Jeff Todd Way, the middle and left lanes are dedicated for left turn traffic intending to go south on Route #1;

Whereas: Long traffic lights result in vehicles cutting through the 7-Eleven and Exxon Gas Station unto Route #1 heading North;

Whereas: Traffic from the small strip mall and merchants behind the Exxon Gas Station to the North cut through the Exxon Gas Station and the 7-Eleven to join Mount Vernon Memorial Highway heading East;

Whereas: A major safety problem arises from vehicles passing thru the 7-Eleven and Exxon Gas Station lots and such actions are in violation of State and County Traffic Laws;

Whereas: When the traffic light turns green facing the Mount Vernon Memorial Highway drivers anxious to move through the intersection accelerate and meet a yellow light which is too short to assure that vehicles will stop on red, even School Busses have been observed running the red light at that location.

Therefore Be It Resolved: That the Mount Vernon Council of Citizens Associations request that the Mount Vernon Supervisor contact the Virginia Department of Transportation (VDOT) and propose the following for drivers exiting the Mount Vernon Memorial Highway:

- a. On a trial basis, change the pavement markings and signage for the three lanes so that the right lane is dedicated to drivers intending to make a right turn onto Highway #1, the center lane is dedicated to drivers intending to go straight onto Jeff Todd Way as well as drivers intending to turn left onto Route #1 and the left lane is dedicated to drivers intending to turn left onto Highway #1
- b. Request VDOT to monitor the traffic light cycles to assure that there is adequate yellow light, adjust the cycle on a temporary basis to support the added traffic emanating from Fort Belvoir and readjust the cycles again when traffic is back to normal after the construction which blocks the Pence Gate has been completed.
- c. Should the re-adjusted cycle be unable to relieve the significant back-up, then an examination would be in order to construct an added exit lane on the VDOT right-of-way on the south side of the Mount Vernon Memorial Highway, to provide for a dedicated lane destined solely to Jeff Todd Way.

Be It Further Resolved: That the Mount Vernon District Supervisor also contacts the local Fairfax County Police commander to request that he direct the enforcement of traffic laws as they pertain to the hazardous cut-through traffic at the local 7-Eleven and Exxon Gas Station.

APPROVED BY THE MVCCA GENERAL COUNCIL AT THEIR OCTOBER 26, 2016  
MEETING