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Reference: D.C. to Richmond Southeast High Speed Rail – Tier II Draft Environmental Impact Statement

Dear Ms. Stock:

The City of Alexandria appreciates all of the work that the Commonwealth and the Department of Rail and Public Transportation (DRPT) are doing to improve transportation throughout the Commonwealth, including the Northern Virginia region. Thank you for the opportunity to provide comments on the D.C. to Richmond Southeast High Speed Rail – Tier II Draft Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) and for facilitating a meeting between City and DRPT staff to address some of our preliminary concerns.

The City has reviewed the Draft EIS and while supportive in concept of a fourth track through Alexandria, has key concerns related to the impact of shifting existing tracks toward residential areas, property acquisition, noise and vibration impacts and mitigation, proposed retaining walls along the corridor, and impacts to Alexandria Union Station parking. A detailed list of questions and comments is provided in the attached document.

We look forward to continuing to work with DRPT on this important project. If you have any questions regarding these comments, please feel free to contact me.

Sincerely,

Mark B. Jinks  
City Manager

Attachment: City of Alexandria Questions and Comments – DC2RVA DEIS

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