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SMART SCALE

Commissioner Stephen Brich
Virginia Department of Transportation
1401 E. Broad Street
Richmond VA 23219

RE: SMART SCALE application for King Street-Bradlee Safety and Mobility Improvements

Dear Commissioner Brich:

On behalf of the Board of Directors of the Fairlington Citizens Association (FCA), which represents over 3600 households in Arlington and Alexandria, I am writing to express FCA's support for the application by the City of Alexandria for Smart Scale funding of the King Street – Bradlee Safety and Mobility Improvements.

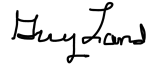
The improvements envisioned by the proposal address the key goals of the Smart Scale project. The one-way conversion of the access road adjacent to the Bradlee Shopping Center, along with wider sidewalks and new bike paths, will enhance safety in the area, reduce associated congestion, facilitate DASH bus service, and improve access to the area by pedestrians and bicyclists.

FCA represents the Arlington residents who live along King Street on the north side of the street. They frequently visit the Bradlee shopping center and the adjacent Safeway to shop. We are pleased that the plan maintains two-way access to the Safeway. Improving safe access to Bradlee will help the shopping center remain economically competitive. Moreover, this portion of King Street is a major access point to South Fairlington. Its safety and attractiveness have an impact on both the quality of life of our residents and are attributes of the value of the investment they have made in their condos.

We are particularly pleased that the project includes plans for improved stormwater management along King Street. We see this as an important environmental component of the proposal. Currently poor stormwater management results in water being directed to the three condominium associations in Arlington that lie along that part of King Street. FCA has had several conversations with Alexandria staff over the past five or six years in seeking a solution to this environmental and aesthetic problem. We are pleased that this will be part of the Smart Scale project, and we look forward to working with the City as it transforms a general concept into a detailed management design.

The King Street-Bradlee improvements project will address a number of issues that have plagued this area for a number of years as the volume of traffic around Bradlee has grown. We encourage you to view the City's application favorably.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Guy Land". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large, looped initial "G".

Guy Land
President