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Mayor William D. Euille and Members of City Council
City Hall
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Re: Potomac Yard Metrorail Station – Preferred Alternative Endorsement

Dear Mayor Euille and Members of City Council:

At the Transportation Commission meeting held on May April 11, 2015, staff provided its recommendation for a Locally Preferred Alternative (LPA) for the Potomac Yard Metrorail station. On behalf of the Transportation Commission, I am writing to urge your approval of the City staff's recommendation of Alternative B for the location of the future Potomac Yard Metrorail Station.

We believe that Alternative B provides the best balance between land use and transportation, with the highest potential to serve future density and serve the largest number of potential riders. Alternative B provides the most economic benefit to the City, while providing an opportunity for smart growth and a walkable, compact, urban community, consistent with City plans.

We look forward to working with Council and staff as the City continues more detailed planning and design for the new Metrorail station. Some of the specific issues that should continue to be explored as part of the station development include emergency access, installation of Capital Bikeshare and secure bicycle parking on both sides of the track, accessibility, safe and well designed pedestrian and bicycle circulation and connectivity to adjacent neighborhoods.

Sincerely,

Jerry King
Vice Chair, Alexandria Transportation Commission