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Item #5

MEMORANDUM

May 20, 2009

TO: Transportation Planning Board

FROM: Ronald F. Kirby
Director, Department of
Transportation Planning

RE: Additional Letters Sent/Received

The attached additional letters sent/received will be reviewed along with other letters sent/received under item #5 of the May 20th TPB agenda.

Attachment

WILLIAM A. BRONROTT
16th Legislative District
Montgomery County

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THE MARYLAND HOUSE OF DELEGATES
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May 20, 2009

The Honorable Charles A. Jenkins
Chair, National Capital Region Transportation Planning Board, Metropolitan Washington COG
Commissioner, Frederick County Board of County Commissioners
Frederick, Maryland 21701

Dear Chairman Jenkins:

I regret that I am unable to attend today's Transportation Planning Board meeting. Knowing that the Purple Line Light Rail Project is on the TPB's agenda as a proposed amendment to the 2009 Financially Constrained Long-Range Transportation Plan (CLRP), I want to take this opportunity to express to you and my TPB colleagues my very strong support of what I and many in the Maryland General Assembly view as the single most important transportation project in our state.

I co-chair the Purple Line Legislative Caucus with Delegate Tawanna Gaines (Prince George's), the chair of the House Appropriations Subcommittee on Transportation and the Environment, on which I also serve. The caucus consists of members of the state legislative delegations from Prince George's and Montgomery counties who strongly believe that the Purple Line is an absolutely indispensable 21st century solution for our region's enormous environmental, clean energy, transportation, economic stimulus, and community development challenges.

This 16-mile east-west light rail system will connect Bethesda and New Carrollton with nearly 20 stops in between, including Metro stations, MARC commuter rail stops, Amtrak, and the University of Maryland at College Park.

It is especially important at this critical juncture that the Purple Line Light Rail Project is recognized by the TPB as a top priority transit project with extraordinary projected ridership and community benefits that is strategically situated within the core federal enclave to serve many federal agencies and workers. It also will help move many transit-dependent residents and those who are seeking transit alternatives to single occupancy vehicle travel.

I look forward to working with you and the TPB on advancing the Purple Line and other efficient and effective transportation solutions.

Sincere best wishes,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Bill".

Delegate William A. Bronrott
Maryland General Assembly
District 16 – Montgomery County

Northern Virginia Transportation Authority

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May 19, 2009

The Honorable Charles Jenkins, Chairman
Transportation Planning Board
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Reference: TPB Scenario Task Force's Effort to Develop a Regional Bus Rapid Transit Proposal

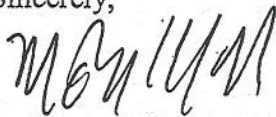
Dear Chairman Jenkins:

On May 14, 2009, the Northern Virginia Transportation Authority voted to work together with the Transportation Planning Board's Scenario Task Force to prepare a regional bus rapid transit application for consideration by the U.S. Department of Transportation for funding under the \$1.5 billion competitive grant program included in the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009.

After TPB evaluates the various bus rapid transit corridors that are being considered against the project selection criteria, NVTA would appreciate the opportunity to review the analysis and comment on any recommendations before they are finalized and included in a formal grant application.

If you have any questions, please contact Tom Biesiadny at (703) 877-5663. Thank you very much.

Sincerely,



Martin E. Nohe
Chairman

Members, Northern Virginia Transportation Authority
