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Envisioning the Future of Arlington

Arlington, VA - Leadership Arlington gathered approximately 50 leaders from the public, private, and nonprofit sectors to experience Arlington's current economic development drivers on a bus tour that traveled through Arlington County on the morning of Saturday, June 6th. During this tour, leaders engaged in dialogue to envision Arlington's future in order to build successful community solutions together.



Bus Tour Participants

With transportation supported by Reston Limousine, the tour started at Virginia Hospital Center, then viewed current projects in Ballston, and unloaded briefly on Columbia Pike. During the stop, one guest commended the County, private businesses and area nonprofits for working together in revitalizing the area, especially in Penrose Square. From Columbia Pike, they traveled to Crystal City, where they observed contrasts between new and old buildings.

Conversations touched on the opportunities to inject life in the community and to diminish high vacancy rates. The tour also drove by Long Bridge Park where they learned about its transition from a brownfield, industrial site to a recreational outdoor public space that was redeveloped to benefit the residents, employees and businesses in Crystal City. The end of the trip wrapped up by briefly exploring Rosslyn, driving down through the Lee Highway corridor, and returning to Virginia Hospital Center.

Throughout the tour, those leading initiatives or projects as an area was passed, shared interesting facts and important data points with other riders. At the conclusion of envisioning the future of Arlington tour, participants met other leaders in different sectors and felt more empowered with information about the opportunities and challenges in the Arlington community.

The purpose of holding the event was to **enlighten** leaders on the current economic opportunities in Arlington, to **inspire** local leadership to embrace new possibilities, and to **connect** the public, private, and nonprofit sectors in dialogue envisioning and experiencing the future for the community.



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About Leadership Arlington

The mission of Leadership Arlington is to enlighten, inspire and connect leaders to strengthen the community. The vision of Leadership Arlington is a prepared, inspired and inclusive leadership who together embrace responsibility for the common good. For more information, visit www.leadershiparlington.org or call 703-528-2522.