

January 9, 2023

Dear County Board Chair Christian Dorsey  
Vice Chair Libby Garvey,  
Board Member, Katie Cristol,  
Board Member Matt de Ferranti,  
Board Member Takis P. Karantonis

RE: Starting Date of the Carlin Springs Road Corridor Study in the CIP

The undersigned presidents of civic associations along Carlin Springs Road urge the County to start the Carlin Springs Road Corridor Study in 2023, and definitely no later than 2024. The 2023-2032 Capital Improvement Plan (CIP) calls for the study to start in 2025, two years away. The study is too important to traffic safety to be delayed for that long.

Safety and accessibility for all modes of transportation in this corridor are vital. Carlin Springs Road runs through several residential neighborhoods. Moreover three schools are on or very near this road: Kenmore Middle School, Campbell Elementary, and Carlin Springs Elementary.

Deferring the start of this study to 2025 will delay necessary progress in improving traffic safety in this area. The study, which will involve the full corridor from Glebe Road to the County line, will include a complete planning process to review the corridor for potential multimodal improvements and recommend capital investments to achieve this. These improvements likely will not take place until years after the study begins. Such a long delay in the start of this important study is inconsistent with the County's commitment to pedestrian safety as shown by the Vision Zero program.

Our associations have long been concerned with promoting traffic safety along Carlin Springs Road. For example, a resolution was co-signed in February 2022 between the Bluemont Civic Association (BCA) and Arlington Forest Citizens Association (AFCA) for the implementation of N. Carlin Springs Road Safety Improvements. The Glencarlyn Citizens' Association and the Forest Glen Civic Association raised traffic safety as one of the most important concerns in discussions of the County's use of the Virginia Hospital Center property on S. Carlin Springs Road. An Arlington Mill resident has had several meetings with county board members and staff related to Carlin Springs Road safety issues.

These actions show that broad community support exists for improvements to Carlin Springs Road. We look forward to continuing to engage with the County as we seek to improve traffic safety along that corridor and throughout Arlington.

Sincerely,  
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Arlington Mill Civic Association

Henry McFarland, President  
Bluemont Civic Association

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Forest Glen Civic Association

Julie Lee, President  
Glencarlyn Civic Association