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From: Crystal City Civic Association

Subject: Phase 2 Report on Route 1 Multi-modal Study

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With the Phase 2 report, the Route 1 multi-modal project contains some things we have advocated for:

- 1) Wider width between buildings to provide for adequate sidewalks.
- 2) A Barns Dance at 18th Street
- 3) 25 mile an hour speed limit.

We commend the staff for including these things. We do have some concerns:

- 1) The single multi-direction lane southbound on US 1 at 15th street for turning right (west) onto 15th Street is inadequate. Currently two dedicated lanes with a right-turn on red allow a large number of cars to turn right. More recent traffic counts show this traffic has significantly increased. Even if some cars take the Army-Navy Drive exit, we think this turn needs a dedicated right turn lane.
- 2) Many residents do not see the overall benefits from the project. While everyone likes multi-modal roads, the amount of discomfort during construction has many residents worried. This project will take at least two years of serious delays, detours and general mayhem.
- 3) Lastly, with this report finished, we also wonder where the money will come to complete the project. We think the money could be better spent on other projects.

We look forward to the report on the I-395 Interchange.

