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Dear Mr. Hummell and members of the North Rosslyn Civic Association,

On behalf of my colleagues on County Board, I write to thank you for your letter expressing concerns about the lack of crosswalks at the intersection of North Nash and Key Boulevard. John Vihstadt and I also appreciated the opportunity to discuss this issue with NRCA and with Turnberry Towers residents, respectively, in recent months.

While the Board members respect the concerns of the civic association, and those specifically voiced by residents of the Turnberry Tower, we will not be directing staff to re-mark the crosswalks at this intersection at this time, for reasons relating to pedestrian safety and ADA compliance.

As you noted in your letter, there is no curb ramp on the east side of Nash Street at the location of the previous crosswalk. Provisions of the Americans with Disabilities act require that crossings must be accessible to all users regardless of abilities; therefore, a marked crossing at this location would not be ADA compliant.

Our staff have also raised safety concerns with a crossing on the North side of the intersection, including the two driveway entrances for the Arlington United Methodist Church that limit visibility and create conflicts with pedestrians waiting to cross, and the need for pedestrians to cross four lanes of traffic at that point. For these reasons, staff feel that the safest course of action is for pedestrians to utilize nearby signaled crossings.

We recognize that this is not the outcome preferred by the Civic Association or by Turnberry Towers residents, but we do appreciate your ongoing partnership on a variety of issues throughout the Rosslyn community. Thank you again for sharing your concerns with the Arlington County Board.

Sincerely,

Katie Cristol
Chair, Arlington County Board