

SUSTAINABLE MOBILITY



FOR ARLINGTON COUNTY

March 22, 2024

The Honorable Tim Kaine and Mark Warner
United States Senators for Virginia
United States Senate
Washington, DC 20510

Dear Senators Kaine and Warner:

On behalf of Sustainable Mobility for Arlington County, I am writing in strong support of Congressional earmark funding for Arlington County's South George Mason Drive Safety and Accessibility Project.

This project would transform South George Mason Drive, which is currently a high-speed automotive thoroughfare, into a Complete Street that is safe and comfortable for everyone, no matter how they choose to get around.

It would connect residents of two of Arlington's Equity Emphasis Areas, Buckingham and Barcroft Apartments, to parks, retail, and important job centers such as the National Foreign Affairs Training Center and the Army National Guard Readiness Center.

When Arlington reimagined its Bike Plan in 2019, one of the clearest themes in public input was the need for better north-south connections for people biking, scooting, and rolling. George Mason Drive is our best opportunity to fulfill that community need.

For these reasons & more, it is critical that Arlington County receive funding for the South George Mason Drive Safety and Accessibility Project. This project will also directly connect to the Arlington Blvd Trail South Side Improvements project which received funding in FY2024 through this same program, magnifying the impact of those federal dollars even further.

Sincerely,

Christopher Slatt
President, Sustainable Mobility for Arlington County