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To: ima@governor.virginia.gov
Subject: No to HOT lanes

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I am writing you because I'm very concerned about HOT lanes. While everyone wants to improve congestion in Northern Virginia, creating HOT lanes are the wrong way to go.

Creating HOT lanes will likely increase traffic because it would end giving people an incentive to carpool. With HOT lanes people who are currently car pooling could simply spend extra money and not need to carpool. HOT lanes will have the reverse of the desired effect and will increase traffic, increase air pollution, and reduce the quality of life in Northern Virginia.

Instead of HOT lanes I urge you to look much more towards efficient and effective public transportation. A simple change such as getting buses to run more frequently could go a long way to reduce congestion. More frequent buses would give people a huge incentive to try a bus instead of driving. Its the long waits at the bus stop that probably prevent many people from taking the bus.

Thank you for your consideration,

Sincerely,

Marcus Koenen

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Mr. Marcus Koenen
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Dear Mr. Koenen:

Governor Warner has asked me to thank you for and respond to your e-mail expressing your opposition to High Occupancy / Toll (HOT) lanes.

At present, there are insufficient resources to meet the growing demand on Virginia's transportation network. The HOT-lane concept is one of various alternatives that have been proposed to supplement state resources derived from conventional sources, so that critical transportation infrastructure improvements can be advanced.

The Virginia Department of Transportation (VDOT) has received an unsolicited private proposal to improve the Capital Beltway that would incorporate the HOT-lane concept. I have forwarded your email to the Advisory Panel that will review this proposal. The panel also will be accepting public comments on this proposal. Most important, a detailed environmental review of several options to improve the Beltway is underway. Public comment will be solicited as part of that process as well. No improvements can be made to the Beltway unless they are part of an approved Environmental Impact Study (EIS). The most current information concerning this study can be found on the following VDOT web page: http://www.virginiadot.org/projects/pr-novamain.asp. We expect that study to be completed next year.

I hope this information is helpful and I want to assure you of our commitment to provide Virginians with balanced, affordable transportation solutions. Again, thank you for writing Governor Warner.

Sincerely,

Whittington W. Clement

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