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**Alexandria Chamber of Commerce Outraged By Change to Potomac Yard Metro Design**

ALEXANDRIA, VA – The Alexandria Chamber of Commerce is dismayed the current design for the long-awaited Potomac Yard Metro Station now no longer includes a southern entrance to the station at East Glebe Road or a south station mezzanine. The Chamber has long advocated the need to bring Metro to Potomac Yard. The new metro station is widely regarded as Alexandria’s highest priority economic development project, one that’s necessary to balance and grow our tax base. The economic promise of Potomac Yard depends almost entirely on a well-designed, fully accessible metro station. Removing the southern entrance and mezzanine to the station will greatly diminish the benefits of the Potomac Yard Metro Station.

The proposed changes deletion diminish the economic impact of the new metro station, but they also represent a violation of trust with the businesses and residents who have already invested in Potomac Yard based on the promise of a fully functioning metro station. To spring this on them now, when many have already signed leases or begun construction, suggests a partner acting in bad faith.

The Chamber is sensitive to the need and desire to complete this project in as cost effective and timely manner as possible and we certainly do not want to see this project delayed any further. But to do it in the diminished manner currently proposed would represent a lost development deletion opportunity that will be felt for years to come.

The Chamber plans to pursue remedies at the local, state and federal level.

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**About the Alexandria Chamber of Commerce:** Formed in 1906 by a group of local business leaders, the Alexandria Chamber of Commerce seeks to ensure a climate that grows and strengthens businesses in Alexandria, Virginia, and provides a voice that advocates on the behalf of members. For more information, visit [www.alexchamber.com](http://www.alexchamber.com)