

SAFE the PIKE!

Citizens' Petition to Enhance Safety of Historic Georgetown Pike - NOW!

Whereas, historic two-lane Georgetown Pike is Virginia's first Scenic By-Way, has steep hills and curves, and is not suitable as a major regional commuter road;

Whereas, the current flow of traffic on Georgetown Pike has nearly doubled in the past five years and is excessive for the natural configuration of the road and already presents substantial danger to Great Falls village pedestrians and to vehicles turning into it from local intersecting roads;

Whereas, Fairfax County, the Commonwealth of Virginia, and federal agencies, with the strong support of both Great Falls and McLean citizens, have zoned and legislated the Georgetown Pike corridor as a low-density residential area and preserved its environmental character;

Whereas, current traffic plans for northern Virginia have not considered the full safety and congestion impacts that increased traffic on Georgetown Pike will have on the communities, citizens, and taxpayers of Great Falls and McLean;

Whereas, Leesburg Pike/Rt. 7, which continues to receive major improvements, is the natural and logical commuter and commercial traffic road in Northern Virginia between Leesburg, Tyson's Corner, and Interstate 495 & 66, around and to D.C.;

Whereas, there is an urgent need for the implementation of traffic safety and calming actions for the benefit of local and through traffic, vehicles entering Georgetown Pike from intersecting roads, pedestrians, and community residents;

Ways to Submit the Petition:

1. Sign below. Use enclosed envelop to mail to GFC, P. O. Box 25, Great Falls, VA 22066
2. Drop it in the **SAFE THE PIKE** box at the Great Falls Library foyer.
3. Petitions will be available at the Great Falls Library, Katie's Coffee House, Java Junction, or at the GFC booth at the St. Francis Farmers Market (beginning May 3rd) or the Spring Festival (May 4th)
4. Visit the GFC website at www.gfca.org/transportation.html to submit online.

Therefore, the undersigned citizens hereby petition that:

GEORGETOWN PIKE/RT. 193: Our Virginia public officials and VDOT complete comprehensive (not preliminary) studies, followed by 2009-11 financing and implementation, resulting in enhanced safety and traffic calming improvements along Georgetown Pike, consistent with its historic status as a two-lane scenic by-way, Virginia's first such road; its existing aesthetic character and recommendations in the 1999 Georgetown Pike Traffic Calming Study relative to signage on the Pike and to changes to Walker Road just south of the Walker Road/Georgetown Pike intersection. Immediate measures needed now include traffic controls at appropriate intersections on the Pike to promote safety and provide enhanced access to the Pike for Great Falls residents; safe pedestrian crossings; warning signals and/or other appropriate traffic calming measures to slow traffic along Georgetown Pike and Walker Road, particularly through the Great Falls Village Center area; and speed limit enforcement."

LEESBURG PIKE/RT. 7: Our Virginia public officials and VDOT should immediately redesign plans and speed financing to improve Leesburg Pike and enhance safety by: hastening completion of all improvements between Fairfax County Parkway and Dulles-DC Access Road; eliminate the proposed two-lane left turn from Rt. 7 onto Georgetown Pike; and take into account the planned second/new shopping center at Rt. 7/Rt. 193/Seneca Rd.

Signature:

Printed Name:

Address: