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Sent: Saturday, January 13, 2018 8:23 PM

To: TPBcomment

Subject: comment on project submission for Visualize 2045: Rt 15

Dear Sirs:

As a resident of Loudoun County who relies upon Rt 15, I am writing to express my strong opposition to the Project Submission for widening 3.6 miles of Rt 15 north of Leesburg.

This is an ill-conceived and extraordinarily wasteful proposal that ignores the needs of residents, threatens the safety and access of local residents to Rt 15, imperils the scenic amenities that our rural businesses depend upon to attract vitally needed tourism revenue, and worst of all short-circuits existing processes to examine and recommend sensible solutions the problems of Rt 15.

It is premature to rush forward with a piecemeal project when an existing Stakeholders Committee appointed by Loudoun County has not even had a chance to study and weigh in on proposed solutions.

The assertions in this Project Submission that widening from 2 to 4 lanes a tiny segment of Rt 15 will improve Homeland Security, International Travel and Commerce, Economic Vitality, and Accessibility are frankly laughable — and reflect no study whatsoever.

I ask you to reject this slapped together proposal and allow serious studies to go ahead without premature action that make a mockery of any sensible process.

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