

Crystal City Metro East Entrance Project

30% Design Update Virtual Public Meeting

September 6, 2022, 7-8pm

Q&A Transcript

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| Nate Graham (nsgraham@arlingtonva.us) | 7:03:13 PM | For a copy of tonight's presentation slides in Spanish: https://www.arlingtonva.us/files/sharedassets/public/transportation/documents/spanish-2022-08_ccee_designupdate_fall2022.pdf |
| Nate Graham (nsgraham@arlingtonva.us) | 7:03:35 PM | For a copy of tonight's presentation slides in Chinese: https://www.arlingtonva.us/files/sharedassets/public/transportation/documents/chinese-2022-08_ccee_designupdate_fall2022.pdf |
| Anonymous (Unverified) | 7:14:16 PM | Can you show the design with the current buildings? You don't get to see all the building as shown, right? |
| Eric (Unverified) | 7:18:27 PM | Are there any escalators instead of physical stairs? |
| Anonymous (Unverified) | 7:19:57 PM | There has been so much construction on Crystal Drive with a dangerous amount of construction vehicles and disruption. How long will construction take for the new entrance. Approx. |
| Paul (Unverified) | 7:20:19 PM | How will you ensure that cars will not be able to block the bike lanes? |
| Anonymous (Unverified) | 7:20:59 PM | Is foot traffic between the east entrance and the VRE station/alternate VRE station expected/considered? |
| Anonymous (Unverified) | 7:21:17 PM | How large are the elevators. How large are the elevators. |
| Anonymous (Unverified) | 7:22:38 PM | are the faregates at street level or down the stairs/elevator? |
| Gillian Burgess (Unverified) | 7:22:52 PM | It's great that we're providing more access to transit, but I'm concerned that the design as presented will make conflicts between people using different modes of transportation worse. We all know the road to safety is paved with mode separation. We also know that a Metro entrance will be a prime location for people driving to pull over for pick up and drop off (PUDO). We also know that when the roadway is dangerous to bike in, people bike on the sidewalk. Given all of that, how is this project consistent with Vision Zero conflict |

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| | | reduction? Given the width of the street, why aren't there clear PUDO zones and protected bike lanes, so people walking, biking, and driving have separate places to be? |
| Eric (Unverified) | 7:23:20 PM | The site has a severe slope, how does the building interact with the slope of the property? |
| Collier Cook (Unverified) | 7:24:53 PM | As I understand Arlington County is leading the streetscape redesign, at what point will that be available for public review? I still have serious concerns with the PUDO curb activity and the need for protection to the existing bike lane. |
| Anonymous (Unverified) | 7:26:13 PM | Is there elevator access to the outbound platform? |
| Gillian Burgess (Unverified) | 7:28:06 PM | On the north side of 18th Street, can the section of protected bike lane in front of those loading entrances be raised to sidewalk level, to discourage parking in the bike lane? |
| Gillian Burgess (Unverified) | 7:32:59 PM | Fun fact, Arlington has installed flexposts "on the line" of the bike lane in a few spots in North Arlington. |
| Gillian Burgess (Unverified) | 7:34:57 PM | Small detail: will there be water-bottle fillers at the restrooms? |
| Gillian Burgess (Unverified) | 7:35:54 PM | Will Arlington commit to separate modes on Crystal Drive - and if the reflective flexposts don't work to add more hardened protection over time? |
| Collier Cook (Unverified) | 7:36:23 PM | The platform-level (outbound) elevator lobby is visually disconnected from the rest the station and will feel isolated. What measures will be taken to reduce the likelihood of antisocial behavior in that space? |
| Anonymous (Unverified) | 7:36:24 PM | Where can we find more info on new VRE entrance? Will the foot traffic from the new VRE entrance to the 18th Street metro opening go behind 1801 Crystal Drive, Crystal Place apartments? |
| Anonymous (Unverified) | 7:37:57 PM | Agree with the concern about curb activity and am just as concerned about foot traffic safety at that location, which is already a serious issue. |
| Tim Brulle (tbrulle@arlingtonva.us) | 7:46:46 PM | https://projects.vre.org/project?Project=Crystal%20City%20Station%20Improvements (Where can we find more info on new VRE entrance? Will the foot traffic from the new VRE entrance to the 18th Street metro opening go behind 1801 Crystal Drive, Crystal Place apartments?) |
| Nate Graham (nsgraham@arlingtonva.us) | 7:47:59 PM | https://www.arlingtonva.us/Government/Projects/Project-Types/Transportation-Projects/18th-Street-South-Realignment |
| Eric (Unverified) | 7:48:13 PM | Will this construction impact the use of the station? |
| Collier Cook (Unverified) | 7:48:13 PM | Will the Crystal Drive bike lanes be maintained throughout construction? |
| Gillian Burgess (Unverified) | 7:57:05 PM | Thanks, y'all |