

January 10, 2022

Re: Pickett Trail Connector

Dear Project Team,

I am writing on behalf of the Capital Trails Coalition to express our full support for the Pickett Trail Connector project. The Capital Trails Coalition (the "Coalition") is a collaboration of 75 public and private organizations, agencies, and citizen volunteers, across six jurisdictions, working to complete an 881-mile interconnected network of multi-use trails in the national capital region.

This project will close a major gap in the existing multi-use trail network. The proposed offroad, ADA accessible trail will provide a connection from the existing Cross County Trail to the Vienna Metro and the future I-66 trail (currently under construction). It will also provide a key connection to the future Arlington Boulevard Trail of which Fairfax County is currently slated to make bicycle and pedestrian improvements.

We also support Fairfax City's plans to complete the Snyder Trail along the stream valley versus along the busy 6-lane road. Constructing the trail along the stream valley will provide a much safer and more enjoyable experience for trail users of all ages and abilities.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

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