



AURORA HIGHLANDS CIVIC ASSOCIATION

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Mr. Jason Widstrom
Arlington County
Department of Environmental Services
2100 Clarendon Boulevard, Suite 710
Arlington, VA 22201

Dear Mr. Widstrom,

I am writing on behalf of the Aurora Highlands Civic Association regarding the **CC2DCA Intermodal Connector**. As a neighborhood close to DCA, we support the construction of a new connection linking Crystal City to DCA. Not only will this connector serve those of us who might walk or bike to the airport from home, but it will also facilitate travel between National Landing, DCA, and the entire region.

We envision that connections with existing and future modes of transportation such as MARC, VRE, and Amtrak will make DCA more accessible to travelers and commuters from greater distances. As you may know, Arlington is investing heavily in cycling infrastructure, and this connector would enable convenient access to the Mt. Vernon trail.

Placement is key to the success of such an investment, however. The connection to the new security checkpoints and bike and transit routes must be seamless and convenient, as well as prominent, so that it becomes a convenient, preferred mode of getting to DCA. We believe it is worth investing in an iconic structure that celebrates both the historical parkway and the transformation of National Landing as an urban gateway to Arlington.

We look forward to future engagement on the CC2DCA connection as the project moves through the NEPA process.

Sincerely,

Scott Miles,
President, Aurora Highlands Civic Association