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On behalf of the National Landing Business Improvement District (BID) and the collective business communities of Crystal City, Pentagon City, and Potomac Yard, I am writing to provide support for the South Eads Street Complete Street – 12th St. South to Army Navy Drive project.

As celebrated in our Mobility Next Report, National Landing is well positioned to be the most connected downtown in the Country. We commend the County for providing a public platform that will deliver a safe, interconnected, multimodal facility along S. Eads Street and the broader network. Given the proximity of other improvements to PenPlace, the New Park as S. Eads and new mixed-use development along S. Eads, the BID underscores the need to balance connectivity while still prioritizing safety for all users.

During the project's November 13th public meeting, community members raised concerns regarding bike safety and the need to provide hardened, vertical separation to fully protect users along S. Eads. The BID echo's these concerns and encourages the County to use high-quality, best in class materials that offers real safety to protect cyclists.

Lastly, we request the County's consideration of the following:

- Adding midblock crosswalks across S. Eads at 11 Street (as shown in the PenPlace Site Plan) to safely connect pedestrians to the new open spaces at PenPlace and the Green Ribbon network of Pentagon City to points east in Crystal City.
- Pavement coloring for the protected bike lane as it crosses 11th Street as a safety feature to alert drivers and cyclists of the conflict zone within the intersection.

We look forward to saddling up and taking a ride on this new facility once completed!

Sincerely,

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