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COMMISSIONER

August 25, 2004

Mr. Pierce R. Homer
Deputy Secretary of Transportation
Virginia Department of Transportation
Post Office Box 1475
Richmond, Virginia 23218

Dear Mr. Homer:

After careful review of your letter of June 28, 2004, and all supporting documents, I am directing VDOT to enter into negotiations with Fluor Daniel under the Public-Private Transportation Act of 1995, as amended, for improvements to I-495 in Northern Virginia. I am keeping open the option of including Phase 8 of the Springfield Interchange as a part of this comprehensive agreement. I am also keeping open the option of including toll operations and maintenance as a part of this comprehensive agreement.

The additional conditions and policy recommendations included in your letter will be taken under advisement during the negotiation process.

VDOT will continue to comply with the provisions of the National Environmental Policy Act.

I want to thank you and the other members of the Advisory Panel for your diligence and dedication, not only to this project but also to the PPTA process in general.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Philip A. Shucet", written over a circular embossed seal.

Philip A. Shucet
Commissioner

cc: The Honorable Whittington W. Clement
Ms. Karen Rae
Mr. Herb Morgan
Mr. William G. Thomas, Esquire
Advisory Panel Members