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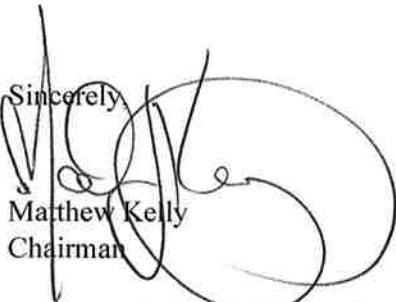
Dear Secretary Valentine,

The Fredericksburg Area Metropolitan Planning Organization (FAMPO) Policy Committee has recently discussed the fact that the I-95 Northbound Rappahannock River Crossing Project (Project) does not include adequate pedestrian accommodations in the scope of the base-bid for the Project. This area is heavily traveled by pedestrians, and since May of 2019, five pedestrians have been struck because of inadequate pedestrian accommodations. Reconstructing this intersection without adequate pedestrian accommodations will continue to perpetuate a public safety issue.

In addition, the FAMPO Policy Committee discussed the fact that the Project does not include, as part of the base-bid, the reconstruction and raising of the Collector and Distributor Bridge at the intersection of I-95 and Route 17. As you may be aware, The I-95 northbound and southbound bridges are currently being reconstructed and raised to a new height to avoid vehicular hits. This change will expose the existing Collector and Distributor Bridge, which is currently listed by VDOT as being in fair condition, to increased vehicular hits. This will shorten the lifespan of the Collector and Distributor Bridge and continue to pose a threat to public safety.

The FAMPO Policy Committee respectfully requests that VDOT be required to include both adequate pedestrian accommodations, and the reconstruction and/or replacement of the Collector and Distributor Bridge as a part of the base-bid of the I-95 Northbound Rappahannock River Crossing Project.

Sincerely,



Matthew Kelly
Chairman

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