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The Honorable Scott K. York, Chairman
Loudoun County Board of Supervisors
1 Harrison Street, SE
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Dear Chairman York

This is to let you know that I wrote to your Directors of the Departments of Planning, Building and Development, and Transportation Services last week to suggest that Loudoun County staff and Virginia Department of Transportation (VDOT) Northern Virginia District staff pilot an early start to implementing SB 699—Coordination of State and Local Transportation Planning. These changes to Code Section 15.2-2222.1 establish new timeframes for the review of development plans and now require localities to submit their comprehensive plans and amendments to VDOT for review and comment. As you know, VDOT already provides comments to Loudoun County on rezoning and site plans, and this pilot will expand the process to include comprehensive plans and amendments.

Getting our staffs together now to work out how we can best comply with the General Assembly's directive should have the process moving smoothly in time for the official start. Attached is a copy of my letter to your planning staff that contains more details. In particular, the initial focus of VDOT's review and analysis will provide the county with additional information regarding pending comprehensive plan amendments with potentially significant transportation impacts. I hope the results of this analysis will help inform the Board's deliberations.

We are pleased with the Governor's announcement of and support for the Department's plan to pilot this important legislation with the counties in this region. Our Land Development Section Manager, Paul Kraucunas, has been asked to initiate contact with your staff.

Please let me know if you have any questions or suggestions.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Dennis C. Morrison".

Dennis C. Morrison
District Administrator

Attachment

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