- What is CC2DCA? CC2DCA (Crystal City to DCA) is a transportation project that would create
 a new multi-modal connection between National Landing and National Airport. The project
 was initially proposed by the National Landing BID in a 2018 <u>report</u>. Later, CC2DCA was one
 of five transportation projects committed to by Virginia as part of its <u>agreement</u> with
 Amazon to locate its second headquarters in National Landing.
- 2. When will the project be done? Arlington County estimates the project could be complete by 2029. This assumes the project receives NEPA approval in 2024, followed by a 3-year design and two-year construction process.
- 3. **How much will it cost**? The current cost estimate for the project is \$38m. Final cost estimates will be updated following completion of the NEPA process.
- 4. **How will the project be funded?** About \$18m has been committed to the project so far from a combination of VA, NVTA and Arlington County. Depending on the final cost estimate, additional funding sources may be sought.
- 5. What is the "NEPA process"? NEPA stands for National Environmental Policy Act. NEPA requires sponsors of projects that impact federal land, use federal funding, or require federal approval to evaluate the project's potential impacts before action is taken. Under NEPA, the project sponsor (in this case Arlington County) must define the "Purpose and Need" of the project, then propose and analyze a reasonable range of possible options for meeting that need. At the conclusion of the process, they will select a "preferred alternative".
- 6. Why does the NEPA process take so long? Between 2010 and 2018, the average transportation NEPA process took more than six years¹. Arlington County has set a goal of receiving NEPA approval within three years, including a one-year, public-facing analysis aimed at narrowing the issues and potential alternatives to be studied, followed by a two-year "official" NEPA study.
- 7. What will CC2DCA look like? We don't know yet! Under the NEPA process, Arlington will develop a range of options (e.g. bridge, tunnel, etc.) that could meet the goal of connecting National Landing with DCA, then evaluate the feasibility and impacts of each to determine their "preferred alternative".
- 8. **Will there be bikes**? Specific design elements/goals such as bike access are expected to be evaluated during the development of the project's "Purpose and Need" (see #4). For our part, the BID supports bike access, including a connection to the Mount Vernon Trail, and encourages Arlington to incorporate such access into the project.

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¹ https://ceq.doe.gov/docs/nepa-practice/CEQ_EIS_Timeline_Report_2020-6-12.pdf

9.	How can I learn more ? Arlington county maintains a <u>website</u> with more information on the project, the NEPA process and the next steps.