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**Good afternoon, 66 Alliance Members!**

**Sorry for the delayed "weekly" report, but I was on vacation last week and the beach just didn't seem like a good place from which to send this newsletter. So, lots to catch up on and lots to do -- please read on!**

### **CFVs in 66 HOV Lanes Outside The Beltway -- VDOT Says OK Until 2020**

**The biggest news I learned this week is that VDOT plans to continue the CFV exemption for the I-66 HOV lanes *outside the Beltway* until the HOT lanes come into use in 2020 -- if and only if you already have CFV plates for your vehicle. This doesn't change the fact that VDOT currently is planning to sunset the CFV exemption in the HOV/HOT lanes inside the Beltway early in 2017. But, according to a direct communication I had with VDOT Assistant Secretary Nick Donohue, the CFV program will continue on 66 outside the Beltway until about 2020, which construction on the HOT lanes are expected to be completed. So, absent action by the General Assembly in early 2017, the \$17 daily round trip tolls will start around the second quarter of 2017 inside the Beltway for current CFV plate holders, but we will continue to be able to use the current HOV lane on 66 outside the Beltway until 2020.**

**Thanks to Alliance member Juan for asking me this question and prompting me to get this welcome answer from VDOT!**

### **VDOT Counterpunches Quickly in Response to Joint Senate Letter**

**As expected, VDOT didn't waste any time responding to the joint letter from 7 Northern Virginia Senators to Governor McAuliffe in a reply [letter](#) from VDOT Secretary Layne. Nothing particularly new in VDOT's letter -- just the standard reply that sunseting the CFV program is necessary to mitigate congestion and to collect enough tolling money to attract a private partner to build the HOT lanes on 66 outside the Beltway. No mention of why VDOT can't delay the sunset of the CFV exemption until 2020, as VDOT did for**

**HOV-2. As the old saying goes -- SOS, different day!**

### **Additional Senate Letter**

**Senator Dave Marsden (D-Fairfax) sent a separate [letter](#) to Governor McAuliffe supporting many of the Alliance's goals regarding the CFV program. No word on any response from the governor or VDOT to Senator Marsden, but I anticipate a similar response from VDOT.**

### **Joint, Bi-Partisan Letter from House of Delegates**

**As of this morning, the following members of the House of Delegates have agreed to sign the bi-partisan, joint letter being led by Delegates Rich Anderson (R-Woodbridge) and Kathleen Murphy (D-Fairfax/Loudoun). If you don't see your Delegate's name on this list, then you have work to do!**

- **Boysko**
- **Hugo**
- **Marshall**
- **Plum**
- **Webert**

**I heard specifically (and personally) from Delegate Kaye Kory that she would like to hear from Falls Church constituents on this issue -- her e-mail address is: [delkkory@house.virginia.gov](mailto:delkkory@house.virginia.gov). If you live in Falls Church, please reach out to Delegate Kory and let her know this is an important issue for you.**

**Again, if your Delegate is not on the list above, please take 10 minutes today to urge your Delegate to join with their 7 colleagues on the bi-partisan House letter. To find out who your Delegate is and his or her e-mail address, click on the following link -- [Who's my legislator?](#) -- type in your home address and then click on your House of Delegates representative's e-mail icon. This should give result in an e-mail to your Delegate popping up and you can fill in some version of the following message:**

**"Subject: Opposition to Sunset of CFV Program on 66**

**Dear Delegate \_\_\_\_\_:**

**I am a commuter on I-66, as well as a voter and one of your constituents. I also am a member of the 66 Alliance. I strongly urge you to join with Delegates Anderson and Murphy in signing a letter to Governor McAuliffe**

**that urges him to maintain the I-66 Clean Fuel Vehicle (CFV) program. A bi-partisan group of Senators recently urged the governor to take the same action, and it is now the turn of the Northern Virginia members of the House of Delegates to go on record with the governor on this important issue. In advance, thank you for your attention to this request.**

**Sincerely, (Your name and address)"**

**Thanks to William Comstock for making a financial contribution to the Alliance over the past 10 days. His contribution, and yours if you decide to make one, keeps the Alliance's "back office" humming along, keeps our website and Facebook page running, and helps to offset some of my out of pocket expenses as I head to Alliance meetings. If you want to support the Alliance financially, please go to our website ([www.66alliance.org](http://www.66alliance.org)) and click on the "Support the Alliance" button.**

**Thanks to all 66 Alliance members for their active involvement and efforts. Please send an e-mail to your Delegate today if you have not already done so! Greg**

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