



July 22, 2021

Paul Wiedefeld, General Manager
Washington Metropolitan Area Transit Authority
600 5th Street, NW
Washington, DC 20001

Dear Mr. Wiedefeld,

The Arlington Chamber of Commerce supports the proposed second entrance to the Crystal City Metrorail Station. The Crystal City station is one of the most highly used in Arlington, and we anticipate that trips to and from Crystal City will increase as National Landing's development continues. The Chamber has long advocated for the addition of an eastern entrance to this station to support economic development in Crystal City and to encourage people to see Metrorail is the most convenient way of coming to work and live in this area.

This new entrance will provide more direct access than the existing entrance to offices, shops, and residences along Crystal Drive. The east entrance also will offer a more direct connection to the Virginia Railway Express (VRE) and Metroway bus rapid transit network, both of which are adjacent to the proposed entrance at the corner of Crystal Drive and 18th Street South. The project will also deliver an additional, more convenient elevator access to the station and other safety improvements.

We encourage WMATA to proceed with the Crystal City second entrance project and 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