

Testimony to the Commonwealth Transportation Planning Board's Outreach for the FY 2017-2021 SYIP

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It's been a long year

- ❖ Last year the key concern at this meeting was a small segment of the Bi-County Parkway
- ❖ Thankfully we're beyond that

Key Concerns

- ❖ The Rt 28 / I66 interchange needs to be fully funded and fully functional, allowing all movements between Rt 28 and I66 - north, south, east and west - with access provided to and from the Walney / Braddock roads intersection directly to the north of the highway interchange.
- ❖ The phase 2 US Rt 1 Multi-Model Analysis Study (Environmental and Engineering), the follow on to the phase 1 study just nearing completion, needs to be funded so that matching federal funds can be made available. There is a dire need for Mass transit in the RT 1 corridor, and the available federal funding should be pursued.

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- ❖ Projects between Virginia and our neighboring jurisdictions need to be considered. Here are several:
 - ❖ Additional crossings of the Potomac River are desperately needed north and south of the beltway. The commonwealth has multiple north/south roads built or in its plans to the north and west of the I495 American Legion Bridge. We need to build a bridge from one of them to Maryland. We need to make this happen.
 - ❖ WMATA, the Washington Metropolitan Area Transit Authority, has developed plans for Metro capital improvements planned for 2025 and 2040. The Momentum 2025 plan is an interim goal with the ultimate improvements planned for 2040. I urge you to bypass the Momentum 2025 interim goal and support the Momentum 2040 plan with the ultimate construction of new Potomac River crossings.