



March 22, 2022

Mark Schwartz
Arlington County Manager
2100 Clarendon Blvd, Suite 302
Arlington, VA 22201

Dear Mr. Schwartz,

The Arlington Chamber of Commerce supports including the construction of a second entrance to the Ballston Metro Station in Arlington County's Capital Improvement Plan, and ensuring that it remains a priority for the County. Adding another entrance at North Fairfax Drive and North Vermont Street will improve access around Glebe Road and be a huge boost to the restaurants and other customer-facing businesses on that side of Ballston. The County has already applied for regional funding from the Northern Virginia Transportation Authority and the Northern Virginia Transportation Commission, so it is critical that we keep this project as a priority to ensure that all necessary funding is approved and that the project can be completed swiftly.

Metrorail continues to be the backbone of Arlington's transportation infrastructure and is a primary economic development driver. Access to Metro is essential to grow businesses and sustain our economic engine, which is why the Chamber supports investing in expanding that access. Prioritizing the west entrance at the Ballston Metro in the CIP secures Arlington's commitment to Metro. Thank you for your consideration.

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 Chair Katie Cristol, Vice Chair Christian Dorsey and members Matt de Ferranti, Libby Garvey, and Takis Karantonis