



NVTC

Northern Virginia Transportation Commission

Chairman
Hon. Paul Ferguson

Vice Chairman
Hon. Gerald E. Connolly

Secretary/Treasurer
Hon. David F. Snyder

Commissioners:

City of Alexandria
Hon. William D. Euille
Hon. Jay Fiset
Hon. Christopher Zimmerman

Fairfax County
Hon. Sharon Bulova
Hon. Gerald E. Connolly
Hon. Catherine Hudgins
Hon. Dana Kauffman
Hon. Elaine McConnell

City of Fairfax
Hon. Scott Silverthorne

City of Falls Church
Hon. David F. Snyder

Loudoun County
Hon. Eugene Delgaudio

**Virginia Department of Rail
and Public Transportation**
Karen Rae

Virginia General Assembly
Sen. Jeannemarie Devolites Davis
Sen. Mary Margaret Whipple
Del. David B. Albo
Del. Adam P. Ebbin
Del. Timothy D. Hugo
Del. Gary A. Reese

Executive Director
Richard K. Taube

May 5, 2005

[To Virginia Congressional Delegation]

Dear _____:

At its meeting on May 5th the Northern Virginia Transportation Commission considered the draft Pentagon Reservation Master Plan. We understand this plan is due for consideration today by the National Capital Planning Commission.

NVTC finds many aspects of the Plan to be very desirable as access to this major transit center will be improved for our region's bus systems as well as High Occupancy Vehicles. Specifically, NVTC favors the following improvements listed in the Plan:

- Access improvements via Eads and Fern Street;
- Access controls and traffic management changes;
- Relocate/consolidate slug lines;
- Four story parking deck in the south parking area to allow the north parking area to be converted to park and recreation;
- Pedestrian access above roadways;
- Additional HOV entrance ramp southbound from Columbia Pike.

NVTC respectfully requests (assuming NCPC acts favorably as expected) that you support these changes and the funding that will accomplish them. Although the Pentagon renovation program would be expected to pay from its own budget, our region may wish to identify seed money (such as RSTP or other discretionary federal funds) to accelerate some of the transit improvements. We hope you will work with us to monitor progress and lend encouragement as these improvements are considered.

The Pentagon serves as one of busiest transit centers in the region. Up to 425 buses of five regional systems carrying 8,650 passenger trips serve this center during the afternoon peak period, with 22,360 bus passenger trips throughout an average weekday. Another 30,200 Metorail passenger trips begin or end at the Pentagon each weekday. Improvements in transit access will have significant benefits.

Please feel free to contact me with any questions.

Sincerely,

Paul Ferguson
Chairman

cc: Virginia Congressional Delegation