

New Alexandria Citizen's Association

Mr Gerry Hyland, Mt. Vernon District Supervisor
2511 Parkers Lane,
Alexandria, VA 22306

September 22, 2002

Re: Sidewalk along Fort Hunt Road, adjacent to Belle Haven Country Club,
SEA-98-V-042 Belle Haven Country Club, INC (BHCC)

Dear Mr. Hyland;

A priority of the New Alexandria Citizen's Association, NACA, is that the sidewalk/ trail be continuous between traffic signals, to provide the safe passage of pedestrians, joggers, mothers and baby carriages, dog walkers, bikers and metro access by pedestrians. Given the motor vehicle and pedestrian traffic volume along this road, there is a conflict between the two. The safest place for a pedestrian to cross a road is at a signalized intersection. Given the traffic volumes along Fort Hunt Road, we need a pedestrian crossing at a signalized intersection. Providing a continuous sidewalk/trail between traffic signals and providing a crossing only at the traffic signal along Fort Hunt Road will save lives.

In addition, there will be a much greater increase in pedestrian and biking traffic once the new Woodrow Wilson Bridge bike/pedestrian access is built.

Given the pedestrian use, the multi-use nature and the future use of this sidewalk/trail along Fort Hunt Road the New Alexandria Citizen's Association recommends a seven foot -six inch (7'-6") wide sidewalk/ trail minimum.

Safety of the public should be paramount in any endeavor. The NACA has coordinated with SafeCrossings on this very important public safety issue. Therefore we trust you will represent and express our interests in this safety issue of pedestrian access along Fort Hunt Road.

Thank you very much for your efforts in this matter.

Best regards,

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President, New Alexandria Citizen's Association

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