

I'm delighted Sara Martin has picked up on Lee Paulson's invaluable dedication to put this newsletter together. It is an important part of what keeps this community together. It's not just what's communicated. It's also reading about how many people are involved in big and little ways that underscores the message: We're all in it together!

With the changes in House of Delegate districts that happens after every census, I now represent all 4 sides of the Beltway / I-95 interchange. It gives me a great focus on working with Supervisor McKay (who represents outside the Beltway) and Supervisor Gross (who represents inside the Beltway) to bring forth the most rationale transportation decisions we can.

BRAC is a tremendous challenge. Most of us would have made different choices – especially to use the GSA warehouse behind the Springfield Metro station instead of Mark Center. Nevertheless, we still have a number of opportunities to support good urban design or be stuck forever in traffic.

A crucial up-coming decision is whether and how HOT lanes will be constructed on I-95. There is a very important public information meeting coming up

Wednesday, September 28, 2011, 5-8 p.m.

Waterford at Springfield – 6715 Commerce St

Please come and learn about what is proposed. While this is not a public hearing your comments and questions will be important.

I particularly want to bring to your attention that the public notice reads:  
“Find out about design plans for the proposed high occupancy vehicle (HOV) and high occupancy toll (HOT) lanes **between Edsall Road** in Fairfax County and Garrisonville Road in Stafford County.”

I have been working with neighborhoods near Landmark, who are now in my district. We are VERY concerned for all of the region's traffic that the HOT lanes won't go to the new BRAC facility at Mark Center. Many assumed they would. It doesn't make sense to force single occupancy vehicles into regular commuter lanes which will be highly impacted by Mark Center traffic. (Note: Express buses and HOV-3 vehicles will continue on the existing HOV lanes.)

At this stage, public involvement can make a difference in extending added capacity on I-95 inside the Beltway as far as possible. The website for information is:

<http://www.virginiadot.org/projects/publicinvolvement.asp>

Hope to see you Wednesday, September 28<sup>th</sup> – Vivian