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Arlington County Board
2100 Clarendon Boulevard
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SUBJECT: 5. Consideration of the appropriateness of amending the Master Transportation Plan Map to include a new segment of 18th Street North for approximately 65 feet to the west of North Quantico Street.

RECOMMENDATIONS: **Defer consideration of the proposed request to amend the Master Transportation Plan map to modify a segment of 18th Street North west of North Quantico Street. Commissioner Iacomini seconded the motion.**

Dear County Board Members:

The Planning Commission heard this item at its July 8, 2015 public hearing. Ritch Viola, Department of Environmental Services gave a short explanation regarding the recommendation to defer the MTP amendment.

Public Speakers

There was one public speaker.

Susan Goodwin said the surrounding neighborhoods are against the proposal. They would prefer the proposal be denied than deferred. It is a bad location for a single family house as the lots are up against a sound wall. The area that would be used for the proposed street extension is regarded locally as open space although it is privately opened. There have been 130 signatures on an online petition voicing opposition to the proposal. Extending the street would have a negative impact on the local walking trail. It would result in more asphalt, fewer trees, more storm water runoff and increased noise. The County Manager was recommending rejection of the proposal because the community benefits do not offset the impacts to the trail.

Planning Commission Discussion

Commissioner Forinash said there was initially a staff recommendation for denial of the project. However, the County Attorney has asked for some additional time to investigate some background information before moving the item forward.

Commissioner Gutshall reported the Transportation Commission voted to support the initial recommendation of the County Manager to deny the request.

Mr. Viola confirmed that the County Attorney has asked for additional time and staff intends to move the item forward in September.

Planning Commission Motion

Commissioner Forinash made a motion that the Planning Commission recommend the County Board defer consideration of the proposed request to amend the Master Transportation Plan map to modify a segment of 18th Street North west of North Quantico Street. Commissioner Iacomini seconded the motion.

Commissioner Gutshall encouraged the public speaker to submit a letter from the civic association regarding their position on the project.

The Planning Commission voted 8-0-1 to support the recommendation with Commissioners Ciotti, Cole, Forinash, Gutshall, Harner, Hughes, Iacomini, and Schroll in support and Commissioner Brown abstaining.

Respectfully Submitted,
Arlington County Planning Commission

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Chris Forinash", written in a cursive style.

Christopher J. Forinash
Planning Commission Chair