



March 28, 2008

Dulles Loop Implementation Group
Attn: Leo Schefer

Dear Leo,

On behalf of the Dulles South Business Alliance, I would like to take this opportunity to submit this letter of support of the DLIG Loop, especially the Rt. 50 portion, on behalf of our members.

As we don't have the drawing to attach, it is extremely important to our members that we record the following critical features of the DLIG plan:

1. Limits the land needed for eastbound lane - The plan we were shown maintains to the maximum extent possible use of the median as well as limits shoulder width to the minimum needed for safety so as NOT to impact the property owners along the Rt. 50 portion of the Dulles Loop.
2. No change in building setbacks. There were no changes in our setback requirements per the plan discussed.
3. Coordination of Rt. 50 controlled access with Fairfax County – This plan will be sequenced to make sure we do not implement control access to Rt. 50 in Loudoun prior to doing the same in Fairfax to Rt. 28.
4. Coordination of Collector Roads with Fairfax County – This plan ensures continuity of collector roads along the 50 corridor between Loudoun and Fairfax Counties.
5. Protection of access for the small parcel holders in the CLI district – This plan will be sequenced to ensure that access to rt. 50 will not be restricted (combined entrances notwithstanding) prior to construction of collector roads providing alternate access.
6. Makes 50 a parkway, not a freeway – This plan keeps Rt. 50 generally on the same elevation where practical as surrounding parcels and encourages landscape buffering in lieu of burms and raised or lowered elevations
7. Makes 50 a parkway, not a freeway – The plan provides right in right out where crossings will no longer exist, as well as numerous overpasses for circulation between north and south collector roads to support the smaller frontage parcels and tie both sides of 50 together, along with collector roads on the Fairfax portion.

Many of the DSBA members are small businesses and property owners along Rt. 50 in Chantilly in what has been for more than 50 years the traditional commercial region of southern Loudoun County. Protecting access for these properties and businesses is not only right, it's vital to their survival as businesses and non profits. This said we are very committed to being a part of the solution that the DLIG is trying to effect in supporting our area's economic lifeblood – Dulles International Airport. We greatly appreciate the attention the DLIG has paid to our many years of work and compromises and the improvements you made in coordinating both Loudoun and Fairfax sides of Rt. 50.

Our Process: The DSBA hosted its first ever special meeting on March 13 to provide our members with the opportunity to hear the proposed plan of the DLIG to VDOT and to Loudoun and Fairfax Counties. With over 30 members in attendance, Leo Schefer, representative from the DLIG, and Paul Prideaux from Michael Baker Jr., Inc. gave an overview of the DLIG's proposed plan which is summarized in the enclosed letter. This letter was sent to over 60 businesses that belong to our organization.

A quorum of the Board of Directors and those members of the Dulles South Business Alliance that were able to attend met again via conference call yesterday to discuss the DLIG's proposed plan. The Board voted unanimously in favor of the proposed plan and supports it under the enclosed sequence of actions.

We urge state and county planners to adopt the DLIG plan as it reflects years of work on this corridor by all involved.

Sincerely,



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President
Dulles South Business Alliance

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