

MCLEAN CITIZENS ASSOCIATION RESOLUTION SUPPORTING PEDESTRIAN  
AND BICYCLE FACILITIES ON RECONSTRUCTED BRIDGES AND CROSSINGS FOR  
HOT LANES

Adopted November 7, 2007

Whereas, HOT Lanes Project is a Public-Private Partnership between VDOT, Virginia Department of Transportation, and a private group Transurban and Fluor to construct four more lanes on the Beltway between Old Dominion and I-95;

Whereas, the Public-Private Transportation Act of 1995 is the legislative framework that enables the commonwealth, local governments and other public entities to enter into agreements with private entities to acquire, construct, improve, maintain, and/or operate qualifying transportation facilities;

Whereas, to construct the added lanes the bridges and crossings must be rebuilt;

Whereas, these bridges were built over 40 years ago, when the bridges and crossings were built there was little pedestrian or bicycle traffic over the bridges;

Whereas, in the 40 or more years since the Beltway and its crossings were completed the need for pedestrian or bicycle access to cross the bridges and other crossings has greatly increased;

Whereas, it is now very dangerous to attempt to access places of employment, shopping, recreation and even schools by crossing the Beltway as a pedestrian or cyclist. It is particularly dangerous to attempt to go between McLean and the Tysons area. Tysons can only safely be accessed by motor vehicle;

Whereas, these rebuilt bridges need to include facilities for pedestrians and cyclists;

Whereas, The Fairfax County Trails Plan, part of the county Comprehensive Plan, designates specific bicycle and pedestrian facilities on each of the bridges. The County Trails and Sidewalks committee and other trail and bicycle advocates have recommended that the bridge and crossings be provided with pedestrian or bicycle facilities;

Whereas, attempts to obtain additional information regarding specific accommodations planned by VDOT and the private contractor have been unsuccessful, Fairfax County transportation officials attempts have been made to get information on what accommodations are being planned to no avail. Fairfax County Pedestrian and Bicycle Coordinators, pedestrian and bicycle advocates have requested information from Transurban and Fluor, and Virginia Department of Transportation;

Whereas, Virginia Department of Transportation has said plans will be made available in February shortly before construction starts. This will be too late to make changes in the plans;

Whereas, if these bridges and crossings are built without proper bicycle and pedestrian facilities as outlined in the Trails Plan, history has shown that it may be another 40 years before reconstruction would be done, thereby continuing the wall between activities inside the Beltway and those outside it;

Now therefore be it resolved that the McLean Citizens Association supports the pedestrian and bicycle facilities provided on the Fairfax County Trails Plan and the VDOT regional bicycle plan, particularly with respect to McLean the crossings of the Beltway at Route 7, Route 123, Lewinsville Road and Old Dominion Drive;

Further be it resolved that the McLean Citizens Association urges that Virginia Department of Transportation follow the recommendations of the Fairfax County Trails Plan in the construction of the Bridges and crossings arising out of the HOT Lanes Project.

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