

**Potomac Yard Metrorail Implementation Work Group
Alexandria, Virginia**

Members of City Council
City Hall
301 King Street
Alexandria, VA 22314

June 17, 2019

Re: Potomac Yard Metrorail Station

Dear Members of City Council:

Over the past six months, the Potomac Yard Metrorail Implementation Work Group (PYMIG) has provided input to the project team regarding potential enhancements to the Southwest entry to the future Potomac Yard Metrorail Station, after learning that the Commonwealth was providing \$50 million in funding as part of the Amazon Incentive Package.

After review and deliberations, PYMIG recommends to Council that the project team move forward with analyzing a Modified Idea #1, while also further refining the DSUP Approved design to consider additional improvements to enhance the sense of entry, safety and accessibility. The analysis should use consistent costing tools and assumptions, and both options should be refined and analyzed in tandem with each other. It is important that the project move forward on schedule and within budget.

PYMIG worked with the project team to develop three ideas, including Idea #1-Southwest Entrance Pavilion with bridge; Idea #2-Ramp to E. Glebe Road with moving walkway; and Idea #3-Southwest Entrance Pavilion with small mezzanine. In the spring of 2019, staff reiterated to the PYMIG that all of the ideas needed to go through a pricing exercise to determine a realistic anticipated cost, as well as any impacts to the project schedule.

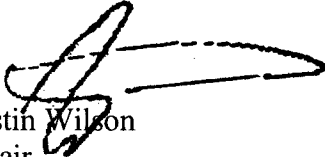
On May 31, 2019, the City Manager forwarded a memorandum to PYMIG noting the results of the pricing exercise and potential schedule impacts, as well as a recommendation to further refine Idea #1 to determine if its cost could be within the \$50 million budget. At its June 10, 2019 meeting, staff presented an overview of the pricing analysis results, and recommended next steps.

During the June 10 meeting, the PYMIG members provided the following feedback:

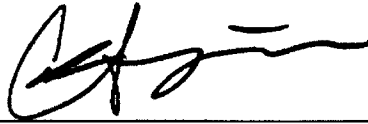
- 1) Given the project budget and schedule, there are two realistic options that could move forward, including a Modified Idea #1, and the DSUP Approved design.
- 2) The project team should further examine how the \$50 million could be used to enhance the DSUP Approved design to further improve a sense of entry, safety, and access, especially to the disabled community.

The PYMIG members appreciate the opportunity to provide input on the Potomac Yard Metrorail Station Project, as well as the consideration of its input by the City Council.

Sincerely,



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Chair



Canek Aguirre
Vice-Chair

cc: Potomac Yard Metrorail Implementation Work Group (PYMIG)
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