

# STAFF RECOMMENDATION

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## FEDERAL CAPITAL IMPROVEMENTS PROGRAM FOR THE NATIONAL CAPITAL REGION FISCAL YEARS 2005-2010

Report to the Office of Management and Budget

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### Abstract

The preparation of the *Federal Capital Improvements Program for the National Capital Region, Fiscal Years 2005-2010*, has been underway since August 2003, when the National Capital Planning Commission (NCPC) asked federal departments and agencies to provide information on proposed projects. Staff has reviewed the submitted project information for conformity with the *Comprehensive Plan for the National Capital*, federal agency master plans, and other adopted plans and. At its July 8, 2004 meeting the Commission authorized circulation of the proposed program to federal departments and agencies, regional planning agencies, state and local governments, and the general public for review and comment. As a result of this referral, changes were made to the FCIP that affected the status of certain projects as well as budget estimates and schedules.

The FCIP, FYs 2005-2010, contains 214 projects. The program contains 175 projects submitted by federal agencies totaling \$9.3 billion and 39 projects submitted by NCPC for future programming.

### Commission Action Requested

Adopt the *Federal Capital Improvements Program for the National Capital Region, Fiscal Years 2005-2010* pursuant to Section 7 of the National Capital Planning Act (40 U.S.C. § 8723(a)).

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### Executive Director's Recommendation

The Commission:

**Adopt** the *Federal Capital Improvements Program for the National Capital Region, Fiscal Years 2005-2010*.

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## BACKGROUND

In accordance with the National Capital Planning Act and the Office of Management and Budget's (OMB) circular No. A-11, *Preparation, Submission and Execution of the Budget*, agencies are required to submit their planned capital improvement programs within the National Capital Region to NCPC. The Commission evaluates agencies' capital projects within these programs and makes recommendations in the six-year Federal Capital Improvements Program (FCIP). OMB uses NCPC's recommendations as guidance while reaching budgetary decisions on these projects. The Commission also uses the information it receives for the FCIP to coordinate federal projects with state and local governments at the earliest possible time.

The Commission's recommendations are based on the extent proposed projects conform to general planning and development policies in the region as described in plans and programs adopted by the Commission, regional planning bodies, and local and state governments. In particular, the Commission reviews projects for their conformity with Commission approved site and building plans, Commission approved installation master plans, and Commission released plans and program. The first year of this proposed FCIP represents funding requests contained in the President's fiscal year 2005 budget (the capital budget) transmitted to the Congress in early 2004. Projects scheduled in the second to sixth year (the capital program) involve extended funding, or are new projects that will be scheduled year-by-year until they are ready for funding consideration.

The Commission's recommendations and comments within the FCIP do not represent approval or denial of proposed projects. Inclusion of projects within the FCIP are not to be construed or represented to constitute Commission review of development or project plans pursuant to Section 5 of the National Capital Planning Act, or any other applicable statute.

## PROGRAM ANALYSIS

The federal government is active in the construction of a number of major projects throughout the region. Because of this construction activity, many of the significant projects in previous FCIPs have had funds fully appropriated by Congress and are therefore no longer within the FCIP. Significant projects within last year's FCIP that have received full appropriations include the Bureau of the Census Campus, the Pennsylvania Avenue in front of the White House Security and Landscape Improvement Project, and Security Enhancements for the Washington Monument Grounds and Jefferson Memorial. In addition, the World War II Memorial and Vietnam Veterans Memorial Plaque are fully funded (primarily through private funds).

“Recommended and Strongly Endorsed” Category

Section 4 of the National Capital Planning Act (40 U.S.C. § 8721(a)) requires that NCPC prepare and adopt a “comprehensive, consistent, and coordinated plan for the National Capital.” The Comprehensive Plan is NCPC’s blueprint for the long-term development of the national capital and is the decision-making framework for Commission actions on plans and proposals submitted for its review.

The “Recommended and Strongly Endorsed” category of project recommendations was introduced in the FCIP, FYs 2003-2008. This year staff revised the criteria for projects within this category to be consistent with the main themes of the Federal Elements of the *Comprehensive Plan for the National Capital* (the Commission adopted a complete update of the Plan on August 5, 2004).

Projects "Recommended and Strongly Endorsed" highlight capital projects that are critical to strategically advancing and implementing key Commission planning policies and initiatives, or important federal interests within the region. A federal department or agency submits these projects to the FCIP, or they are future projects recommended by the Commission. Projects submitted by the Commission for this recommendation typically are within Commission plans including *Extending the Legacy: Planning America's Capital for the 21st Century*, the Federal Elements of the *Comprehensive Plan for the National Capital*, the *National Capital Urban Design and Security Plan*, and the *Memorials and Museums Master Plan*.

Criteria for proposed projects "Recommended and Strongly Endorsed" change annually based on current critical planning objectives. For the 2005-2010 FCIP, "Recommended and Strongly Endorsed" is defined as follows:

This category includes projects submitted by federal agencies or recommended by the Commission that are critical to strategically advancing and implementing specific Commission and/or local planning policies and development initiatives; clearly defined federal interests and objectives; federal agency system plans; master plans for individual installations; or Commission-approved site and building plans.

These projects are major or significant new construction projects, rehabilitation and modernization projects, or land acquisition projects that may do one or more of the following:

- Contribute to the operational efficiency and productivity of the federal government by promoting opportunities to take advantage of existing public infrastructure and/or adapting and reusing existing historic and underutilized facilities.
- Improve the security of federal workers, federal activities, and visitors to the National Capital in a manner that complements and enhances the character of an area without impeding commerce and economic vitality.

- Protect and unify the historic and symbolic infrastructure of the Monumental Core and the District. These projects include new, rehabilitated and/or modernized memorials, museums, historic parks, federal agency and department headquarters facilities, historic streets, and other infrastructure.
- Restore the quality of the Anacostia and Potomac Rivers and associated waterways and improve public access to waterfront areas.
- Advance regional public transportation and other infrastructure that promotes the orientation of new development towards public transit and into compact land use patterns. Promote the use of non-automobile transportation alternatives including walking and biking.
- Contribute significantly to the protection of environmental and natural resources.
- Anchor or promote community development and substantially contribute to the physical and economic improvement of surrounding areas.

The draft FCIP, FYs 2005-2010, proposes that the Commission recommend and strongly endorse the following new projects submitted by agencies:

Department of the Interior, National Park Service

- Meridian Hill (2)

This project follows the restoration of the historic Lodgehouse by repairing and preserving landscape and other historic elements (including fountain and pool elements) and rehabilitating operational areas (such as storage and maintenance areas).

Smithsonian Institution

- Construct/Install Anti-Terrorism Protection:

The project improves the security of federal activities and visitors by minimizing the potential damage to Smithsonian Institution facilities and collections should a terrorist attack take place.

- Restore Arts and Industries Building:

The project modernizes a National Historic Landmark located on the National Mall that due to its poor and dangerous condition the Smithsonian Institution will completely vacate by fiscal year 2005. Restoration of the building contributes to the protection and unification of the historic and symbolic infrastructure of the Monumental Core.

In addition to these new projects, three projects submitted by the Commission and “Recommended for Future Programming” in previous FCIPs are now within the “Recommended and Strongly Endorsed” category in the Proposed FCIP, FYs 2005-2010. These projects are:

- South Capitol Street Reconstruction, and the
- New Frederick Douglas Memorial Bridge

South Capitol Street and the Frederick Douglas Memorial Bridge constitute a gateway and approach to the nation’s capital—to Capitol Hill and the National Mall. Together with Suitland Parkway this is the ceremonial route for dignitaries arriving at Andrews Air Force Base. The design proposal is of a grand boulevard worthy of the national significance of this corridor. Associated open spaces (major public plazas, parkland and other amenities) will be commensurate with this level of national significance and provide a setting for future national monuments, memorials and museums. South Capitol Street is planned to provide access to existing and future federal development at the Navy Yard, the Southeast Federal Center area, Capitol Hill and the Southwest Federal Center. This corridor will provide the capacity necessary to serve as an evacuation route in case of emergency.

In cooperation with the District of Columbia, in 2002 the Commission produced The South Capitol Street Urban Design Study. In November 2003 the Commission, in partnership with the District of Columbia, engaged the Urban Land Institute (ULI) to convene an Advisory Services Panel to assist in the identification of implementation alternatives for the redevelopment of the South Capitol Street. In May 2004 the Commission also established a South Capitol Street Task Force to assist in implementation. On June 8, 2004 the Secretary of the Department of Transportation and District of Columbia Mayor signed a Memorandum of Agreement to pledge to rebuild the Douglass Bridge and to redevelop the South Capitol Street corridor.

- Railroad Relocation Feasibility Study

Washington’s downtown freight and passenger railroad system is a key constraint to urban revitalization south of the Capitol and a potential security risk. The existing rail alignment poses constraints to future rail service improvements and potential security and safety concerns to adjacent federal facilities and residential neighborhoods. Relocation of this portion of the regional railroad system will improve the security of federal workers and federal activities while substantially contributing to the physical and economic improvement of Southeast and Southwest Washington. Preparation of a Railroad Relocation Feasibility Study is a key Commission initiative.

Proposed Program Summary

The Proposed FCIP, FYs 2005-2010 contains a total of 214 proposed projects. Of this total, 175 are recommended for funding and 39 are recommended for future programming.

The estimated total cost of proposed projects for fiscal years 2005-2010 is \$9,307,705,000. This does not include the 39 projects recommended for future programming since they do not contain estimated budgets.

Of the 175 projects recommended for funding, NCPC strongly endorses funding for 37. These projects are critical to strategically advancing and implementing significant Commission and local planning policies and key planning initiatives, as well as other important federal interests. NCPC further recommends funding for 130 projects that are considered in conformance with Commission and local plans and planning policies, and 8 projects where funding should be programmed but NCPC requests that a particular planning issue of a project be further addressed prior to submission of the project for Commission review and approval.

The number of projects, the total costs of these projects, and the allocation of the total program costs among major jurisdictions is in the following table (the table does not include projects recommended for future programming):

	Number of Projects	Total Cost Program Costs (000,000)	Percent of Total
<b>District of Columbia</b>	<b>78</b>	<b>4,455</b>	<b>47.9</b>
<b>Maryland</b>			
Montgomery County	23	1,724	18.5
Prince George's County	45	866	9.3
<b>Subtotal</b>	<b>68</b>	<b>2,590</b>	<b>27.8</b>
<b>Virginia</b>			
Arlington County	16	993	10.7
Fairfax County	11	372	4.0
Prince William County	1	21	0.2
<b>Subtotal</b>	<b>28</b>	<b>1,386</b>	<b>14.9</b>
<b>National Capital Region</b> (The Wilson Bridge Replacement)	<b>1</b>	<b>876</b>	<b>9.4</b>
<b>Total Region</b>	<b>175</b>	<b>9,307</b>	<b>100.0</b>

Of the 39 projects that have been submitted by NCPC and recommended for future programming, NCPC strongly endorses 16 that are critical to strategically advancing and implementing significant Commission and local planning policies and key planning initiatives, as well as other important federal interests. NCPC further recommends that the appropriate agencies program the remaining 23 in their budgets as soon as fiscal and budgetary conditions permit.

## PROGRAM INITIATIVES

Over the last two years, NCPC initiated changes to the FCIP to reflect a new effort on the part of the Commission to improve the usefulness and effectiveness of federal programming activities in the region. In particular, the Commission worked with OMB to strengthen its requirement for agencies to provide capital project information to the Commission in advance of making commitments for new development projects within the National Capital Region. As a result, OMB strengthened its language within its Circular A-11, a guide to agencies for their annual submission of budget estimates, and agreed to cosign an annual letter from NCPC requesting agencies to submit their capital programs to the Commission for review.

The Commission also implemented the new recommendation category—projects “Recommended and Strongly Endorsed.” In addition, the Commission included a complete list of projects within the program for which the Commission recommends agencies include in their capital programs within the next few years. These are projects for which the Commission is currently involved in the planning of, or for which the Commission has adopted a specific policy or implementation strategy.

Finally, the Commission reformatted the published program so that it is an easier tool to use for local and regional capital project analysis and planning purposes. While continuing to include all information contained in prior FCIPs, the new format reduced headings to improve readability and organized proposed projects by political jurisdiction. This reformatting of the program has been continued this year to further improve upon the readability of the Proposed FCIP, FYs 2005-2010.

With the passage of the Government Performance and Results Act of 1993, OMB is placing increased emphasis on linking federal agency program resources with performance. Having identified the FCIP as an important management reform initiative, OMB consults the Commission's recommendations when making capital budget decisions.

To receive recommendations to add more value to the government's budget process through the FCIP, NCPC staff met with OMB in April 2004. OMB provided a number of recommendations on the FCIP that could better inform OMB examiners when they are making budget decisions regarding federal capital projects within the region.

NCPC examined OMB's recommendations and developed changes to this year's Proposed FCIP, FYs 2005-2010. Below is a description of these changes.

New Program Initiatives, 2004 (Proposed FCIP, FYs 2005-2010)

In response to OMB's recommended changes to the FCIP, the following changes to the published document were made in this Proposed FCIP, FYs 2005-2010:

- OMB requested that NCPC move the list with projects by agency in the Appendices forward in the document. Individual OMB examiners review all of each agency's projects; a list of projects by agency is more helpful to them than if the projects are listed by geographical jurisdiction. Within this published proposed FCIP, the list of projects by agency is at the start of the Project Recommendations section.
- OMB stated that, within the Project Recommendations section of the published program, the numbering of project descriptions within each agency listing could imply a priority. Within this published proposed FCIP, the numbers that could cause this confusion are removed.

**PREVIOUS ACTION AND RESPONSES TO COMMENTS RECEIVED**

At its July 8, 2004 meeting, the Commission authorized the circulation of the *Proposed Federal Capital Improvements Program for the National Capital Region, Fiscal Years 2005-2010*, to participating federal departments and agencies, regional planning agencies, state and local governments, and the general public for review and comment. The comments that have been received are summarized below.

**COMMENTS RECEIVED FROM FEDERAL DEPARTMENTS AND AGENCIES****General Services Administration**

The General Services Administration (GSA) provided modifications in funding amounts and added one project to its program.

The GSA's modifications in funding amounts included changes to numerous project funding estimates plus FY 2010 estimates for these projects (FY 2010 estimates were not included in the Proposed FCIP, FYs 2005-2010). These modifications increased the program by \$904,035,000.

The GSA added the Remote Delivery Service Center to the program. Although GSA has not identified a location for the project, GSA has stated its preference for a location within Washington, D.C. Staff concurs and currently recommends the project within the program. Staff will reevaluate its recommendation within future programs following selection of a site by GSA.

## COMMENTS RECEIVED FROM LOCAL AND STATE GOVERNMENTS AND REGIONAL AGENCIES AND RESPONSES TO COMMENTS

The Proposed FCIP, FYs 2005-2010, was referred to local and state governments and regional planning agencies within the National Capital Region. Comments transmitted to the Commission by these agencies are summarized below. Copies of the agencies' full comments are attached.

Where appropriate, a Commission response to the comment is provided; however, the lack of a response should not be interpreted as concurrence or non-concurrence with respect to the comment. Federal departments and agencies will be sent copies of all the comments received for projects under their jurisdiction.

### DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA

#### District of Columbia, Office of Planning

The District of Columbia Office of Planning reviewed the Proposed FCIP, FYs 2005-2010, and has provided the following comments:

#### **Relationship between Federal and District Elements of the Comp Plan**

The District requests that the discussion of the relationship between the District Elements and the Federal Elements be introduced at the beginning of the "Federal Elements of the Comprehensive Plan for the National Capital" section (page 16) instead of at the end. The discussion should be revised to reflect that the Federal Elements were recently adopted and the District Elements are currently under revision and are expected to be adopted in 2006.

*Commission Response: The discussion between the District Elements and the Federal Elements is appropriately located within the middle of the cited section. The discussion has been revised to reflect the recent adoption of the Federal Elements and the expected adoption of the District Elements.*

#### **Project Submission Recommendations**

The District requests that the project submission language be strengthened. Suggesting that terms like "request" or "encourage" be changed to terms such as "require" or "consider as a condition of plan approval" to refer to adherence to the project submission recommendations.

*Commission Response: In its continuing effort to enhance the FCIP, for next year's program the Commission will update the submission recommendations to coincide with the recently adopted policies within the Federal Elements of the Comprehensive Plan and*

*to provide additional information to the Office of Management and Budget to aid in its budget formulation process. The District's recommendation will be considered when this update occurs.*

### **Distribution of Federal Employment**

The sixth bullet point on page 24 (Project Submission Recommendations) cites the Commission's long-standing policy to achieve and maintain approximately 60 percent of regional federal employment within the District of Columbia. The District requests that the word "approximately" be deleted to indicate that this distribution is a defined standard and accepted policy direction rather than a moving target.

*Commission Response: The bullet point is updated to reflect the new policy language in the recently adopted Federal Elements of the Comprehensive Plan. The new language is as follows.*

*"A policy within the Federal Workplace Element of the Comprehensive Plan states that the federal government should achieve within the District of Columbia a relative share of the region's federal employment that is not less than 60 percent of the region's. This policy is used by the Commission to ensure the retention of the historic concentration of federal employment in the District of Columbia, the seat of the national government. The Commission encourages each agency and department to help realize this goal by locating and maintaining Cabinet-level departments and independent agencies and commissions, including facilities housing departmental, commission, or agency heads, their assistants, and other staff within the District of Columbia. Agencies and departments are also encouraged to consider locating and maintaining other types of federal facilities within the District of Columbia as guided by other policies within the Comprehensive Plan."*

### **Trends in Project Types and Regional Distribution**

The District requests for a clarification of the definition of "New Construction." According to the chart on page 26 there are no newly constructed residential projects in the CIP. Yet the District cites two projects, Bolling Air Force Base Family Housing and the Mathis Dormitory as newly constructed buildings.

The District requests that the "Development Classification" for each project be included in its project description (i.e. whether a project fits into "New Construction", Rehabilitation/Renovation", "Site Improvements" or "Other" project type classification.).

*Commission Response: The table has been corrected to include the two projects as new residential construction projects (they were previously counted as new special purpose projects). In its continuing effort to enhance the FCIP, for next year's program the*

*Commission will refine the definitions for the types of projects (the “Development Classification”) and include the type within the project description.*

### **Employment**

The District strongly encourages NCPC to complete an analysis of future employment trends so that the results can be considered in the CIP process. The partial analysis presented on page 30 suggests a weakness in the CIP (e.g. it is not driven by hard data about agency growth plans and projected employment). The District states that the results of additional employment analysis would help the Commission determine whether the National Capital Region will move closer toward the Commission’s stated goal of 60 percent distribution of Federal employment in the District of Columbia.

*Commission Response: The table (Table 4, Changes of Employment by Jurisdiction) indicates that the 175 projects submitted by agencies within the FCIP would have a negligible effect on the 60 percent distribution of federal employment within the District of Columbia (The District of Columbia would receive facilities designed for a total additional 88 employees, Maryland would receive facilities designed for a total additional 1212 employees, and Virginia would receive facilities designed for a total additional 169 employees).*

*In response, the Commission has included new criteria within its “Recommended and Strongly Endorsed” recommendation that supports new and maintained employment facilities within the Monumental Core and the District.*

### **Fort Circle Parks System**

The Fort Circle Parks System has been endorsed by the District’s Vision and Policy Framework for the District Elements of the Comprehensive Plan. The District strongly supports giving the Fort Circle Parks system project higher-priority status in the Federal CIP, and supports the implementation of the recently prepared Management Plan.

*Commission Response: The Commission appreciates the support of the District regarding this issue. The Commission will be working with the National Park Service and the District to encourage and identify ways to fund and implement the Fort Circle Park Master Plan, over the next two years. Staff will evaluate specific park related projects and implementation measures and elevate them to a higher priority status, if they meet the required criteria, once they are identified.*

### **Regional Park System**

The District urges the Commission to accelerate its efforts and advocacy for a regional park system given the rapid rate at which open space is being converted to urban uses on the perimeter of the region. The District urges that feasibility and planning studies for such a system be funded now, rather than in the future when acquisition will be more costly or infeasible.

*Commission Response: The Commission appreciates the support of the District regarding this issue. The Commission is working on a parks and open space initiative, including a regional symposium, to identify, assess and develop strategies with other federal and local stakeholders that will promote coordinated protection of regional parks and open spaces. These activities are part of the Commission's current fiscal year 2005 and 2006 work program. These efforts are intended to result in more detailed proposals that will appropriately be incorporated into a future FCIP, hopefully by next year.*

### **National Mall Road Improvements**

The District requests that the discussion acknowledge that the Anacostia Waterfront Initiative addresses the re-design of the L'Enfant Promenade.

*Commission Response: This has been incorporated into the Commission's Comments following the project description.*

### **Federal Perimeter Security**

The District requests that the discussion on implementation of *The National Capital Urban Design and Security Plan* (page 80) mention that a well-coordinated approach includes a design that is consistent with the streetscape planning in the areas adjacent to the twelve areas listed for perimeter security and streetscape improvements and that implementation of the plan should include suitable mitigation measures resulting from the impacts of the security design plan. In addition, the District requests that the District Department of Transportation, which programs public space in the District, be listed as a "Support Agency" in the implementation of the perimeter security and streetscape improvements in the twelve areas listed in this section in order to facilitate a security design that is consistent with streetscape planning in and around the perimeter security areas.

*Commission Response: A sentence on including suitable measures to mitigate negative impacts on commerce and economic viability while implementing the plan has been added to the discussion on page 80. In addition, on page 80 the District of Columbia, and in particular the District Department of Transportation, have been added as necessary participants in the coordination effort required to implement the plan.*

### **Other Projects**

The District requested information on specific details to a number of projects.

*Commission Response: As next year's FCIP is developed, the Commission will work with the specific agencies involved to respond the District's requests.*

*Staff also notes that the Commission's recommendations and comments within the FCIP do not represent Commission review and/or approval of proposed development or project plans as required by Section 5 of the National Capital Planning Act, or any other applicable statute. Proposed developments and project plans are to be referred to the District for review prior to Commission consideration of approval.*

*The Commission appreciates the District of Columbia's review of the Proposed FCIP, FYs 2005-2010, and will forward the District's comments and concerns to the appropriate federal agencies.*

## **MARYLAND**

### **Montgomery County Department of Park and Planning**

The Montgomery County Department of Park and Planning reviewed the Proposed FCIP, FYs 2005-2010, and had no comment or issues with the recommendations.

### **City of Greenbelt, Maryland**

The City of Greenbelt reviewed the Proposed FCIP, FYs 2005-2010, and has provided the following comments:

#### **Beltsville Agricultural Research Center (BARC)**

The City supports all of the projects at BARC and requests to be kept informed on any road modifications planned. The City strongly supports investing in BARC to enable it to continue to be a highly regarded research facility in its area of expertise.

#### **Goddard Space Flight Center (GSFC)**

The City supports all of the projects at GSFC with the exception of the Road Modification project which relocates Soil Conservation Road. Previously the City was opposed to the relocation of Soil Conservation Road as proposed as part of the Goddard Road Modification (Master Plan) project due to its initial alignment and to environmental concerns, specifically its impact on wetlands and woodlands. The City would still like to receive a report on the wetland and woodland impacts caused by the new alignment as

the City Council continues to have reservations. The City strongly supports investing in GSFC to enable it to continue to be a highly regarded research facility in its area of expertise.

*Commission Response: The Commission appreciates the City of Greenbelt's review of the Proposed FCIP, FYs 2005-2010.*

*At its April 3, 2003 meeting, the Commission approved the revised Master Plan for NASA Goddard Space Flight Center which outlines the future development of the campus over the next 20 years. The most immediate project associated with the plan, which must be completed before the rest of the plan can be realized is the realignment of Soil Conservation Service Road, which presently divides the campus in two. Following the realignment of the road to the east, the interior of the campus will be consolidated and a new Space Science center will be constructed, which will include a central commons area and teaming spaces for interdisciplinary work. A loop road to create a more pedestrian-friendly campus will surround the consolidated campus. At this time there are no additional road modifications contained within the Road Modifications to Support Facilities Master Plan project within the FCIP that have not been stated in the Commission approved revised Master Plan.*

*The Commission encourages BARC and GSFC to continue to coordinate transportation and transit improvement plans with the City and County as these plans are developed.*

#### **Maryland Department of Planning, State Clearinghouse**

- **Maryland Department of Natural Resources**

The Maryland Department of Natural Resources reviewed the Proposed FCIP, FYs 2005-2010, and found it to be consistent with its plans, programs and objectives.

- **Maryland Department of Agriculture**

The Maryland Department of Agriculture reviewed the Proposed FCIP, FYs 2005-2010, and found it to be consistent with its plans and policies.

## **VIRGINIA**

### **Fairfax County**

Fairfax County has reviewed the Proposed FCIP, FYs 2005-2010, and has provided the following comments:

### **Fort Belvoir**

The County notes that nine of the eleven projects in Fairfax County are proposed for Fort Belvoir. The County has gone on record in reviewing previous FCIPs expressing its concern regarding the nature, location and extent of future facilities and improvements at Fort Belvoir. The County believes there is a need to evaluate potential impacts on the surrounding area, and the ability of the Army to provide a better link between development projects at Fort Belvoir and specific transportation improvements that are needed to support them. The County states that with a lack of full project information and details, the County can not adequately determine potential neighborhood, environmental and transportation impacts, and to provide any specific project endorsements for the nine Fort Belvoir projects.

The County also specifically cited one of the proposed projects, the replacement facility for Dewitt Hospital. The County stated that officials with the Northern Virginia Health Systems Agency have expressed concerns over the viability of this project given the small scale of the proposed hospital. Accordingly, the County encourages the Army to work with INOVA management, a local non-profit health care provider, to test the viability of meeting the Army's health care facility needs through existing, under-used capacity at INOVA's Mount Vernon Hospital. The County states that similar arrangements have been made in other states between private health care providers and the Army, Navy and Department of Veteran's Affairs.

The County strongly supports the Commission's recommendation (Recommended for Program Purposes Only) within the FCIP for the eight projects other than DeWitt Hospital at Fort Belvoir. Given existing conditions and the magnitude of projects approved for Fort Belvoir, the County urges that the Department of the Army make a much greater investment commitment to roadway and transit improvements to offset the impacts of the Fort's proposed development and road closings on the surrounding communities.

The County continues to believe that no new development projects for Fort Belvoir should be added to the FCIP until completion of the master planning effort and further identification of transportation commitments. The County also continues to reserve any project or program endorsements until it is afforded complete information and details and is able to fully review each proposed project as it moves forward towards final planning, land acquisition, and construction.

*Commission Response: The Commission appreciates Fairfax County's review of the Proposed FCIP, FYs 2005-2010.*

*Of the nine projects at Fort Belvoir within the Proposed FCIP, FYs 2005-2010, one has been reviewed and approved by the Commission. The sub-area plan and preliminary*

*and final site and building plans for the DeWitt Hospital replacement were approved at the Commission's August 1, 2002 meeting. During this approval process this project was referred to the County for review.*

*Staff has contacted representatives of Fort Belvoir and understands that the Fort has extensively consulted with the County during its master planning process and continues to do so. Given Fort Belvoir's current expansion plans, force protection alterations, and homeland defense obligations staff encourages Fort Belvoir to continue this consultation effort with the County throughout this process to fully address the County's concerns with all existing and presently planned transportation, infrastructure and transit improvements on and surrounding the installation.*

*Staff also notes that the Commission's recommendations and comments within the FCIP do not represent Commission review and/or approval of proposed development or project plans as required by Section 5 of the National Capital Planning Act, or any other applicable statute. Fort Belvoir's proposed Master Plan and subsequent proposed developments and project plans are to be referred to the County for review prior to Commission consideration of approval.*

#### **Department of the Interior Projects**

The County offers its full endorsement and support for the National Park Service's projects to repair and rehabilitate the Great Falls Visitor Center and to replace the main gate facility at Wolf Trap's Filene Center. The County requests receiving full details of these projects as they move forward and plans are finalized.

*Commission Response:* *The Commission encourages the National Park Service to coordinate with the County during the planning, design, and construction phases of these projects.*

*The Commission appreciates Fairfax County's review of the Proposed FCIP, FYs 2005-2010, and will forward the County's comments and concerns to the appropriate federal agencies.*

Note: The above comments are considered preliminary until endorsed by the Fairfax County Board of Supervisors at its September 13, 2004 meeting.

#### **Northern Virginia Regional Commission**

The Northern Virginia Regional Commission reviewed the Proposed FCIP, FYs 2005-2010, and had no comment on the proposal.

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District of Columbia

1. District of Columbia, Office of Planning

Maryland

2. Montgomery County Department of Park and Planning
  3. City of Greenbelt
- Maryland Department of Planning, State Clearinghouse
4. Maryland Department of Natural Resources
  5. Maryland Department of Agriculture

Virginia

6. Fairfax County
7. Northern Virginia Regional Commission

## MEMORANDUM

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Date: August 31, 2004  
From: Anita Hairston, DC Office of Planning  
To: Jeff Hinkle, National Capital Planning Commission  
Re: Proposed Federal Capital Improvements Program Fiscal Years 2005-2010 --  
Comments

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The Office of Planning has reviewed the Proposed Federal Capital Improvements Program Fiscal Years 2005-2010. We appreciate the opportunity to comment on the draft document. The majority of the comments are meant to obtain some clarity regarding some of the information presented. The comments are presented in the order of appearance in the document.

**1) Relationship between Federal and District Elements of the Comp Plan (p. 16)**

The discussion of the relationship between the District Elements should be introduced at the beginning of the "Federal Elements of the Comprehensive Plan for the National Capital" section instead of at the end. The discussion should be revised to reflect that the Federal Elements were recently adopted and the District Elements are currently under revision and are expected to be adopted in 2006.

**2) Project Submission Recommendations (p. 24)**

The project submission language could be strengthened. Rather than using terms like "request" or "encourage", employ terms such as "require" or "consider as a condition of plan approval" to refer to adherence to the project submission recommendations.

**3) Distribution of Federal Employment (p. 24, bullet 6)**

Delete the word "approximately" in order to indicate that this distribution is a defined standard and accepted policy direction rather than a moving target.

**4) Trends in Project Types and Regional Distribution (p. 26)**

Please clarify the definition of "New construction." According to the chart on this page there are no newly constructed residential projects in the CIP. Yet two projects, Bolling Air Force Base Family Housing and the Mathis Dormitory, are described (on p. 53) as newly constructed buildings, which will serve as housing for service personnel and/or their families.

Later in the CIP, it would be helpful to list the "Development Classification" for each project in its project description (i.e. whether a project fits into "New Construction", "Rehabilitation/Renovation", "Site Improvements" or "Other" project type classification.).

**5) Employment (p. 30)**

We strongly encourage NCPC to complete the analysis of future employment trends so that the results can be considered in the CIP process. The partial analysis presented on this page suggests a weakness in the CIP (e.g. it is not driven by hard data about agency growth plans and projected employment). The results of additional employment analysis would also help the Commission determine whether the National Capital Region will move closer toward the Commission's stated goal of 60% distribution of Federal employment in the District of Columbia.

**6) Monumental Core Map (p. 42)**

Label marker number "20", located north of the White House, should be labeled as number "16", Lafayette Building Modernization.

**7) Sustainable/Green Design**

One of the large building renovation projections recommended for green design, "Agriculture South Building Modernization", is described on page 51. It appears that many other projects involving the renovation or construction of a building could include sustainable/green design as one of the development goals. Please clarify why certain projects contain sustainable/green design goals, while others do not.

**8) Hickey Run (p. 50)**

The project description should reference how this project fits into the larger development plan for the U.S. National Arboretum, links to Anacostia Waterfront Initiative concepts and connections across the Anacostia River to Kenilworth Gardens.

**9) Replace/Improve Family Housing (p. 52)**

The project description should mention how many units of existing housing will be demolished. The project description should also reference how this project fits into the master plan for Bolling AFB.

**10) Conversion of the Dept. of Agriculture Building (p. 52)**

Is conversion of main Agricultural Building on the Mall to a more public use a realistic objective? Has any progress been made on this study since the inclusion of the project in the 1987-1991 Federal CIP?

**11) Add/Alter Bolling Main Library (p. 53)**

The project description should clarify whether or not the existing library will be demolished or renovated. The project description should also reference that the site contains a core historic district that is eligible of National Register listing, as well as potential significant archaeological sites.

**12) Wing Administration Facility (p. 53)**

The project description should provide a more detailed description of the function and need for the facility.

**13) Restoration and Modernization of Mathis Dorm (p. 53)**

The project description should include the following:

- How the existing dorm will be altered.
- How many units exist today.
- If additional units will result from the project.

**14) Walter Reed Army Medical Center (p. 53-54)**

Do the Walter Reed projects reflect recent announcements about major expansion plans for the Medical Center?

**15) Armed Forces Retirement Home (p. 54)**

The project description should reference how these projects fit into the near term development plans at Armed Forces Retirement Home property. The project description should also reference the fact that the site contains a National Historic Landmark district and that much of the campus is eligible for the National Register.

**16) Flood Control Project (p. 54-55)**

The project description should reference how this project fits into a set of long-range plans to address flood control for this area, and elsewhere in city.

The statement, “No historical landmarks will be affected by the proposed project” should be modified. The District of Columbia State Historic Preservation Officer (District SHPO) is concerned that a permanent flood closure at 23<sup>rd</sup> and Constitution *would* likely have an affect on the following historic properties: West Potomac Park, Lincoln Memorial and L’Enfant Plaza. As this project moves forward, early consultation with the District SHPO will be necessary to avoid minimize or mitigate adverse impacts anticipated for affected historic properties. Furthermore, it is essential that this project be closely coordinated with the Theodore Roosevelt Bridge reconstruction project to ensure that the completion of the projects will not negatively impact each other.

**17) Renovation of Old Courthouse (p. 55)**

Update project description to reflect that the Commission approved the final site and building plans on August 5, 2004.

**18) Fort Circle Parks System (p. 64)**

The Fort Circle Parks System has also been endorsed by the District of Columbia’s Vision and Policy Framework for the District Elements of the Comprehensive Plan. The District strongly supports giving the Fort Circle Parks system project higher-priority status in the Federal CIP, and supports the implementation of the recently prepared Management Plan.

**19) Enlisted Dining Facility (p. 65)**

The project description should list how many square feet of space will be added to the facility.

**20) Atomic Vault Clock (p. 65)**

The project description should list the total square feet of buildings planned for demolition. The project description should also note that the Naval Observatory includes a large National Historical Landmark District. The clock site and the buildings proposed for demolition may be located in this Historic District and subject to review by the District SHPO.

**21) Advanced Computing Facility (p. 65)**

The project description should list the total square feet of buildings planned for demolition.

**22) Space Systems Technology Laboratory (p. 65)**

The project description should list the total square feet of the seven structures planned for demolition.

**23) Electronics Research Laboratory (p. 66)**

The project description should list the total square feet of the building planned for demolition.

**24) Projects for the Smithsonian Institution**

This project description goes into greater detail than any of the other project descriptions. Perhaps the discussion of each project in this section should be whittled down to match the depth of descriptions of all of the other projects described.

**25) Africa Exhibit (p. 74)**

The project description should include an expected completion date for the National Zoo Master Plan, and should discuss the relationship of the various zoo projects to this Plan.

**26) National Mall Road Improvements (p. 77)**

The discussion should acknowledge that the Anacostia Waterfront Initiative addresses the re-design of the L'Enfant Promenade.

**27) Federal Perimeter Security (p. 80)**

The discussion about implementation of the National Capital Urban Design and Security Plan should mention that the well-coordinated approach includes a design that is consistent with the streetscape planning in the areas adjacent to the twelve areas listed for perimeter security and streetscape improvements. In addition, implementation of the plan should include suitable mitigation measures resulting from the impacts of the security design plan.

The District Department of Transportation, which programs public space in the District should serve as a "Support Agency" in the implementation of the perimeter security and streetscape improvements in the twelve areas listed in this section in order to facilitate a security design that is consistent with streetscape planning in and around the perimeter security areas.

The District SHPO supports unobtrusive design for perimeter security that is consistent with NCPC's Urban Design and Security Plan.

**28) Pennsylvania Avenue Perimeter Security (p. 81)**

The perimeter security project should also address the current low-lighting conditions on Pennsylvania Avenue.

**29) West End Perimeter Security (p. 83)**

The term "West End" is confusing because that name has been used for last 30 years or so for an area further north. Consider referring to the federal building area west of the White House as the "Northwest Rectangle" or the "Federal Rectangle".

**30) Downtown Perimeter Security (p. 84)**

Downtown security measures need careful review to ensure that negative impacts are minimized. This would include consultation with the Office of Planning as a "support agency".

**31) Mobility and Parking Impact Studies (p. 86)**

Bicycle and pedestrian circulation impacts should be considered in the studies.

The project description should clarify whether the transit study for bus operations will analyze MetroBus operations or tour bus operations. These studies should reference the 2003 report on parking in the District issued by the Mayor's Task Force on Parking.

**32) South Capitol Street Reconstruction (p. 87)**

This project description should reference the 3-mile long Anacostia Light Rail Demonstration Project that will be operational in 2006.

The project description should list the "Lead" and "Support" agencies for this project.

**33) New Frederick Douglass Memorial Bridge (p. 87)**

The project description should list the "Lead" and "Support" agencies for this project.

**34) Plan and design to deck-over and remove portions of the Southwest/Southeast Freeway (p. 88)**

The project description should list the "Lead" and "Support" agencies for this project.

**35) Railroad Relocation Feasibility Study (p. 89)**

The project description should list the "Lead" and "Support" agencies for this project.

**36) Boundary Markers Study (p. 140)**

Perhaps a low-cost maintenance/repair plan can be jointly developed by NCPC, DDOT and the Office of Planning to help prioritize a needed project.

**37) Regional Park System (p. 141)**

Given the rapid rate at which open space is being converted to urban uses on the perimeter of the region, the District urges NCPC to accelerate its efforts and advocacy for a regional park system. We recommend that feasibility and planning studies for such a system be funded now, rather than in the future when acquisition will be more costly or infeasible.

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**Hinkle, Jeff**

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**From:** Edwards, Sue [Sue.Edwards@mncppc-mc.org]  
**Sent:** Monday, August 30, 2004 4:27 PM  
**To:** jeff.hinkle@ncpc.gov  
**Cc:** Valladares, Jorge  
**Subject:** Federal CIP

Staff has reviewed the projects recommended for the FY 05-10 Federal Capital Improvements Program. We have no comment or issues with these recommendations.

Sue Edwards  
Montgomery County Department of Park and Planning  
I-270 Corridor Team Leader  
301-495-4518

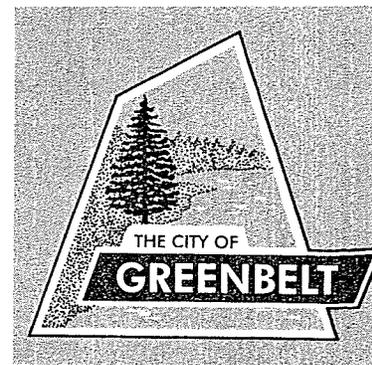
# CITY OF GREENBELT, MARYLAND

OFFICE OF THE CITY MANAGER

25 CRESCENT ROAD, GREENBELT, MD. 20770

August 19, 2004

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Mr. Jeffrey L. Hinkle, AICP  
National Capital Planning Commission  
401 9<sup>th</sup> Street, NW, Suite 500  
Washington, DC 20576

Michael P. McLaughlin  
City Manager

Dear Mr. Hinkle:

Thank you for allowing the City of Greenbelt to review and comment on the Proposed Federal Capital Improvements Program (FCIP), Fiscal Years 2005-2010. The City appreciates the opportunity to offer its comments.

The City is most interested in projects adjacent or close to Greenbelt. This includes the Beltsville Agricultural Research Center (BARC) of the Department of Agriculture and the Goddard Space Flight Center of the National Aeronautics and Space Administration.

The City supports all of the projects proposed for BARC and Goddard with the exception of the Road Modification project for the Goddard Space Flight Center which relocates Soil Conservation Road. Therefore, the City strongly supports investing in both BARC and Goddard to enable them to continue to be highly regarded research facilities in their respective areas of expertise. Previously, the City was opposed to the relocation of Soil Conservation Road as proposed as part of the Goddard Road Modification (Master Plan) project due to its initial alignment and to environmental concerns, specifically its impact on wetlands and woodlands. The City would still like to receive a report on the wetland and woodland impacts caused by the new alignment, as Council continues to have reservations. The City also wants to be kept informed on any other road renovation projects planned for BARC.

Again, thank you for the opportunity to comment on the FCIP. If there are any questions, please contact Terri Hruby, Assistant Director for Planning at 301-345-5417.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Michael P. McLaughlin". The signature is written in a cursive style.

Michael P. McLaughlin  
City Manager

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cc: City Council  
Celia Craze, Director of Planning  
and Community Development  
Terri Hruby, Assistant Director  
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FAX TRANSMITTAL DOCUMENT

To: Jeffrey Hinkle, National Capital Planning Commission 202-482-7272 (fax)

From: Bob Rosenbush, Maryland Department of Planning, State Clearinghouse  
410-767-4487 (telephone) 410-767-4480 (fax)

Subject: Proposed FCIP: Fiscal Years 2005-2010: 68 projects in 2 counties: new construction; renovation; and site improvements

Date: August 30, 2004

Here are the 2 response forms that have been received to date. We have sent a reminder to the remaining 9 agencies. As more responses are received, I will get back in touch with you. Thank you for contacting the Maryland Department of Planning.

Total Fax Submittal 3 pages

cc: Linda Janey - MDP



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MARYLAND STATE CLEARINGHOUSE - AGENCY REVIEW REQUEST  
RESPONSE TO THE CLEARINGHOUSE  
YOUR RESPONSE IS REQUIRED BEFORE AUGUST 25, 2004

TO: REVIEW COORDINATORS FROM: Linda C. Janey, J.D., Director  
DATE 07/29/2004 Maryland State Clearinghouse for Intergovernmental Assistance  
A COMPLETED RESPONSE FORM IS REQUIRED FOR CLEARINGHOUSE RECORDS

State Application Identifier:	MD20040727-0877		
Description:	Proposed FCIP: Fiscal Years 2005-2010: 68 projects in 2 counties: new construction; renovation; and site improvements		
Applicant:	National Capital Planning Commission		
Location:	Counties of Montgomery, and Prince George's		
Contact Person:	Bob Rosenbush		
Approving Authority:	National Capital Planning Commission		
CFDA Number:	None		
Funds Requested:	Federal:	\$ 0.00	State: \$ 0.00
	Local:	\$ 0.00	Other: \$ 0.00

Please complete and return the enclosed review response form to the State Clearinghouse before the response due date listed above. Always place the referenced State Application Identifier on all documents and correspondence regarding the project.

NOTE TO REVIEW COORDINATORS: You will find the Review Document located on the World Wide Web at: [http://www.ncpc.gov/publications\\_press/proposed\\_fcip.html](http://www.ncpc.gov/publications_press/proposed_fcip.html)

As you review the attached project, please formulate comments and recommendations that reflect the views of elected officials and the adopted plans and policies of your agency or local jurisdiction. Please provide an early alert to the Clearinghouse staff contact (410-767-4490) if there is disagreement with or concern regarding the project, if you need additional information, and/or if you cannot complete the review by August 25, 2004. Otherwise we may assume that you choose not to comment. Thank you for your cooperation with the intergovernmental review process.

- LCJ:BR  
**Review Coordinators:**  
 Judith Davis - City of Greenbelt  
 Ronald Spalding - MDOT  
 Joane Mueller - MDE  
 Sandy Redmer - MDA  
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 Ray Dintaman - DNR  
 Beverly Werfield - PGE0  
 Lisa Rother - MTGM  
 Teri Bond - MNCPPCP  
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 Pat Goucher - MDPL

Project is consistent with DNR plans, programs and objectives from the Maryland Department of Natural Resources  
Ray C. Dintaman Jr  
8-5-04

## B Rosenbush

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**From:** Mary Januk [JanukME@mda.state.md.us]  
**Sent:** Friday, August 27, 2004 10:44 AM  
**To:** B Rosenbush  
**Cc:** Sandy Redmer, Maryland Department of Agriculture  
**Subject:** Re: Clearinghouse follow up

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Hi, Bob,

MDA reviewed this project and found it to be consistent - we entered the review/comments into the EMIRC today, 8/27.

Thanks and have a great weekend!

Mary

>>> "B Rosenbush" <BRosenbush@mdp.state.md.us> 08/26/04 11:44AM >>>  
Sandy, Teri, Lisa, Joane, Beth, Beverly, Cindy, Pat, and Jorge:  
What is the Agency's response to

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Project Description: Proposed FCIP: Fiscal Years 2005-2010: 68 projects in 2 counties: new construction; renovation; and site improvements

Project Location: Counties of Montgomery, and Prince George's

The review document is available on the Internet at

[http:// <http://www.ncpc.gov/publications\\_press/proposed\\_fcip.html>](http://www.ncpc.gov/publications_press/proposed_fcip.html)  
[www.ncpc.gov/publications\\_press/proposed\\_fcip.html](http://www.ncpc.gov/publications_press/proposed_fcip.html)

Comment were due on 08/25/2004. May we hear from you by 9/1/04? Thank you.

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August 31, 2004

Patricia E. Gallagher, AICP, Executive Director  
National Capital Planning Commission  
401 9<sup>th</sup> Street, N.W.  
North Lobby, Suite 500  
Washington, D.C. 20576

Dear Ms. Gallagher:

I am writing in response to your request for Fairfax County's comments on the Proposed Federal Capital Improvements Program (CIP) for Fiscal Years 2005-2010. Because the Fairfax County Board of Supervisors does not meet again until September 13, and you have requested the County's comments by August 30, please consider these comments to be preliminary. I will be asking for the Board of Supervisors to endorse my comments at its September 13 meeting and the County may be forwarding additional comments at that time.

The Proposed Federal Capital Improvement Program identifies eleven projects in Fairfax County. Nine of these eleven projects are proposed at Fort Belvoir and concentrated in one general area of the County. Therefore, as stated in our comments to you last year, we are concerned about the nature, location and extent of these future facilities and believe there is a need to evaluate potential impacts on the surrounding area, and the ability of the Army to provide a better link between development projects at Fort Belvoir and specific transportation improvements that are needed to support them. With a lack of full project information and details, the County can not adequately determine potential neighborhood, environmental and transportation impacts, and to provide any specific project endorsements for the nine Fort Belvoir projects.

A Fort Belvoir project of particular interest to the County is the replacement facility for the Dewitt Hospital. Officials with the Northern Virginia Health Systems Agency have expressed concerns over the viability of this project given the small scale of the proposed hospital. Accordingly, we encourage the Army to work with INOVA management, a local non-profit health care provider, to test the viability of meeting the Army's health care facility needs through existing, under-used capacity at INOVA's Mount Vernon Hospital. Similar arrangements have been made in other states between private health care providers and the Army, Navy and Department of Veteran's Affairs.

Patricia E. Gallagher  
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Fairfax County strongly supports and appreciates the NCPC comment that appears next to each Fort Belvoir project in the CIP, other than the Dewitt Hospital project, which states that the project is recommended for program purposes only until the Army addresses the County's environmental and transportation concerns as thoroughly as possible either through the Fort Belvoir master planning process or through individual project development as appropriate. Given existing conditions and the magnitude of projects approved for Fort Belvoir, Fairfax County urges that the Department of the Army make a much greater investment commitment to roadway and transit improvements to offset the impacts on their proposed development and road closings on the surrounding communities. The Army's current commitment to roadway and transit projects such as a Fort Belvoir bypass route appears to be an extremely small percentage of their total capital program envisioned at the base and should be substantially increased. Fairfax County continues to believe that no new development projects for Fort Belvoir should be added to the Federal CIP until the completion of the master planning effort and further identification of transportation commitments. Further, the County continues to reserve any project or program endorsements until such time as we are afforded complete information and details and are able to fully review each proposed project as it moves forward towards final planning, land acquisition and construction.

Concerning the two new Federal CIP projects within Fairfax County not located at Fort Belvoir, the Repair and Rehabilitation of the Great Falls Visitor Center and the Replacement of the Main Gate Facility at Wolf Trap's Filene Center, the County offers its full endorsement and supports these projects as identified. Please note that we would appreciate receiving full details of these projects as they move forward and plans are finalized.

As mentioned earlier, the Fairfax County Board of Supervisors will be meeting on September 13 and will be asked to formally endorse these comments on the federal program. If additional comments are provided by the Board, I will forward them to you after that meeting.

Fairfax County appreciates the opportunity to comment on the Proposed Federal Capital Improvements Program. If you should have any questions on our comments, please contact me at (703) 324-2531.

Sincerely,



Anthony H. Griffin  
County Executive

cc: Board of Supervisors  
James P. Zook, Director, Department of Planning and Zoning



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Re: Proposed Federal Capital Improvements Program for the  
National Capital Region, Fiscal Years 2005-2010

Dear Mr. Hinkle:

The Northern Virginia Regional Commission staff has reviewed the  
program described above and has no comment on the proposal.

A copy of this letter should be included with your submission to  
indicate that review by this agency has been completed.

Your cooperation in this intergovernmental review process is appreciated.

Sincerely yours,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Katherine K. Mull". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Katherine K. Mull  
Senior Environmental Planner

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