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Mr. Karl Rohrer

Project Manager

Virginia Department of Rail and Public Transportation

1550 Wilson Boulevard

Suite 300

Arlington, Virginia 22209

Re: Dulles Corridor Rapid Transit Project Final Environmental Impact Statement CEQ
No. 040594

Dear Mr. Rohrer :

In accordance with the National Environmental Policy Act of 1969 and Section 309 of the Clean Air Act, the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) has reviewed the Final Environmental Impact Statement (FEIS) for the above referenced project. EPA rated the Supplemental DEIS as a Lack of Objections with Adequate documentation (LO-1). We encourage the development of the full Metrorail alternative because it optimizes the highest ridership. EPA has determined that its comments have been adequately addressed in the FEIS.

Thank you for providing EPA with the opportunity to review this project. If you need assistance in the future, the staff contact for this project is Pete Stokely; he can be reached at 703-648-4292.

Sincerely,

/S/

William Arguto

NEPA Team Leader