



August 12, 2021

Mr. Jason Widstrom
Arlington County Department of Environmental Services
2100 Clarendon Boulevard, Suite 710
Arlington, VA 22201

Dear Mr. Widstrom,

The Arlington Chamber of Commerce supports moving forward with the CC2DCA Intermodal Connector, the proposed multimodal connection between Ronald Reagan Washington National Airport and the Crystal City neighborhood. The CC2DCA Intermodal Connector will serve its purpose and need by providing a direct connection to the airport terminal from Crystal City, Mount Vernon trail, Virginia Railway Express rail station, and the many bus lines that run to and through Crystal City. Having these connections will make transit a more palatable option for travel to the airport from across the region, and facilitate direct pedestrian, bicycle, and micromobility traffic between the airport and National Landing. Moreover, the CC2DCA Intermodal Connector can be designed to enhance the experience of the George Washington Memorial Parkway further supporting its purpose and need.

The current access approaches to the airport do not provide comfortable and safe access for pedestrians, cyclists, and micromobility device users, despite the short distance to Crystal City. The CC2DCA Intermodal Connector will add that direct connection for people working, living, and visiting National Landing. There is also no direct connection from the nearby rail station to the airport without requiring passengers to transfer to Metro or a car. The CC2DCA Intermodal Connector will allow rail passengers to walk directly from the rail station to the terminal, encouraging people from throughout the Greater Washington, D.C. region to see rail as a convenient way to travel to the airport and helping to alleviate road congestion.

We encourage Arlington County and the Virginia Department of Transportation to proceed with the CC2DCA Intermodal Connector project and the project's progress through the federal National Environmental Policy Act review process. 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