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Director, Division of Transportation
2100 Clarendon Blvd. Room 900
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Subject: Civic Association Support for S. Joyce St. improvements

Dennis and Staff,

Arlington Ridge Civic Association (ARCA) strongly endorses the concept plan that Richard Best and staff presented at the April 14 Aurora Highlands Civic Association (AHCA) meeting, attended by interested parties from both Civic Associations. We urge you to proceed on this plan with all possible speed, as the Associations' volunteer staffing overlooked these developer funds for too long.

We were pleased at the County proposal to narrow the road between the ball fields and River houses – a solution that deals so directly with speeding issues – an overly wide residential street -- that we overlooked this obvious solution during multiple onsite meetings with Mr. Best and staff. A sidewalk addition on the ball field side should also make crossings to Metro much safer for those walking from the high-rises and the single-family neighborhood.

ARCA participated in developing the AHCA Neighborhood Conservation Plan, and fully supports the goal of completing the sidewalk network between S. 23rd Street and Pentagon City. The western blocks of this neighborhood are within ARCA boundaries. ARCA's 1997 NC survey identified traffic controls and pedestrian safety as the pre-eminent concern of residents. ARCA has pursued these concerns vigorously over the past decade, working with County staff on Army-Navy Drive, S. Joyce Street, Arlington Ridge Road, and S. 23rd Street. Your proposed Joyce Street improvements are entirely consistent with our historical and current concerns over traffic controls and pedestrian access and safety.

Thanks for an excellent plan.

Respectfully,

Chick Walter, President
Arlington Ridge Civic Association

Cc: Richard Best, DES/Transportation