

October 19, 2002

Mr. James D. Cossey
Chairman, Transportation Committee
Mt. Vernon Council of Citizens Associations
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Dear Mr. Cossey:

Thank you for your letter of June 4 asking the Federation to consider a resolution similar to the one adopted by the Mt. Vernon Council in September 2001 asking the Board of Supervisors to "cause an immediate study of rail projects in the 2020 Plan . . . that would validate rail projects . . .", and to "authorize the planning now of a monorail as well as a light rail system currently planned along Route 1 . . ."

The Federation has been following closely the process for the proposed rail project in the Dulles Corridor as well as action at the Council of Governments and the Transportation Planning Board regarding light rail alternatives (including monorail) and related initiatives in the Washington region. The Federation subscribes to the policy of regional planning, especially with regard to modes of transportation and major highways, so that elements of the total network will fit together. The Federation is considering what further action might be taken to help ensure that all players--local, subregional, regional and state--seriously study the types, costs and benefits of various transit alternatives available.

We appreciate the time and effort that your Transportation Committee has spent addressing the transportation concerns in your area. We will keep you advised on the Federation's actions related to the integration of the various modes of transit into the transportation system.

Sincerely,

Art Wells

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President