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Dear Mr. Delmonico,

Josh
This letter is to update you on my efforts to deliver on the remaining phases of the Jefferson Manor Public Improvement Project to repair the crumbling streets and sidewalks that continue to plague much of the Jefferson Manor neighborhood.

As you know, Phase I (Farmington Drive, Farnsworth Drive, and part of Edgehill Drive) and Phase II-A (Jefferson Drive and part of Monticello Road) of the project were completed some time ago. However, the fact that some Jefferson Manor residents have benefited from new sidewalks and streets and others continue to live with dilapidated curbs and roads only highlights the unfair disparity among neighbors who pay the same taxes and deserve the same service from their government.

The good news is that Phase II-B, which covers improvements to Fort Drive, is fully funded, and you can expect to see that work begin in 2007.

Unfortunately, Phase III (Edgehill Court, Albermarle Drive, part of Edgehill Drive, and part of Fairhaven Avenue) and Phase IV (Williamsburg Road, part of Monticello Road, and part of Fairhaven Avenue) have been on hold for some time because of the estimated \$17 million cost.

After meeting with Supervisor Dana Kauffman and Secretary of Transportation Pierce Homer individually to discuss this issue, it became clear that the three of us would need to meet together to work out a solution. That meeting finally happened on July 5. Given the \$17 million price tag and the General Assembly's continued failure to address Virginia's statewide transportation funding crisis, the three of us decided that we would make progress more quickly by breaking down Phases III and Phase IV into sub-phases that would be easier to fund. (This approach has already worked for Phase II of the project.) Additionally, Secretary Homer agreed to have the Virginia Department of Transportation (VDOT) use their "pavement index" to rate the streets and therefore give us the empirical data necessary to compete for state money. Following the meeting, I personally drove Secretary Homer through Jefferson Manor so he could see the disrepair firsthand.

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In the three weeks since that meeting, Fairfax County staff has provided a detailed breakdown of the remaining work so we can begin to develop sub-phases. We still await the results of VDOT's pavement index survey, but I expect that data very soon. Once we have all of the necessary information, we hope to be able to present more concrete options that will result in more streets being completed more quickly.

Many thanks to Tom Rickert and others from the community who initially brought this to my attention and who correctly refuse to let the issue die. I am acutely aware of how long it is taking to deliver necessary improvements that are literally decades overdue, and I will continue to push for progress.

As always, please contact me at 703-549-3203 or DelDEnglin@house.state.va.us anytime on any issue.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "David Englin". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large, circular initial "D" and a long, sweeping tail.

David Englin

PB - Please share this with your members. Thanks!