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Mr. James F. Parajon
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Dear Mr. Parajon:

Thank you for hosting the Infrastructure Open House on October 4, 2023 at Alexandria Union Station. The number and variety of infrastructure projects planned for Rosemont over the next decade highlight the need for coordination with impacted neighborhoods.

We are particularly interested in the opportunities for improved traffic flow resulting from VPRA's replacement of the railroad bridges over King Street and Commonwealth Avenue. Our civic association strongly supports roadway changes that will reduce traffic backups at the intersections of King, Callahan, Commonwealth, and Sunset, while also protecting the safety of pedestrians and cyclists traveling under the bridges.

At the Open House, we learned that Alexandria is considering several potential roadway changes as the width of the underpasses are expanded. We hope that included among these options are additional lanes for cars, dedicated bicycle lanes, the relocation of nearby bus stops, the addition of bus turnouts, as well as changes to signage and traffic signaling.

We understand that each option must be evaluated in the context of overall traffic flow in Alexandria. Of course, we understand that each option will involve trade-offs; while one option may improve traffic flow, it may also limit pedestrian and bicycle access, and vice versa.

For this reason, the Rosemont Citizens Association would like to remain involved as your staff evaluates the various options for roadways under the new bridges over King Street and Commonwealth Avenue. As the civic association representing the neighborhood most affected, we respectfully request that Alexandria City staff share the results of their analysis of the various options before a final road layout is selected. Please include options considered infeasible by the City, as well as the reasoning behind their rejection.

To streamline your interaction with the Rosemont Citizens Association, please coordinate with our Planning, Environment, Land Use, and Transportation (PELT) committee at rosemontpelt@googlegroups.com. As you know, we established the committee as an informed and responsive neighborhood voice as Rosemont strives to work constructively with the City on infrastructure projects.

Sincerely

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