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Ms. Libby Garvey, Chair
Arlington County Board
2100 Clarendon Boulevard
Arlington, VA 22201

Re: Vision Zero & the Fiscal Year 2025 Operating Budget

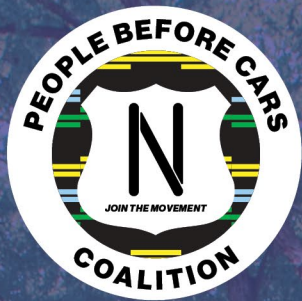
Dear Chair Garvey,

We are writing on behalf of the People Before Cars Coalition (PBC), a consortium of local business, advocacy, and community groups working together to promote safe, sustainable transportation in the National Landing area. In this letter, we offer support for several Vision Zero-related priorities for the Board's consideration during the Fiscal Year 2025 budget and Fiscal Year 2024 close-out discussions: 1) additional PAYGO funding for the Street Safety Improvement (SSI) program 2) use of the County's authority to place speed enforcement cameras in work zones, not just school zones 3) the acquisition of additional automated speed enforcement cameras beyond those currently planned within National Landing's three vibrant neighborhoods of Crystal City, Pentagon City and Potomac Yard..

Street safety is a priority for the PBC; if people don't feel safe walking, biking, and taking transit in National Landing, they will spend less time here whether they live, work, or visit. Arlington's Street Safety Improvement (SSI) program is its most nimble, responsive program for responding to safety problems on our streets. National Landing BID staff recently participated in a walk with staff to assist in auditing two high-injury network corridors - Hayes Street and Fern Street. It is important that the SSI program have sufficient funding levels and sufficiently flexible funding sources to address these and other high-injury corridors. We support greater funding for SSI, specifically PAYGO funding, which ensures staff has the flexibility to address problems as effectively and efficiently as possible.

The PBC has long supported automated enforcement as a way to support street safety in a consistent, equitable manner. The Coalition supports Arlington's new and upcoming speed camera enforcement program in school zones. While National Landing does not currently contain any school zones, National Landing has plenty of work zones where managing speed is particularly important to keep everyone safe. Virginia law provides Arlington County with the authority to use automated speed enforcement in both school zones and work zones, but Arlington County has adopted an automated speed enforcement ordinance only for school zones. The Coalition supports expanding the County's automated speed enforcement program to include work zone speed enforcement and welcomes their use in National Landing work zones.





Finally, the Coalition supports the acquisition of additional speed enforcement cameras. While we support the expansion of speed enforcement into work zones, we do not wish to take resources away from schools. Acquiring additional speed enforcement cameras would allow this expansion of use without impacting the County's ability to manage speeds in school zones. We thank you for your careful consideration. We look forward to continuing to work together with the county in support of a safe, strong, and sustainable National Landing.

Respectfully,

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