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Senator Mark R. Warner
703 Hard Senate Office Building
Washington, DC 20510

Senator Tim Kaine
231 Russell Senate Office Building
Washington, DC 20510

Dear Senator Warner and Senator Kaine,

Alexandria Families for Safer Streets (AFSS), a pedestrian safety focused nonprofit, strongly supports the City of Alexandria's request for federal funding for the **King and Commonwealth Streetscape Improvement Project**.

Our organization advocates for safer streets so that everyone—especially children, older adults, and people with disabilities—can move through Alexandria without fear of serious injury or death. The area surrounding the King Street Metro Station is one of the city's busiest transportation hubs, where trains, buses, cars, bicycles, scooters and thousands of pedestrians converge every day. While the station serves more than a million Metro riders annually and hundreds of thousands of regional rail passengers, the surrounding streets were not designed to safely accommodate the level of activity experienced today. Narrow sidewalks, limited space for cyclists & scooters, and heavy bus and vehicle traffic create conditions that are challenging and sometimes unsafe for people walking, biking and other modes of multimodal transportation.

The replacement of the century-old rail bridges above King Street and Commonwealth Avenue by the Virginia Passenger Rail Authority's statewide "Transforming Rail in Virginia" initiative, creates a rare opportunity to redesign this corridor so it works better for everyone. The City's proposal would add protected bicycle lanes, widen sidewalks, and improve the overall streetscape to provide safer and clearer space for each type of traveler. These changes directly support Alexandria's Vision Zero commitment to eliminate traffic deaths and serious injuries. They will also improve access to transit, allowing more people to reach Metro, VRE, Amtrak, and local buses safely without needing to drive.

Infrastructure decisions shape safety outcomes for generations. By supporting this project, Congress can help ensure that one of Alexandria's most important transit gateways reflect modern safety standards and protects the people who rely on it every day.

We appreciate your consideration and urge you to support this important investment in safer streets.

Sincerely,


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