



Commonwealth of Virginia

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Dear Mrs. Gilkey,

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Thank you for your message requesting information on Fairfax County Department of Transportation's knowledge of the City of Alexandria's Eisenhower Avenue Transportation Study. We have heard back from the Chief of the FCDOT Transportation Planning Division. They reported to my office the following:

*"No, the County was not approached as this study is wholly within the City boundaries. Van Dorn street is mentioned as the western terminus, but the focus is on Eisenhower Avenue. We have requested that VDOT initiate a STARS study of the corridor, but the status of that request is unknown yet."*

It does appear that the City of Alexandria coordinated the study with the Virginia Department of Transportation who owns and maintains the roads. It would be standard protocol for VDOT to conduct analysis of traffic impacts. My staff investigated this and found that per VDOT's Traffic Volume Map, Eisenhower Avenue appears to only have 7,600 average daily traffic which is less than, for example, Rose Hill Drive which currently operates with 1 lane each direction. At first glance, this doesn't appear to be a concern in impacting traffic on Fairfax County's portion S Van Dorn Street but I will be sure to keep an eye out if the changes do substantially impact traffic. Additionally, I asked that my staff reach out to the Project Manager for the VDOT Southside Express Lanes Study to ensure that they are aware of the Eisenhower study.

To follow up on the STARS study request note from staff, STARS stands for Strategically, Targeted Affordable Roadway Solutions and is a VDOT program with the stated goal to "develop comprehensive and innovative multimodal transportation solutions to address congestion and safety challenges." The outcomes of STARS studies can be varying, and you can learn more at [www.vdot.virginia.gov/projects/project-planning/stars-projects](http://www.vdot.virginia.gov/projects/project-planning/stars-projects). If a STARS study was accepted by VDOT for S Van Dorn Street, a public input process would be needed and I would be sure that information is shared with the community.

If you have any additional questions or concerns, please do not hesitate to let my office know.

Sincerely,

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