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Mr. Ronald F. Kirby
Director, Department of Transportation Planning
Metropolitan Washington Council of Governments
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Washington, D.C. 20002-4239

Dear Mr. Kirby:

In response to the request for comments on the Draft Scope of work for the Air Quality Conformity Assessment for the 2009 CLRP and FY 2010-2015 TIP made during the Transportation Planning Board meeting on December 17, 2008, I am addressing the policy assumption of all Northern Virginia HOV facilitates operating at HOV3+ in 2010. At this time the HOV lanes on I-66 and Dulles Toll Road have an occupancy requirement of 2 or more people and there is no plan to change that occupancy requirement by next year. As such, for the purposes of regional air quality conformity analyses, please defer the HOV 3+ assumption for I-66 and Dulles Toll Road from 2010 to the next conformity analyses year (2020). Please include this policy assumption in your upcoming and subsequent air quality conformity assessment work. VDOT will notify you when there are any changes warranted to this assumption in the future.

Should you have any questions on the matter, please contact Ms. Jo Anne Sorenson, Assistant District Administrator for Planning, Development and Investment Management at 703-383-2461.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Morteza Salehi".

Morteza Salehi
District Administrator
Northern Virginia District, VDOT

Cc: Ms. Jo Anne Sorenson, Assistant District Administrator