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Via Email

Fairfax County Planning Commission  
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Dear Members of the Planning Commission,

While the McLean Citizens Association is still reviewing the Draft Planning Commission Recommendations to the Board on Certain Tysons-Related Activities, dated September 10, 2012, we would like to offer the following recommendations keyed to the issue of ensuring against a disproportionate share in the total burden being borne by Fairfax County taxpayers.

1. Make the new Recommendation on Lines 64-68 (of the strike-through version of the Recommendations document), a numbered recommendation. The text currently reads as follows: "However, the Planning Commission recommends that as the Tysons transportation improvement funding arrangements are reviewed and adjusted if necessary to accommodate the expected changes, there should be no disproportionate change in the share of the total burden that is borne by Fairfax County taxpayers."

Rationale: Consistency; all the other recommendations in the document are numbered.

2. Add a new sentence to Recommendation 15 on Line 408, along the following lines: "Should state, regional and federal sources not be available to ensure that the burden of County taxpayers is consistent with that posited in the Table 7 Funding Summary attached to this document and dated [zz/xx/2012], Fairfax County staff should prepare a report on alternatives for consideration and implementation, as appropriate, by the Board of Supervisors. The report should consider, inter alia, slowing the pace of development to match the availability of funds, a range of Tysons user fees, and a public/private partnership arrangement."

Rationale: Operationalizes the new Recommendation on page 2, lines 64-68; is consistent with the recommendations elsewhere in the document (#17, 20, 23, 25) calling for reviews on other central topics on either a periodic basis or when circumstances change.

3. Delete the last sentence of Recommendation 15, Lines 408-409. The text to be deleted reads as follows: "County funding should be used as the source of last resort for Tysons-wide Road improvements."

Rationale: Sentence is inconsistent with the new Recommendation on Lines 64-68. Further, the deletion would address County taxpayer concerns raised by the "last resort" language,

that we very well might be hit with paying a substantial portion of the assumed state and federal aid, leaving us not with the 20-21% share of the total infrastructure capital costs projected in the Table 7 Funding Summary, but with a share for capital costs that could be substantially greater, perhaps somewhere between 30-37%, and bringing the total County taxpayer share, if transit operating costs are included, to over 50%.

In advance, thank you for your consideration of our recommendations.

Sincerely,

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