



November 13, 2019

Arlington County Board
2100 Clarendon Boulevard
Suite 300
Arlington, VA 22201

Dear Chair Dorsey,

The Arlington Chamber of Commerce recommends that the County Board adopt the proposed amendments to Chapter 14.2 of the Arlington County Code relating to the use of micro-mobility devices in Arlington.

The amendments will help to facilitate a diverse transportation network which includes support and infrastructure for cyclists and riders of micro-mobility devices such as electric scooters. Arlington County has made good use of the pilot over the past year to learn how best to incorporate micro-mobility devices into our transportation ecosystem. The proposed amendments acknowledge how riders employed these devices during the pilot and take care to balance safety and comfort for all modes of travel. The proposal promotes safety awareness and safe use of micro-mobility devices.

The amendments demonstrate a light-handed approach to maximize dexterity in managing a dynamic industry. The proposal to raise the speed limit for micro-mobility devices from 10 mph to 15 mph during the pilot reflects the feedback that riders will feel safer using these devices on streets at the higher speeds. The proposed regulations balance provider and user responsibility for safe operation of these devices, and we believe continuing public awareness campaigns will maximize their effectiveness. As such, we encourage the Board to approve the proposed amendments.

Thank you for your consideration of these comments.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads 'Kate Bates' in a cursive script.

Kate Bates
President & CEO

CC: County Board Vice Chair Libby Garvey and Members Katie Cristol, Matt de Ferranti, and Erik Gutshall; County Manager Mark Schwartz; Greg Emanuel, Director, Dennis Leach, Jim Larsen and Ritch Viola, Transportation Division, Department of Environmental Services