



Arlington Heights Civic Association  
Arlington, VA 22204

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Hannah Nicely  
Arlington Neighborhoods Program, Neighborhood Services Division  
Department of Community Planning, Housing and Development  
2100 Clarendon Boulevard  
Arlington, VA 22201

Re: Traffic Calming Measures and Intersection Improvements on 1<sup>st</sup> Road S from S Glebe Rd to S Old Glebe Road

Dear Ms. Nicely,

I am writing on behalf of the Arlington Heights Civic Association (AHCA) regarding the Arlington Neighborhood Program's project on 1<sup>st</sup> Road S. The project includes traffic calming measures and intersection improvements on 1<sup>st</sup> Road S from S Glebe Road to S Old Glebe Road. AHCA fully supports and approves this project and asks that it continues to move forward.

Arlington Heights is one of the oldest neighborhoods in Arlington County and is home to over 1,000 households living in single-family homes, historical duplexes, condominiums, and apartments. We are also the home to the Arlington County Fair, the Columbia Pike Blues Festival, more public schools than any other neighborhood in the county, and a diverse collection of small businesses and restaurants.

Our neighborhood has been supportive of moving forward with this project for over seven years. In 2016, AHCA nominated this project as its first priority for NCAC funding. In its nomination letter from 2016, AHCA noted the project would alleviate speeding, wrong way driving, and other illegal and unsafe practices that pose a major safety threat to the residents located on the 3600 block of 1<sup>st</sup> Road S. Since the original proposal in 2016, the need for the project has only grown following the construction of Alice West Fleet Elementary School leading to increased traffic and unsafe use of the road. In addition, the surrounding area has seen many accidents, including a fatal hit-and-run pedestrian crash in 2022. The completion of this project will help make 1<sup>st</sup> Road S safer for both the residents on the street and the greater Arlington community.

Thank you for your consideration,

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