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Attention: Joint Permit Application
Electronic Submittal

Mr. Tucker Smith, United States Army Corps of Engineers
Ms. Trisha Beasley, Virginia Department of Environmental Quality
Mr. Mark Eversole, Virginia Marine Resources Commission

Reference: Potomac Yard Metrorail Station, Revised Joint Permit Application, City of Alexandria

Dear M. Smith, Beasley, and Eversole:

The City of Alexandria (City), with the Washington Metropolitan Area Transit Authority (WMATA), proposes to build the Potomac Yard Metrorail Station (PYMS) and associated infrastructure at Potomac Yard in Alexandria, Virginia.

The proposed PYMS is located east of the existing Metrorail tracks, approximately midway between the Ronald Reagan Washington National Airport and Braddock Road Stations. The site is located north of the Potomac Greens neighborhood and east of the Potomac Yard Shopping Center. The project drains to the Potomac River within the Middle Potomac-Anacostia-Occoquan sub-basin in hydrologic unit code (HUC) 02070010.

Potential impacts to jurisdictional resources resulting from the construction of the PYMS have been avoided and minimized to the greatest extent practicable. The City is requesting the authorization to permanently impact 0.64 acres of palustrine emergent (PEM) and 0.92 acres of palustrine forested (PFO) wetlands. The construction of the PYMS will also result in the temporary impact to 0.91 acres of PEM and 1.10 acres of PFO.

Compensatory mitigation will be provided for permanent wetland impacts by the purchase of 2.48 credits from Buena Vista Wetland Mitigation Bank, which is approved by the US Army Corps of Engineers (USACE) and Virginia Department of Environmental Quality (VDEQ). Temporary wetland impacts will be restored to existing conditions and contours and revegetated based on the prepared restoration plan.

On behalf of the City, Stantec Consulting Services Inc. (Stantec) is submitting this revised Joint Permit Application (JPA) for authorization to take impacts required for the construction of the PYMS under a USACE Individual Permit and a VDEQ Virginia Water Protection Individual Permit. No impacts to tidal wetlands or other state-owned bottomlands are proposed; therefore, a permit from the Virginia Marine Resources Commission is not anticipated. This revised JPA clarifies and supplements information provided in the previous application dated October 2017.

There is significant public interest in this is vital transportation infrastructure project. The City and WMATA have made every effort to fully engage the public since the project's original planning. To continue this public outreach, the City respectfully requests that the VDEQ schedule a Public Hearing in accordance with

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Va. Code § 62.1-44.15:02(F) in conjunction with the public comment period on the department's proposed permit action.

Please contact me if you have any questions regarding the information included in the JPA. The City will be happy to meet with the agencies to discuss the details of the application.

Regards,

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- c. Ms. Emily Baker, City of Alexandria
- Ms. Theresita Crockett-Augustine, USACE
- Mr. Justin Curtis, AquaLaw
- Mr. James Ashe, WMATA