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Stephen Brich
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MEMORANDUM

REQUEST FOR MODIFIED ACCESS TO WASHINGTON BOULEVARD

From: Theron Knouse, P.E.
Assistant State Location and Design Engineer

To: Susan H Keen, P.E.
State Location and Design Engineer

Washington Boulevard / Columbia Pike Interchange
Arlington County

Attached is an Interchange Modification Report (IMR) requesting approval for the proposed Washington Boulevard / Columbia Pike Interchange modifications located in Arlington County, adjacent to the Arlington National Cemetery (ANC).

The purpose of the project is to provide additional land for the expansion of the cemetery and to improve multimodal transportation safety and operations through this corridor.

An IMR for this interchange was initially developed and approved by VDOT on December 1, 2017 (see attached). Since the initial IMR was approved, the IMR has been revised to document the changes to the proposed interchange design including:

- Traffic volumes and modes of traffic updated to reflect addition of Amazon complex
- Refining of the Preferred Alternative including modification of the ramp access for the Route 27 northbound movement and the number of approach lanes at Columbia Pike
- Inclusion of future traffic for improvements near the interchange including the 9/11 VEC and ANC operations complex and parking
- Relocation of the Route 27 northbound on / off ramps

The IMR provides a detailed analysis of the operation and safety performance for the selected alternative and the No-Build alternative. There is also a discussion on the screening of the preliminary alternatives and the selection of the preferred alternative.

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The Northern Virginia District Location and Design Engineer, Mr. Stephen Bates, P.E., has provided his concurrence for the revised IMR by email dated March 10, 2019. (See attached)

The Northern Virginia District Traffic Engineer, Mr. Ivan Horodyskyj, P.E., has reviewed the document and provided his concurrence for the revised IMR by letter dated March 13, 2020. (See attached)

The Arlington County Capital Project Management Coordinator, Ms. Susan Finotti, has reviewed the document and provided her concurrence for the revised IMR by letter dated March 18, 2020. (See attached)

I have also reviewed the IJR package and recommend that this revised IMR be approved for the proposed interchange referenced above.

Theron Knouse, P.E.
Assistant State Location and Design Engineer

Date

Approved by:

Susan H. Keen, P.E.
State Location and Design Engineer

Date

Attachments