

January 14, 1999

To: The County Board of Arlington, Virginia

From: William T. Donahue, County Manager

Subject: Amendment to the Comprehensive Plan, Master Transportation Plan – Arlington County Pedestrian Transportation Plan – to specify a revised Rosslyn Skywalk network

RECOMMENDATION: Defer action to the May 22, 1999 County Board Meeting and May 10, 1999 Planning Commission Meeting.

ISSUE: Whether to amend the Comprehensive Plan, Master Transportation Plan – Arlington County Pedestrian Transportation Plan – to designate the phasing out of three Rosslyn Skywalk bridges (Bridges B, D, and E), and to designate the addition of a planned bridge across North Kent Street (Bridge F).

BACKGROUND: At the County Board meeting on December 1, 1998 (recessed session of the November 14th meeting), the County Board amended the Comprehensive Plan to designate deleting the Skywalk bridge across 19th Street North (Bridge A in the attached figure). At the same time, the Board approved a site plan for 1801 North Lynn Street, at the South end of that bridge. At the North end of bridge A and also linked to Bridge B, there is a site plan under consideration for the Waterview Buildings at the northeast corner of North Lynn and 19th Streets. It is recommended that the County Board defer action on amending the Comprehensive Plan concerning the four other bridges (Bridges B, D, E and F), so that consideration of these matters can be in conjunction with the site plan.

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Reviewed by County Attorney: _____