

APPENDIX E7

DE MINIMIS CONCURRENCE LETTERS



D.C. TO RICHMOND SOUTHEAST HIGH SPEED RAIL



600 East Main Street
Richmond, Virginia 23219

**CITY OF RICHMOND
DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS**

**CONCURRENCE WITH FRA DETERMINATION OF SECTION 4(f) DE MINIMIS IMPACTS
AND TEMPORARY OCCUPANCY OF DC2RVA PROJECT ON THE
WALKER'S CREEK RETENTION BASIN PARK**

The City of Richmond, Department of Public Works has reviewed the information for the Virginia Department of Rail and Public Transportation's (DRPT) proposed construction associated improvements on a portion of the City of Richmond's Walker's Creek Retention Basin Park. Additionally, the Department of Planning and Development Review has reviewed the project information in relation to planning efforts centered on Manchester Canal and Walker's Creek that are not yet realized opportunities for accessible water frontage, for the City. Adopted in 2012, the Richmond Riverfront Plan (pg. 44), has allowed for new projects in this area to come forward, creating an opportunity to enhance the Manchester Canal/Walker's Creek, as public open space. The proposed project does not appear to have any negative effect on the long-term prospects for the area. Based on the information, the City of Richmond, Department of Public Works, with input from the Department of Planning & Development Review, the Department of Public Utilities and the Department of Parks and Recreation, concur that the proposed use of park land by the project would not adversely affect activities, features, and attributes of the Walker's Creek Retention Basin Park. This concurrence does not constitute an endorsement of the project or conveyance of any temporary or permanent interests in or access to park lands. Further, this concurrence is provided with the understanding that DRPT will continue to coordinate with the City of Richmond, Department of Public Works during project development and that further consultation will be undertaken by DRPT to ensure prior to granting of any temporary or permanent property interests that harm to the Walker's Creek Retention Basin Park by the proposed project has been minimized and the conditions upon which this concurrence is based have not changed.

Signature

Date

Bobby Vincent, Jr., Public Works Director
City of Richmond, Department of Public Works

