



March 15, 2019

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

Dear Chair Dorsey and Members of the Arlington County Board,

On behalf of the members of the Northern Virginia Transportation Alliance, I am writing to share our strong support for the performance agreement with Amazon to locate its new headquarters in Northern Virginia.

For more than 30 years, the Northern Virginia Transportation Alliance has been the leading voice for regional transportation solutions in Northern Virginia. Bringing together citizens, businesses, and other nonprofit organizations, the Alliance is committed to improving mobility and building a 21<sup>st</sup> century transportation network for our region.

The transportation investments included in this agreement by Arlington County and the Commonwealth of Virginia are an important step forward for our transportation network and will contribute to further economic development throughout Northern Virginia. These improvements have long been a part of the community's long-range transportation capital improvement plans. Accelerating the timeline for these projects to meet the transportation needs of our growing community is a wise decision by state and local policymakers.

As our region continues to add residents and employers, our transportation system needs to keep pace to ensure that growth is not stifled by inadequate investment in our transportation infrastructure. The decision by Amazon to locate at National Landing – a nexus for multimodal transportation options including I-395, Richmond Highway, Reagan National Airport, Metro, BRT, and VRE - shows just how important transportation infrastructure is to the continued economic development, growth and success of our region.

In order to meet the transportation needs of not just Arlington residents, but Northern Virginia residents who will work for Amazon and choose to live in other parts of the region, the Alliance urges you to adopt this performance agreement and fulfill our commitment to Amazon so that our region can continue to grow and prosper.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads 'Jason Stanford'. The signature is written in a cursive style with a large initial 'J'.

Jason Stanford

Executive Director

CC: County Board Vice Chair Libby Garvey, County Board Member Katie Cristol, County Board Member Matt de Ferranti, County Board Member Erik Gutshall, County Manager Mark Schwartz

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