



May 22, 2020

Northern Virginia Transportation Authority  
3040 Williams Drive, Suite 200  
Fairfax, VA 22031

Dear Chair Randall,

The Arlington Chamber of Commerce supports the projects in Arlington under consideration for funding in the Authority's Fiscal Year 2020-2025 Six Year Program. These projects will support development in Arlington and connections with the region.

Rosslyn is a major regional connection point for Northern Virginia, both as an office and residential destination and as a gateway to Washington, DC, via the Roosevelt and Key Bridges. The Rosslyn Multimodal Network Improvements will construct new capacity to streamline traffic flow into and through Rosslyn. The project will separate cars, bicycles, and pedestrians more effectively, and should help alleviate recurring congestion.

Two projects in Crystal City will create vital connections for National Landing, enhancing its growth as economic center for Northern Virginia. The VRE station improvements will enhance commutability from across Northern Virginia, expanding employment opportunities for residents beyond Arlington. The CC2DCA Intermodal Connector will provide a direct connection to the airport from Crystal City and its bus and VRE lines, making transit a more palatable option for travel to the airport from across the region.

The Ballston Metrorail West Entrance extends the number of properties within walking distance of Ballston station, supporting economic development along N Glebe Road. The second entrance will also add a bus-to-Metro transfer point in Ballston closer to I-66, allowing regional buses to connect with Metro more efficiently. With enhanced regional connections via bus and Metro, development in Ballston can support employment opportunities for commuters from across the region.

The ANC Wall Trail will add a connection between the Rosslyn-Ballston and Richmond Highway corridors, two largest travel and activity centers in Northern Virginia. It will also relieve pressure on parallel facilities which support regional travel, including Metro's Blue Line, Route 110, and the George Washington Memorial Parkway.

We thank you for your consideration of these comments.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Kate Bates". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Kate Bates  
President & CEO

CC: Arlington County Board; Arlington County Manager; Arlington County Department of Environmental Services, Transportation Division