



CITY OF FALLS CHURCH

Citizens' Advisory Committee on Transportation
City of Falls Church
300 Park Ave.
Falls Church, VA 22046

May 12, 2021

Infrastructure Investment Director
Virginia Department of Transportation
1401 East Broad St.
Richmond, VA 23219

Dear Virginia Department of Transportation leaders,

At our May 12 meeting, members of the City of Falls Church Citizens' Advisory Committee on Transportation voted unanimously to submit this letter of support for the South Washington Street Bus Stop Expansion and Access to Transit Project application for funding through the Fiscal Year 2022-2027 Six Year Improvement Program. As outlined in the application documents, this project will increase accessibility and safety for pedestrians and transit riders. The project will also enhance connections to City and Fairfax County businesses, recreational, and cultural destinations, and reduce congestion by implementing infrastructure for multiple modes of transportation.

The project runs along South Washington Street — an important commercial and residential corridor — between Maple Avenue and Graham Road at the City boundary. The project will add six new bus shelters, install crosswalks and pedestrian refuge areas, and upgrade a traffic signal. The project includes adjustments to intersection geometry and improved ramps. Associated right of way and utilities are also included in the project scope.

Both sides of South Washington Street offer a variety of small businesses, charming neighborhoods, and pleasant parks, but many residents and visitors remain hesitant to cross this wide, busy road due to the lack of pedestrian infrastructure. This project would help make this neighborhood more accessible, connected, and vibrant for all residents and visitors.

The South Washington Street Bus Stop Expansion and Access to Transit Project application is a priority for the Citizens' Advisory Committee on Transportation. We respectfully request that the City's application receive full funding.

Sincerely,

Dave Gustafson
Chair, Citizens' Advisory Committee on Transportation