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

Thanks for the recent open house at Walt Whitman Middle School. It was helpful to talk to staff and make comments on the long posters. My comments follow.

Alexandria to Belle Haven Road

Work with the City of Alexandria to time the light at Thornton/Porto Vecchio to create space for safe north-bound left turns a Belle Haven Road and exit from Belle Haven Road. The light is currently "on demand."

Enforce speed limit to allow time for north-bound left turns and exit from Belle Haven Road.

Improve signage and striping to discourage multiple cars from entering the gap between medians from north-bound left turn lane.

Belle View Boulevard

Widen median to create more room for a car to wait similar to Tulane Drive.

Morningside Lane

Close the access completely. If the northbound left lane is closed ("road diet"), northbound buses will have difficulty merging back into the right lane after moving to the left lane to pass under the Alexandria Avenue bridge. It is already difficult to move to the left lane after the Collingwood stop.

General

Enforce "no trucks" (more signage?) and require those that hit the Alexandria Avenue bridge to clean up debris.

Consider pedestrian crossing signs and flashing lights similar to those near the Memorial Bridge at bus stops and popular crossings such as Belle View Boulevard.

Encourage Fort Belvoir and other federal agencies to allow more telework.

Sincerely,



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