

September XX, 2015

Hon. Penelope A. "Penny" Gross, Chairman  
Northern Virginia Regional Commission  
3040 Williams Drive, Suite 200  
Fairfax, VA 22031

Re: M-495 Potomac River Commuter Ferry

Hon. Penelope A. "Penny" Gross, Chairman and Commissioners of Northern Virginia Regional Commission:

The City of Alexandria would like to thank you for the opportunity to participate in the ongoing conversations regarding the M-495 Potomac River Commuter Ferry Project, and would like to formally transmit to you and NVRC Commissioners the City's serious concerns in writing, that City representatives have previously expressed orally.

The City of Alexandria has received, analyzed and reviewed the information pertaining to Summary/Findings of the Market Analysis Study. Based on the results of the analysis, the City of Alexandria was identified as a key origin and destination within the "corridor of significant interest" based on travel time savings impacts and viable market size.

The City's position is that it supports in concept utilizing the Potomac River as a regional transportation corridor; however, the City of Alexandria wants to be on record expressing serious concerns regarding an element of the proposed project. Based on the current capacity of parking, attempts to integrate a commuter ferry stop or terminus within the City in Old Town would cause considerable challenges to the existing infrastructure and add additional vehicular trips to an area with limited parking. Old Town Alexandria should not serve as the Joint Base Anacostia Bolling's parking lot because the federal government did not adequately plan for its own parking needs when it expanded its work force on that site.

Thank you again for receiving the City of Alexandria's input on the M-495 Potomac River Commuter Ferry Project. We look forward to continued dialogue on this project.

Sincerely,

William D. Euille  
Mayor

cc: Honorable Members of the City Council  
Mark Gibb, Executive Director, NVRC