



ARLINGTON COUNTY TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION

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Ms. Mary Hynes, Chair
Arlington County Board
2100 Clarendon Boulevard
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RE: An ordinance to vacate a portion of 20th Street North at 1905 N. Lincoln Street

Dear Chair Hynes:

I am writing to express the views of the Transportation Commission concerning the County Manager's recommendation to enact an ordinance to vacate a portion of 20th Street North at 1905 N. Lincoln Street.

The Transportation Commission, by a vote of 8-0, approved a motion to recommend that the County Board approve the County Manager's recommendation to enact the ordinance attached to the Manager's memorandum of April 30, 2012, to vacate a portion of 20th Street North running in a westerly direction from, and abutting the northeast corner of Lot 21, Harrison's Addition to Dominion Heights, 1905 N. Lincoln Street, Arlington, Virginia, RPC #06-031-044, with conditions.

The Commission heard this item at its meeting on May 31, 2012. The Commission received a presentation from County staff. There were no public speakers. Present and voting at the meeting were Commissioners Gearhart, Armbruster, Everline, Forinash, Grant, Lynott, Ortiz, and Torma.

In discussion, Commissioners noted that the vacation was part of a land exchange that would facilitate a street improvement project for 20th Street North that will realign 20th Street North to eliminate a sharp turn onto North Lincoln Street as well as permit a new 5 ½ foot wide sidewalk on the south side of 20th Street North and allow certain water/storm water improvements, installation of new lighting, and better drainage. Commissioners noted that the land exchange would allow the County to own a section of street it does not currently own. In response to questions, staff indicated that the land exchange would not change the configuration of the street on the Master Transportation Plan.

I would be glad to answer any questions (703-522-2276).

Sincerely,

Bill Gearhart