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To : Fairfax County Board of Supervisors

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Subject: BOARD MATTERS for February 19, 2019

For your consideration, I submit the following Board Matters accompanied by a brief explanation. Your support will be appreciated.

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Background

This motion relates to Plan Amendment 2018-IV-MV5 involving Sub-units A1, A2, and A3 of the North Gateway Community Business Center (CBC) along the Richmond Highway Corridor. The Plan amendment initiated by the Board on September 25, 2018 directed staff to evaluate increasing the intensity of Sub-units A1 and A2; altering the language regarding parcel consolidation with Sub-unit A3; and reconfiguring the planned road network within the CBC.

Staff has also identified an opportunity to develop additional land use, open space, and urban design guidance for the North Gateway CBC through the ongoing work on the urban design guidelines for the Richmond Highway Corridor. The resulting guidance would closely follow the format and nature of the guidance that was adopted for the other CBCs on the corridor during the Embark Richmond Highway amendment, without extending the timeline of the amendment process. In addition, there is an opportunity to consider options for a trail connection across Richmond Highway between the planned Cameron Run Trail, shown along the northern boundaries of Sub-units A-1 and A-2, and the existing Mount Vernon Trail, which runs along the George Washington Memorial Parkway.

Proposed Action

Therefore, Madame Chair, I move the Board amend the authorization for PA 2018-IV-MV5 to broaden the scope of work to allow for consideration of urban design and open space guidance for the entire North Gateway Community Business Center, in addition to the original considerations, and direct staff to evaluate options for trail connections across Richmond Highway, connecting Cameron Run and Mount Vernon Trails.

This motion is not intended to substantively change the land use and intensity recommendations for the remaining Sub-units in the CBC, Subunits B1 and B2, nor should it be construed as a favorable recommendation by the Board or the Planning Commission.