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Subject: Alexandria, Virginia – Proposed Eisenhower Connector Project near  
Milepost 11.90

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Mr. Steve Sindiong, AICP  
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Dear Mr. Sindiong:

Reference is made to the transportation study initiated by the City of Alexandria concerning the proposed Eisenhower Connector project which includes a multi-modal highway connector bridge spanning over the tracks and railroad facility of Norfolk Southern Railway Company (Norfolk Southern) at the above subject location.

We have distributed the conceptual plans for the proposed bridge over the Norfolk Southern mainline tracks and Thoroughbred Bulk Transfer (TBT) Facility to the affected departments within Norfolk Southern for review and comment. Based on the company's plans to continue its long-standing rail operations on the mainline tracks and at the TBT Facility to serve present and future customers in the Northern Virginia and metro-DC area, as well as its plans to reconfigure the existing TBT Facility, Norfolk Southern will not permit any type of bridge encroachment within the limits of the existing TBT Facility, which includes the area shaded in green on the attached exhibit.

We would encourage the City to assess other options that may be available instead of building a bridge over operating railroad facilities. These alternatives include improvements to the existing Van Dorn Street Bridge, which may involve widening the bridge to accommodate bus and bicycle lanes and/or intersection improvements at each end of the bridge.

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Should you have any questions concerning this project, please contact me  
at 404/529-1641.

Sincerely,



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