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The Honorable Anthony R. Foxx
Office of the Secretary
U.S. Department of Transportation
1200 New Jersey Avenue, SE
Washington, D.C. 20590



Dear Secretary Foxx,



The Arlington Chamber of Commerce would like to express our support for the application from the Commonwealth of Virginia and its partners for credit assistance through the Transportation Infrastructure Finance and Innovation Act (TIFIA) to extend High Occupancy Toll (HOT) lanes into the Interstate 395 corridor.



The proposed project would convert the existing high-occupancy vehicle (HOV) lanes into HOT lanes, while adding an additional lane of capacity and allowing vehicles that qualify for HOV to use the HOT lanes without a toll. Importantly, a portion of the tolls from these lanes will be invested in associated multi-modal and transit improvements along the I-395 corridor to help further reduce congestion. This project is a natural extension of the existing HOV/HOT lanes on I-495 and I-95 which were built by Virginia utilizing similar public-private partnerships. As envisioned, the project will build much needed capacity, improve HOV service, generate transit funding and enhance access to the Pentagon.



While some details remain to be ironed out, the Arlington Chamber of Commerce currently believes that the proposed public-private partnership for I-395 has the potential to benefit our community and the entire region. We respectfully request that you give the application fair and expeditious consideration consistent with applicable federal policies and laws. Thank you for your consideration.



Sincerely,




Kate Bates
President & CEO

