



## ARLINGTON COUNTY, VIRGINIA

**County Board Agenda Item  
Meeting of January 22, 2011**

**DATE:** January 10, 2011

**SUBJECT:** SP #56 SITE PLAN AMENDMENT to reconfigure the service drive; located at 1999 Jefferson Davis Highway and 1800, 1851 and 1901 S. Bell St. (RPC#: 34-026-035 & -037).

**Applicant:**  
VNO Hotel, LLC

**By:**  
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**C.M. RECOMMENDATION:**

Defer consideration of the subject Site Plan Amendment request to the February 12, 2011, County Board meeting.

**ISSUES:** This is a request to modify the vehicle service drive of an existing hotel in Crystal City that has previously been deferred four times (July, September, October and November 2010). The applicant did submit revised plans that incorporate suggested design improvements recommended by staff. The revised plans introduced the potential for a joint capital improvement project between the applicant and the County that will shorten the corner radius at the northwest corner of South Bell Street and 20th Street South. The applicant now requests a deferral to the February 12, 2011 County Board Meeting to allow for the preparation of the contract delineating costs and responsibilities for the improvement project.

**DISCUSSION:** VNO Hotel, LLC, operators of the Crystal Marriott, propose to improve pedestrian circulation and safety by reclaiming some of the service drive area. Staff's review of the service drive reconfiguration plans led the applicant to discover additional design considerations that will improve the project and are consistent with the newly adopted vision for Crystal City. The applicant resubmitted plans that suggested to County staff an opportunity for a

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Staff: Neil Thompson, Planning Division, DCPHD  
Robert Gibson, DES, Division of Transportation

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joint capital improvement project that will improve the geometry of the intersection of South Bell Street and 20th Street South by shortening the radius of the northwest corner. The shortened radius calms vehicular traffic while improving sight lines and shortens the crosswalks. A contract needs to be negotiated between the applicant and the County delineating costs and responsibilities for the improvement project. The applicant is requesting a deferral to the March meeting to allow for the preparation of a contract to make the capital improvements. Therefore, it is recommended that the subject site plan amendment be deferred to the February 12, 2011, County Board meeting.



