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Kyle Kling
Arlington County Department of Environmental Services
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Arlington, VA 22201

Dear Mr. Kling,

The Arlington Chamber of Commerce appreciates the progress that has been made in the development of the CC2DCA Intermodal Connector, the proposed multimodal connection between Ronald Reagan Washington National Airport and the Crystal City neighborhood. The CC2DCA Intermodal Connector's purpose and need of establishing a direct connection between the airport terminal and National Landing's extensive bus, regional rail, Metrorail, bicycle, and pedestrian facilities will enhance multimodal access for the airport. The established concept screening criteria serve well to evaluate the efficacy of proposed designs, and on these merits Concept 7D best fulfills the project's purpose and need.

CC2DCA should improve mobility for the most users possible, regardless of their travel mode, to fulfill its purpose and need. The screening criteria's focus on functionality, including minimizing grade changes, maximizing accessibility, and providing convenient connections, ensures that CC2DCA will be the most useful for the greatest number of travelers. The criteria checking compatibility with ongoing and future projects help ensure that CC2DCA will retain and grow its utility in the future.

Concept 7D best fulfills the project's purpose and need, when compared with the other concepts remaining under consideration. Concept 7D would not require additional grade changes to access the rail station, and it would connect to the VRE platform, which is already funded and in the process of development. By contrast, other proposed concepts would connect to the proposed Amtrak platform, which is not yet funded, nor is it currently part of the scope of the planned train station. As such, Concept 7D would provide convenient connection to VRE and to the future Amtrak platform, and is the most robust to all possible future connections between the airport and rail station.

We encourage Arlington County and the Virginia Department of Transportation to proceed with the CC2DCA Intermodal Connector project and to select Concept 7D for further development. 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