



**To:** County Board

**From:** Eric Cassel, President of the Crystal City Civic Association

**Subject:** Board Item 30: Crystal City Commuter Store.

**Date:** November 15, 2024

The Crystal City Commuter Store has provided important transit services to the Crystal City Civic Association community for over a decade. In addition to selling all forms of transit media, it provides information on how to get from point to point throughout the DMV. It is particularly valuable for seniors because they can purchase senior taxi coupon books, which enable seniors to travel by taxi at half price. The location of the store next to the Metro entrance provides an accessible service to commuters to and from Crystal City which helps the County support and encourage the use of transit, reducing traffic, pollution, etc.

Closing this store would send the wrong signal to the community, including residents and workers that use transit, as well as seniors with limited mobility issues. A random mobile store is not a solution and as a transit heavy community, we are very disappointed in the closure of the store.