

1 **MCLEAN CITIZENS ASSOCIATION (“MCA”) RESOLUTION ON THE**
2 **CONGESTION PROBLEM AT THE AMERICAN LEGION/CABIN JOHN BRIDGE**
3 **Adopted January 5, 2011**
4
5

6 WHEREAS residents of McLean have reported ongoing severe congestion on the Beltway
7 headed north to the American Legion/Cabin John Bridge over the Potomac River (“the Bridge”)
8 that is backing up traffic on to Georgetown Pike and neighborhood streets that feed onto
9 Georgetown Pike; and

10
11 WHEREAS the McLean Citizens Association Transportation Committee undertook to study this
12 problem as a result of citizen complaints to determine if there is a long range solution to this
13 congestion; and

14
15 WHEREAS at MCA’s request Congressman Frank Wolf initiated a meeting with the Federal
16 Highway Administration (FHWA) to discuss this problem, and as a result FHWA hosted a
17 meeting on this topic with representatives of MCA, the Virginia Department of Transportation
18 (VDOT), the Maryland State Highways Administration (MSHA), and Congressmen Wolf and
19 Van Hollen’s offices; and

20
21 WHEREAS in 2009 MSHA and VDOT completed a study entitled the West Side Mobility Study
22 that addresses the Beltway from Georgetown Pike north into Maryland extending up the I-270
23 corridor seven miles to I-370. This study shows increasing severe congestion in this corridor in
24 the future as a result of growth in traffic (study available on the internet at
25 <http://www.capitalbeltway.mdprojects.com/osWestSideMobility.html>); and

26
27 WHEREAS MCA representatives learned as a result of the meeting hosted by FHWA that the
28 American Legion/Cabin John Bridge has a remaining useful life of approximately ten more
29 years, and that the preferred alternative resulting from the West Side Mobility Study is to begin
30 planning to replace the American Legion/Cabin John Bridge and to restripe the Beltway, both of
31 which will add additional lanes to the Beltway;

32
33 NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the McLean Citizens Association calls on our
34 public officials to address the congestion problem at the American Legion/Cabin John Bridge by
35 initiating studies and other efforts necessary to begin planning for replacement of the American
36 Legion/Cabin John Bridge and restriping of the Beltway and I-270 to add additional lanes for
37 traffic.

38
39 Copies to:
40 Hon. Jim Webb
41 Hon. Mark Warner
42 Hon. Barbara Mikulski
43 Hon. Benjamin Cardin
44 Hon. Frank Wolf
45 Hon. Chris Van Hollen
46 Secretary Sean Connaughton

- 47 Senator Janet Howell
- 48 Delegate Barbara Comstock
- 49 Supervisor John Foust
- 50 Chairwoman Sharon Bulova