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Hi all, This letter was sent to the OCR's inbox, so I am forwarding it to folks, FYI. Liz

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June 23, 2014

Mr. John Thillmann,
Chairman
Seven Corners Land Use and Transportation Task Force

Dear Mr. Thillmann:

I understand that the Seven Corners Task Force is considering several potential redevelopment opportunities in our area. As a thirty-year resident of this area, I would like to express my concerns about the proposed addition of nearly 6,000 residences to the Seven Corners area, especially those that would replace the existing Sears (formerly Lord and Taylor) and adjacent office buildings.

The traffic conditions in this area are already horrible. Route 7, Leesburg Pike and Columbia Pike are often practically at a standstill during rush hour. Route 50 often is not much better, especially as one approaches Seven Corners. As I am sure you know, there is no Metrorail station within walking distance of this area. As one who used to commute using the Columbia Pike Metrobus and still uses the service occasionally, I am witness to the exponential growth in the commuting population that has occurred in this area over the past decades.

This proposed expansion would certainly escalate the incidence of traffic “cutting through” nearby neighborhoods via Patrick Henry and other residential streets; increasing the risk to neighborhood pedestrians and requests to the County for additional speed limit enforcement and traffic calming measures.

The local schools are also overcrowded, especially Bailey’s Elementary. The County’s planned measures to address this issue are a stopgap, at best.

I believe any such drastic expansion of population density in the County should be encouraged in areas less densely populated and closer to a Metrorail station. This area simply cannot successfully absorb the increases in population and automobile traffic that would be incident to the massive development that is being considered.

Sincerely,
Walter R. Cate