



## The Mount Vernon Council of Citizens' Associations, Inc.

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Supervisor Dan Storck  
Congressman Don Beyer  
Virginia State Senator Adam Ebbin  
Virginia State Delegate Mark Levine

Reference: Mount Vernon Council of Citizen's Associations (MVCCA) Resolution Transportation 2019-01 Safety and Traffic flow improvement: Fort Hunt Road at Richmond Hwy crossing and northbound onto ramps to I-495 towards Woodrow Wilson Bridge and Maryland. Approved by the MVCCA General Council on April 24, 2019.

Dear Supervisor Storck, Congressman Don Beyer, Virginia State Senator Adam Ebbin, Virginia State Delegate Mark Levine,

The Mount Vernon Council of Citizens' Associations (MVCCA) feels very strongly that with your support we can make much needed safety improvements and improved traffic flow improvements happen in a very timely manner. The resolution outlines the existing conditions and includes suggested improvements. These roads and intersections are the Mount Vernon District's Northern Gateway and right now our gateway needs help.

Over the last several months many stakeholders including Virginia Department of Transportation (VDOT) and Fairfax County Department of Transportation (FCDOT) have been engaged in the conversations leading to the passing of this resolution, therefore, many of the action items have already been partially or fully vetted and could be accomplished quickly with minimum effort.

We request your timely assistance in making these safety and traffic flow issues a priority and in obtaining the necessary funding to facilitate the timely resolution of these existing problems. Delay probably add to the cost and will expose our drivers, pedestrians, and bicyclists to potential harm and gridlock frustration. Support by each of you individually and collectively is desired, strongly requested, and appreciated. We look forward to hearing back from you and answering any of your questions.

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Enclosed/attached:

MVCCA Resolution (Transportation 2019-01) Safety and Traffic Flow Improvement: Fort Hunt Road at Richmond Highway/Route 1 Crossing and Northbound onto Ramps to I-495 towards Woodrow Wilson Bridge and Maryland.

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MOUNT VERNON COUNCIL OF CITIZENS' ASSOCIATION'S (MVCCA) RESOLUTION (TRANSPORTATION)  
2019-01

SAFETY AND TRAFFIC FLOW IMPROVEMENT: FORT HUNT ROAD AT RICHMOND  
HIGHWAY/ROUTE 1 CROSSING AND NORTHBOUND ONTO RAMPS TO I-495 TOWARDS  
WOODROW WILSON BRIDGE AND MARYLAND

1. **Whereas:** Drivers on Fort Hunt Road have a difficult time seeing how to cross Richmond Highway/Route 1 to access Old Richmond Highway, Ourisman Chevrolet/Chrysler/Jeep/Dodge, and Great America Steak & Buffet, and;
  2. **Whereas:** The concrete island on the NW side of the intersection is "hidden" by the center ridge of Richmond Highway/Route 1, and;
  3. **Whereas:** The entrance to Ourisman Chevrolet creates the illusion of a "street," causing drivers to aim for that "street," and;
  4. **Whereas:** Drivers have no lane guidance to help them stay on track to enter the street on the NW side of the intersection properly (to the right of the island), and;
  5. **Whereas:** Striping and lane guidance in entire area is poor, confusing, and hard to see, and;
  6. **Whereas:** Virginia Department of Transportation (VDOT) is studying the issues leaning toward installing an enlarged raised island in the current location with enhanced signage, and;
  7. **Whereas:** VDOT has also agreed to extend the Old Richmond Highway hatched median and remove the "puppy tracks" for East Bound Left Turn movement at that same location, and;
  8. **Whereas:** Traffic volume in this area has increased significantly in the past few years due to the increased population at Fort Belvoir, and;
  9. **Whereas:** Pedestrian cross walk markings are not adequate for the intensity of vehicular travel in the area and the center pedestrian refuge on Fort Hunt Road is not safe, and;
  10. **Whereas:** Heavy traffic congestion moving north to and on the ramps to I-495 towards Maryland at times bad enough to cause grid lock in the nearby intersections.
- A. **Therefore be it resolved:** We support VDOT's study of installing an enlarged raised island in the current location that also has enhanced high visibility signage and striping and;
  - B. **Therefore be it further resolved:** We support the removal of the current "puppy tracks" and extending the hatched median with high visibility hatching on the Old Richmond Highway side of the intersection and we request revisiting the area after 30 days to consider additional measures to improve both safety and traffic flow and;
  - C. **Therefore be it further resolved:** Request all the Pedestrian Crosswalks road surface markings be enhanced with high visibility markings and the pedestrian refuge on Fort Hunt Road be improved, and;
  - D. **Therefore be it further resolved:** We ask VDOT to determine the causes and effects of north bound heavy traffic congestion in area and especially on the ramps to I-495 towards Maryland and once identified move as quickly as possible to make all needed improvements, and;
  - E. **Therefore be it finally resolved:** We ask our elected officials, Supervisor Dan Storck, Congressman Don Beyer, Virginia State Senator Adam Ebbin, Virginia State Delegate Mark Levine, to support and aid VDOT in all ways necessary so VDOT may fund and quickly implement these or better not yet identified solutions understanding that delay will only prolong the current conditions and put drivers at unnecessary risk.

Unanimously Passed by the MVCCA General Council Meeting on April 24, 2019.