



July 12, 2021

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

Dear Chair de Ferranti,

The Chamber appreciates the inclusion of funding for Metro and construction of the second entrances at the Ballston and Crystal City Metro stations in the proposed FY 2022-2024 Capital Improvement Plan (CIP), and encourages the County Board to include them in its adopted CIP. The Chamber supports investments to maintain and to improve Arlington's public infrastructure which is essential for businesses to grow and to sustain our economic engine.

Metrorail in particular serves as the backbone of Arlington's transportation management program and as a primary driver of economic development not only in Arlington, but throughout the Washington, D.C. metropolitan region, and the CIP secures Arlington's commitment to Metro. The CIP also secures funding for critical improvements to our transportation infrastructure such as the west entrance at Ballston Metro, the east entrance at Crystal City Metro, and improvements to transit and multimodal services on Columbia Pike.

The Chamber encourages Arlington County to continue working to meet expected timelines outlined in this and previous CIPs or as promised by Arlington County staff.

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 Vice Chair Katie Cristol and members Christian Dorsey, Libby Garvey, and Takis Karantonis; County Manager Mark Schwartz; CFO Maria Meredith and Budget Director Richard Stephenson, Department of Management and Finance; Department of Environmental Services Deputy Director of Transportation Dennis Leach