



January 27, 2022

Nate Graham  
Arlington County Department of Environmental Services  
2100 Clarendon Blvd, Suite 300  
Arlington, VA 22201

Dear Mr. Graham:

On behalf of the Crystal City, Pentagon City, and Potomac Yard business communities, the National Landing Business Improvement District (BID) offers its support for the 30% concept design for South Eads Street between 12th Street S. and 15th Street S.

A priority for the BID is improving human-scaled mobility — walking, biking, scooting, and other forms of next-generation mobility options by enhancing safety and efficiency for all users. We want to applaud the County for the public engagement efforts on this project.

Upgrading South Eads Street to a complete street will increase the connectivity throughout the Pentagon City neighborhood. More specifically, we appreciate the considerable safety improvements made in this iteration: safer lane shift, raised curbs, island refuges, improved sight lines, raised concrete buffers, and marked crosswalks.

While we do support the 30% concept design as it is a needed improvement to accommodate all the anticipated development along the corridor, we echo the concerns of the commissioners and community members when it comes to the safety in the mixing section at 12<sup>th</sup> Street and using hardened barriers where appropriate to ensure this segment works to deliver a truly low stress bicycle network in National Landing.

Additionally, we strongly support the Vision Zero Action Plan's recommendation to update the Master Transportation Plan to incorporate the latest Vision Zero principles and guidance and ensure a safe mobility network for all users.

We look forward to continuing to work with the County on this project and future planning efforts to deliver a safe, connected National Landing downtown.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads 'Tracy Sayegh Gabriel'. The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Tracy Sayegh Gabriel  
President and Executive Director  
National Landing Business Improvement District