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AROUND SHARED
PRIORITIES TO CREATE A
SAFER AND MORE
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NETWORK ACROSS
NATIONAL LANDING.

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Dear Mr. Schwartz,

We are writing on behalf of the People Before Cars Coalition, an engaged group of business, advocacy, and community groups working together to promote safe, sustainable transportation in National Landing **regarding transportation priorities for your consideration as you prepare this year's CIP (see below)**. As detailed in the National Landing BID's 2022 report [Mobility Next](#), "active transportation - walking, biking, scooting, etc. - will play an increasingly important role in moving people in National Landing. Already, more than a third of trips by residents in National Landing are made on foot, nearly twice the county average."

With that in mind, we respectfully offer our strong support to implement the Crystal City to Reagan National Airport Multimodal Connection (CC2DCA), Long Bridge Drive Multimodal Connection, and the Crystal City Bike Network in Arlington County's upcoming Capital Improvement Plan.

CC2DCA: Once completed, the multimodal connection between the Crystal City Metro Station, National Landing Station, and the Washington National Airport will be one-of-a-kind. Not only will it be the only international airport within walking distance to a business district, but also within walking distance to an Amtrak station. We applaud the County's guidance through the NEPA process and its continued commitment to this dynamic project. Given the 10-year horizon of the forthcoming CIP, **we encourage the County to formalize its existing allocation by making CC2DCA a discrete project within the CIP and include funding in the appropriate years for construction.**

Long Bridge Drive Multimodal Connection: This project will provide an important connection between the future bike and pedestrian span of Long Bridge. We support the County's efforts to continue progress for the following key infrastructure improvements to the bridge including: Mount Vernon Trail, Boundary Channel Drive, the east end of the two-way protected bike lane in the Complete Streets project along Army Navy Drive and the Clark Street trail project connecting to the Crystal City Metro Station. We support the Long Bridge multimodal connection and underscore its importance as a critically important project, both from a regional connectivity standpoint and as an important local connection to the Long Bridge Park Aquatics Facility. **We look forward to this project remaining a priority and urge the County to ensure it has sufficient scope and budget to be a safe, pleasant, and attractive alternative to biking on the Long Bridge Park Esplanade.**

Crystal City Bike Network: We applaud the County for expeditiously implementing the first phase of this much needed bike facility which is currently heavily used and very well received in National Landing. For example, we have also noticed a local bike club uses the newly installed protected bike lane at Crystal Drive (near Mah ze Dahr) as a





meeting spot for their group! Offering safe bike facilities like the CCBN is an incredibly important goal to ensure National Landing remains a safe and bikeable place for our community. **While the approach to implementing the CCBN has relied on previous CIP commitments and private site plan development, the Coalition urges the County to address gaps in the network in the following locations to create:**

- Protected Bike Lanes on Hayes St between Army Navy Dr and 15th St
- Protected Bike Lanes on 15th St from Elm St to Hayes St
- Protected Bike Lanes on Crystal Drive, from Potomac Ave to Long Bridge Drive

We truly appreciate the County's commitment to next-generation mobility in National Landing and hope our input is useful as you prepare your recommendation for the forthcoming CIP.

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