



**NATIONAL
LANDING**

PENTAGON CITY

CRYSTAL CITY

POTOMAC YARD

July 14, 2023

Arlington County Board
2100 Clarendon Blvd #300
Arlington, VA 22201

RE: Item #37- Agreement supporting Design and Construction of the Crystal City Metrorail

Dear Chair Dorsey and Members of the County Board:

On behalf of the National Landing Business Improvement District (BID) and the business community in Crystal City, Pentagon City, and Potomac Yard, I am writing in support of the comprehensive agreement between the Arlington County Board and East Entrance, LLC., a Joint Venture between JBG Smith Properties and Clark Construction, to provide design-build construction services for the Crystal City Metrorail East Entrance project.

Transit is the backbone of National Landing's mobility network, and the planned Crystal City East Entrance adds a second entrance to the Crystal City Metro Station with elevators, stairs, and fare gates along Crystal Drive. This vital project will help expand the reach and utility of Metrorail in National Landing, delivering direct access to our main retail corridor and the growing number of nearby businesses, offices, residences, and destinations including the reimagined Crystal City Water Park.

Additionally, the east entrance will significantly improve access and reduce travel time to the station for those users coming from the eastern part of National Landing and will add capacity for one of the highest ridership metro stations in Virginia. Lastly, the new entrance will enhance connectivity between the Metrorail system, the Virginia Railway Express station, and a future Amtrak station.

Capital investments like this station entrance are not only essential to transit but critical to supporting downtown vibrancy and enhancing economic development. Executing this important agreement moves this transit project one step closer to implementation. We look forward to working with Arlington County and East Entrance, LLC, on the next phase of this project.

Sincerely,

Tracy Sayegh Gabriel
President & Executive Director