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Mr. Kyle Kling
Arlington County Department of Environmental Services
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Re: Feedback on CC2DCA NEPA Project

Thank you for the opportunity to again provide community input on the CC2DCA project.

The Crystal City Civic Association (CCCA) has long supported the idea, originally proposed by the (then) Crystal City Business Improvement District (BID), to connect Crystal City to Reagan National Airport. We participated in meetings with the BID on the proposal and invited the BID to present to our community. Additionally, the CCCA has been participating actively in the Technical Advisory Committee (TAC) of the VRE study for a new train station in Crystal City and the community has seen many iterations of the idea that the new station and the bridge to the airport could be combined at the same location.

For these reasons, the CCCA wholeheartedly supports the January 7, 2022, letter of the (now) National Landing BID, providing feedback on the project. Specifically, the CCCA believes that the 7D option is the most efficient, realistic, and supportable one. It combines the VRE proposed station with the bridge, centers the connection in the middle of Crystal City, and provides ample access to all means of transportation. As we said in our letter of August 14, 2021: "The CC2DCA pedestrian/bike connection would also complete the multimodal plans in Crystal City, rivaling anything anywhere in the country. With the new VRE station planned to accommodate riders on VRE, MARC, Amtrak, Metro, and the Metroway, the CC2DCA connection could also connect them directly to the airport in a short, efficient way."

We would also like to reiterate our one concern about the project: "Our one concern would be to ensure that access to the connection in Crystal City not become a major drop off point by vehicles for travelers to the airport, thereby aggravating traffic problems on Crystal Drive. Appropriate attention must be given to this engineering problem."

Thank you for your ongoing efforts on this project.

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