

LOUDOUN COUNTY  
RURAL ECONOMIC  
DEVELOPMENT COUNCIL

August 9, 2018

Chair Randall and Members of the Board:

At the August 7, 2018 Rural Economic Development Council (REDC) meeting, the committee made the following motion unanimously in regards to Loudoun's rural highways:

*Motion that REDC take a formal position in support of the current Comprehensive Plan language regarding Loudoun's rural highways (Chap. 2 p. 24):*

*"The County fully supports the US Route 50 (John Mosby Highway) traffic calming project that was federally funded in the 1998 TEA-21 bill as a national model in rural traffic calming. A goal of the project is to serve as a model for similar projects in other areas of the County as a means of providing safer communities at cost savings. Traffic calming is in keeping with the goal of preserving the scenic and historic value of the Rural Policy Area." (The draft 2040 Countywide Transportation Plan has removed this language.)*

*REDC further moves to take a formal position in favor of necessary road improvements for all rural roads that include traffic calming, roundabouts, and safety options enacted only within the current two lane rural arterial roadway framework.*

As Loudoun County reviews the recommendations from the traffic safety and operation efficiency studies for the main rural road arteries, we want to voice our support for the funding of road improvements to eliminate traffic congestion and improve safety on our roads. These necessary improvements are important to maintaining the vitality of our rural economy including the safety of our visitors, employees and residents.

Careful due diligence is however warranted when increased road capacity is recommended as often times road lane expansion only serves to draw traffic from nearby interstate and express highways to our rural road network. We do consider turning lanes and bike lanes (segregated from road traffic) as improvements to be considered where warranted based on safety and need.

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Sincerely,



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