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Arlington County Board
2100 Clarendon Blvd
Suite 300
Arlington, VA 22201

Dear Members of the Board,

On behalf of the Board of Directors of Arlington Families for Safe Streets as well our coalition partners on this matter, we are sending this letter to begin a dialogue about a pedestrian safety issue that involves us all.

On December 14, 2024, the County Board voted to authorize a \$31 million dollar investment in redeveloping Gateway Park. Unfortunately, the plan does not preserve the pedestrian bridgeway that crosses eastbound vehicular traffic on Langston Boulevard.

The decision to discard this bridge could prove tragic. Langston Boulevard eastbound through Rosslyn is one of the most dangerous streets in the County. Multiple intersections in this corridor appear on a short list of the County's danger zones (see [2024 Hotspot Analysis](#)).

We understand that the possibility of preserving this bridge was not actively considered, [due to a condition in a 2012 site plan](#). It has come to our attention that this site plan is [set to expire](#) in summer 2025, which may present an opportunity to preserve this potentially life-saving bridge.

We would appreciate the opportunity to discuss with you the importance of prioritizing pedestrian safety for a park that is just two blocks away from [one of the busiest Metro and bus stations in Virginia](#). We look forward to working with you to revisit the design decisions for pedestrian access to Gateway Park. Together we can ensure that pedestrian safety is preserved, lives are saved and not lost because of this redevelopment. We strongly urge that a bridge be factored into the final devolvment of Gateway Park and with the upcoming development with the Rosslyn Gateway Project. We invite you to join our coalition members for an exchange of information on this matter of importance. We will send personal invitations to each one of you, hoping that we can meet with one or two at a time.

We are looking forward to working with you.

Respectfully,

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