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June 6, 2019

Mr. Steve Varner, NOVA Environmental
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Subject: Lee Highway (Route 29) Pedestrian Improvements
VDOT Project #: 0029-029-414, UPC 113518
From: Vaden Drive To: Nutley Street
SECTION 4(f): SIGNIFICANCE DETERMINATION & *DE MINIMIS*
IMPACTS
Preliminary Concurrence Request

Dear Mr. Varner,

The Fairfax County Park Authority (FCPA) is in receipt of your Preliminary Concurrence Request letter dated, April 1, 2009. The proposed project would provide improved access to the Vienna Metrorail Station, the Gerald Connelly Cross County Trail, and other amenities by completing a missing gap in the pedestrian and bicycle network along the south side of Lee Highway (Route 29) between Vaden Drive and Nutley Street. This letter requests the Park Authority's preliminary concurrence that the proposed pedestrian/bicycle facilities would not adversely affect activities, features and attributes of Towers Park.

The Virginia Department of Transportation's (VDOT) letter also states its responsibilities under Section 4(f) of the Department of Transportation Act of 1966. This request further states that the design for the proposed pedestrian improvements currently would not require significant 4(f) impacts to the Park Authority activities, features, and attributes of Towers Park although the project design currently would require 0.2 acres of fee taking and 0.1 acres of permanent easements. The current design, however, is subject to further engineering and design that could change how this park is impacted.

The Park Authority recognizes that the documents provided by VDOT are only conceptual plans, and as further engineering is necessary before the full impacts of grading, utilities and shared use path impacts can be fully determined before the Park Authority can provide final De Minimis concurrence under Section 4(f). However, the Park Authority can concur with the Section 4(f) preliminary De Minimis signature block provided as Attachment 1, if VDOT will commit to minimizing the impact to parkland as much as the design parameters will allow. As further engineering and design demonstrate that more park impacts and land takings will be required, additional studies and concurrences may be necessary. Staff will continue to work with VDOT to keep this important project on schedule. All temporary and permanent easements and takings



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will need to be negotiated at a later date, separate from this 4(f) preliminary concurrence. These comments are provided with the understanding that VDOT will continue to coordinate with the Park Authority during project development.

The staff coordinator for this project is Elizabeth Iannetta, Park Planner/Trails Coordinator, who can be reached at (703) 324-8725 or Elizabeth.Iannetta@fairfaxcounty.gov. We look forward to working with you as this project progresses.

Sincerely,



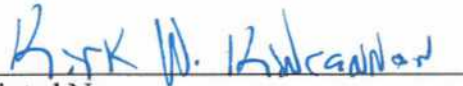
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**FAIRFAX COUNTY PARK AUTHORITY (FCPA) SIGNIFICANCE
DETERMINATION AND PRELIMINARY CONCURRENCE WITH FHWA
SECTION 4(f) APPLICABILITY CRITERIA FOR PERMANENT EASEMENTS,
FEE TAKING AND *DE MINIMIS* IMPACTS ON THE FCPA PARKLANDS**

For the proposed Lee Highway pedestrian improvements from Vaden Drive to Nutley Street in Fairfax County, (VDOT Project #: 0029-029-414, P101; UPC 113518) the **Fairfax County Park Authority (FCPA)** determines that the FCPA parkland (e.g. Towers Park) is a significant resource. Based upon current conceptual design information and the commitment on the part of VDOT to protect the park property, FCPA grants **preliminary concurrence** that impacts to park property that could be expected to result from the project's permanent easement and fee taking will not adversely affect activities, features, and attributes of the park. FCPA hereby acknowledges that VDOT will provide notice and opportunity of public review and comment, consistent with federal guidelines. This **preliminary concurrence** does not constitute an endorsement of the project or conveyance of any temporary or permanent interests in or access to parklands. This **preliminary concurrence** is with the understanding that further consultation with FCPA will be undertaken by VDOT prior to finalizing project design and seeking **final concurrence** to ensure, prior to granting of any temporary or permanent property interests, that harm to park property by the proposed project will be minimized and the conditions upon which this **preliminary concurrence** is based on have not changed.


Signature


Printed Name


Title



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-  Major Roads
-  Planned Major Paved Trail
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LOCATION MAP
LEE HWY PEDESTRIAN IMPROVEMENTS
PROVIDENCE DISTRICT

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