

**TOLLGATE ASSOCIATION**  
Falls Church, Virginia 22046

Mr. William Hicks  
Department of Environmental Services  
Engineering and Construction Division  
Falls Church City Hall  
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Falls Church, Virginia 22046

April 5, 2008

Mr. Garry Sauner  
114 Tollgate Way  
Falls Church, Virginia 22046

Dear Mr. Hicks:


I am writing on behalf of the 29 homeowners comprising the Tollgate Association to request your assistance in having the City of Falls Church install a new street light on an existing utility pole at the junction of East Broad and Tollgate Way streets. We are submitting this request in the interest of pedestrian and motor vehicle safety.

Overall lighting at the intersection of East Broad and Tollgate Way streets is poor and requires improvement. Children from our community wait there weekday mornings often in the dark (especially during late fall and winter) for the City's school bus to arrive. This situation is not optimum and places our children at risk of injury. Better lighting in this area could help others as well. People standing at the Metro/George bus sign on the North side of East Broad (directly across from Tollgate) experience their transportation not stopping and accidentally driving past them. Having additional lighting on the utility pole next to the Metro/George bus sign would make commuters more readily visible to bus drivers early in the morning or at night.

Pedestrians are not the only ones who would benefit from improved lighting at this intersection. Many motor vehicle operators traveling on East Broad find it difficult to locate our neighborhood entrance. This is especially true when it is dark or during periods of reduced visibility. Drivers making a turn into Tollgate are unable to spot cyclists crossing Tollgate's entrance. Cars attempting to turn left from East Broad onto Tollgate Way pose a major safety concern. Traffic on East Broad is heavy here in both directions. Drivers frequently must come to a complete stop in the left lane and wait for oncoming traffic to clear. This is particularly dangerous because the terrain at this spot is the lowest point between Seven Corners and Cherry Street. Westbound motor vehicles on East Broad pick up speed as they proceed down the hill from Seven Corners and if they are going too fast or their operators are not paying attention, one must brake hard to avoid a stationary vehicle in the left lane. It is thought that better lighting at this junction might prevent some serious rear-end collisions from occurring.

We would greatly appreciate your commitment to support this request. Please feel free to contact me at (703) 614-8051 or [garry.sauner@pentagon.af.mil](mailto:garry.sauner@pentagon.af.mil) if I can clarify matters or be of further assistance.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Garry Sauner".

Garry Sauner  
Vice President, Tollgate Association