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Fairlington Residents

Dear Fairlington Community:

Thank you for reaching out to the City. I write to acknowledge receipt of several December emails and January letters expressing concern with stormwater management and requesting landscape improvements along King Street between Quaker Lane and the I-395 interchange.

We genuinely appreciate your advocacy and agree this is a high-use, high-visibility area worthy of more attention. We are especially grateful to the volunteers who invest personal time “adopting” the corridor, picking up trash and removing debris from medians. We know that work like this often goes unappreciated but we are so grateful for your partnership.

In response to your input, I have instructed Transportation & Environmental Services (T&ES) staff to inventory the traffic and wayfinding signs along this corridor. We will remove faded signs and replace them with new ones. We will also work closely with the City Arborist to ensure that trees and shrubs are properly trimmed, especially around signs and intersections to ensure safe sightlines for all road users. Also, it is my understanding that staff has completed some minor grading work to mitigate drainage issues associated with the installation of the bus shelter. Thank you for bringing this to our attention.

I do not, unfortunately, have a clear answer for you on your requests to designate this corridor for major capital investment using stormwater or transportation funds (or both).

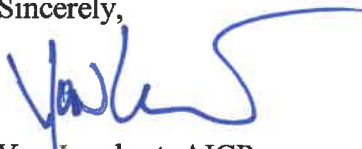
King Street between Quaker and I-395 is identified in several City plans as a focal area. Staff also agrees that capital investment could have multiple benefits by improving mobility, safety, stormwater management and the area’s visual appearance. However, the City’s 10-year Capital Improvement Program (CIP) does not include any designated projects for this part of King Street and staff is not recommending any changes at this time. Stormwater and transportation staff will continue evaluating the corridor for future investment, but we cannot definitively say, at this time, whether or when staff will make recommendations or proposals to amend the CIP.

T&ES will, however, coordinate with the Department of Recreation Parks, and Cultural Activities (RPCA) on potential interim landscaping improvements. RPCA staff will contact you moving forward. It is also important to note that any interim landscaping may have to be removed in the future, should the City initiate any major capital project. Our street cleaning staff will also continue to monitor the area for future litter removal.

I understand my response is not what you want to hear. However, I want to assure you that, despite our capital resource limitations, we intend to redouble our efforts to maintain and keep clean this high-use and high-visibility area.

We appreciate your advocacy and look forward to many years of continued productive partnership.

Sincerely,



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