

SOUTHERN MARYLAND REGIONAL TECHNOLOGY COUNCIL

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The Honorable Steny H. Hoyer
House of Representatives
House Office Building
Washington, D.C. 20515

re: Traffic Congestion / Southern Maryland
An Innovative Technology Solution

Dear Congressman Hoyer:

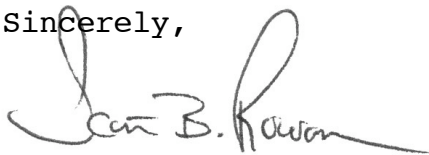
The Southern Maryland Regional Technology Council was created to facilitate the use of new technologies and enhance the economic growth and quality of life. As you know, traffic congestion is a major problem in our region. Transportation "tools" alone can no longer solve all of our transportation problems. Therefore, we are proposing a demonstration project implementing Dr. Jay Hellman's concept of "virtual adjacency" at the Charles County Community College's new Center for Business and Industry.

We believe that federal transportation funds to support this project are appropriate because of the significant transportation related benefits. Those benefits include commuter congestion mitigation, more efficient transportation system utilization and overall reduction in demand. These produce economic savings and contribute to compliance of the Clean Air Act.

We apologize for the lateness of our request for funding as part of the transportation bill that is still in conference, but the technology is advancing so rapidly that a practical implementation of "virtual adjacency" has only recently become available. Failure on our part to request your assistance would be a disservice to our region and the country as a whole. Therefore, we ask your help to make provision for such a demonstration project as part of the highway legislation.

We are available to meet with you as soon as your schedule would permit to discuss bringing this proposal to fruition.

Sincerely,



Scott B. Rowan