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Loudoun County Board of Supervisors
% Supervisor Caleb Kershner
via email Caleb.Kershner@loudoun.gov

Dear Loudoun County Supervisors:

It is our understanding that VDOT is requesting supplemental funding from the County to pave a 2,000 foot portion of Old Waterford Road (OWR). While this section of roadway is outside the historic district, OWR is an alternate route from Waterford Village to Leesburg -- little used now because it is a mix of gravel and tar and chip coating -- and there is a great deal of concern locally that paving even a portion of it could increase cut-through traffic in the Landmark. In fact, we're told that some Commonwealth Transportation Board members also have reservations about paving the road. It is for these reasons that we respectfully request the Board of Supervisors (BOS) delay Tuesday's planned vote on funding for OWR improvements.

Instead, we hope the Board will ask VDOT to conduct traffic modeling to determine: 1.) whether paving that section of OWR would decrease travel time enough during peak hours to make it attractive to cut-through commuters; and, 2.) whether paving OWR in its entirety (assuming that is VDOT's ultimate goal) would make it an attractive route to commuters.

We also ask that VDOT complete testing and consideration of alternative paving methods (already underway on the road) before selecting a paving material for OWR that might increase traffic and speeds. And we ask that VDOT examine whether fixing the road's drainage issues might make resurfacing of any kind unnecessary.

We are tremendously thankful to Supervisor Caleb Kershner and to the BOS for voting unanimously in favor of our recent traffic calming study. We believe it makes sense for the BOS to postpone this vote long enough for VDOT to provide data that ensures that the County's work to manage cut-through traffic in the Landmark won't be undermined.

We also ask that the Waterford Citizens' Association — the organization that acts as local government in our unincorporated village — be notified/consulted

regarding future improvements to any and all roadways that connect to the village. We were disappointed to have learned about the proposed changes to OWR second hand.

Sincerely,

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