

March 21, 2022

Dear Mr. Henkin and Members of Arlingtonians for Our Sustainable Future,

Thank you for writing to the County Board to share your concerns regarding the Plan Langston Boulevard process. My colleagues and I read your letter on the day it was received, and we appreciate you sharing your concerns.

Currently, the County's planning staff are incorporating the resident and stakeholder feedback that was gathered throughout the Plan Langston Boulevard process as they prepare the Preliminary Concept Plan. Board members expect that this draft will reflect the community's feedback on the Land Use Scenario Analysis and Neighborhood Area Concepts. As you are aware, the community as a whole has stressed the importance of environmental sustainability, new publicly accessible open spaces, and new stormwater infrastructure throughout, which my colleagues and I fully support. In addition, members of the community have expressed a desire for new affordable housing units and a more diverse housing supply, which we see as critical to improving the area's housing affordability. The rankings of these objectives ranged across the five neighborhood areas, and we recognize that different neighborhoods have different needs and priorities.

We understand your concerns regarding small-scale, ad-hoc infrastructure improvements. Infrastructure improvements – large and small scale – can be implemented effectively and holistically through the site plan process, and we welcome your continued engagement as the process continues.

The Planning team is continuing to prepare the draft Preliminary Concept Plan (PCP), and staff remains committed to sharing materials with the community before the planned April 24th Earth Day event. Staff expects to announce meeting dates by the week of March 28th, and the Board looks forward to reviewing it and engaging extensively with the community. We hope that the plan will clarify remaining questions or concerns and provide opportunities for specific feedback. It is our desire that the PCP will appropriately balance the priorities of the neighborhoods with the region's growing demand for development and infrastructure investments.

Thank you again for continuing to share your feedback and concerns regarding this process. Plan Langston Boulevard is an ongoing process that will have many opportunities for feedback, refinements, and adjustments. We look forward to your continued engagement to ensure that Langston Boulevard is a sustainable, vibrant corridor.

Sincerely,

Katie Cristol

Chair, Arlington County Board

Matt de Ferranti

Member, Arlington County Board

County Board Liaison, Plan Langston Boulevard