

August 16, 2019

George Washington Memorial Parkway
Attn: Alexandria to Mount Vernon Safety Study
700 George Washington Memorial Parkway
c/o Turkey Run Park
McLean, Virginia 22101

Dear Alexandria to Mount Vernon Safety Study:

I have lived steps away from the Belleview Blvd/Parkway entrance/exit since 1983. Frankly, there have been thousands of occasions when I sat, prayerfully, that I could successfully gauge two-way traffic flow, shoot forward, maneuvering left into north-bound parkway traffic, while accelerating sufficient to avoid a crash into my rear. Or, alternatively, attempting a right south-bound turn, while trying unsuccessfully to see around the left turning auto on my left, to keep from slamming into all of the fast-rushing traffic heading south. Or worse, the occasional motorist who, not having experienced this white-knuckling intersection, sits there for endless minutes never knowing when/if to "approach or to avoid."

All too often from my residence I can hear the crashing sounds of motorists who were not successful at the maneuvers, soon followed by EMT and firetruck sirens rushing to the crash scenes. Surely, there must a fix for this predictable crash fatality moment.

My second request: paint divider lines that can be seen at night, especially during storms or rain. Not sure what chemists' mixture is needed for this, but it *must* be done. Secondly, light certain segments along the parkway, and hope that it would not require an act of congress to get this life-saving addition accomplished.

Please do something. I am truly amazed and prayerful that I have not yet caused an accident there, or been injured...yet.

Sincerely,



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