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June 20, 2007

Ms. Katharine D. Ichter, Director  
Fairfax County Department of Transportation  
12055 Government Center Parkway, Suite 1034  
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Re: Fairfax County Bicycle Initiative – On-Road Bike Lanes

Dear Ms. Ichter:

Thank you for your letter regarding Fairfax County's bicycle initiatives to implement the Comprehensive Bicycle Infrastructure Program; we are fully aware of your plans to improve the bicycling and walking conditions in Fairfax County and we commend you for your hard work.

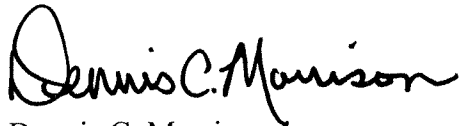
As you and your staff are aware, the Virginia Department of Transportation (VDOT) has also been working in several venues to improve all of our transportation facilities to better accommodate the non-motorized users in Virginia; one of these areas is our Maintenance Program. Starting this year, two percent of our annual maintenance budget is dedicated to accommodate bicyclists by providing at least 2 feet (4 feet is desirable) of paved shoulder as part of our regular pavement plan. Whenever possible the goal is for all of our facilities to have paved shoulders; however, these improvements will not replace the need for future improvements such as on-road bicycle facilities (wide curb or bike lanes), shared use paths, and sidewalks, as shown on the County's plan. Presently, Ms. Fatemeh Allahdoust, our Bicycle & Pedestrian Coordinator, is working with our maintenance staff and utilizing the Maintenance "Pavement Rating" map, NoVA Regional Bikeway and Trail Network map and Fairfax Countywide Trails Plan to identify potential roadways that would benefit from having paved shoulders.

Since the two percent maintenance budget is strictly set-aside for shoulder pavement, we had not initiated any work on retrofitting roadways similar to Gallows Road for on-road bicycle facilities. We are excited to receive a list of candidate projects from you. As you indicated in your letter, the success of this effort will greatly depend on us working closely with various disciplines within VDOT and with County staff. Ms. Allahdoust has been asked to coordinate the retrofitting effort with our Traffic Engineering and Maintenance staff and share the results with you.

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Again, thank you for sharing this with VDOT, and please be assured that we will fully participate in this joint effort. If you would like to discuss further, please contact me at 703-383-2477.

Sincerely,



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