

Attachment 3– Resident Group Support Letter Posted to Rosemont Listserv

Neighbors,

A group of us thoroughly reviewed the Russell/King/Callahan project. We read the materials, visited the intersection, reviewed traffic counts on each of the three streets, and considered the pros and cons of each option. We use the intersection regularly, often several times a day. We also had several discussions with the city's project leader Christine Mayeur, including a long Zoom call today.

After our initial discussions with Christine, the city agreed to increase the timing of the traffic lights on southbound Russell Road to 30 seconds from 22 seconds. This change, which was implemented on Thursday, October 29 for a six-month trial, has already improved traffic flow on Russell Road.

After carefully weighing each of the options the city presented, the consensus of the group is to support Option 4.

The goal of the city's project is to enhance safety and accessibility for pedestrians and bicyclists to both the Amtrak and King Street Metro stations.

- Option 4 does that by adding sidewalks and shorter crossings for pedestrians.
- Option 4 also makes the 30-second traffic light time on southbound Russell permanent. Actually, it will become 30.4 seconds. Woohoo!
- Southbound Russell and northbound Callahan traffic will flow concurrently reducing overall wait time at the intersection.
- Option 4 adds a left-turn lane from northbound Callahan to westbound King Street. It combines the through traffic on northbound Callahan with traffic turning right on to King Street East, which will mean fewer cars will queue up in the through lane. Currently, there is no left-turn lane from northbound Callahan onto King Street West.
 - Option 4 keeps two lanes on southbound Callahan. This does not mean two lanes SB from Russell to Callahan. This allows a car to make a left into the Amtrak station and not block thru SB traffic going to Duke Street.

Most importantly, this group picked an option that improved the flow of traffic for all approaches to best serve all our communities.

At our request, the city has extended the comment period through 5 p.m. on Monday, November 9. We urge you to send in your comments. **Link here to the comments page.** <https://www.alexandriava.gov/uploadedFiles/localmotion/info/gettingaround/KCRPresentationfinal.pdf>

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