

**Subject: DES- Commuter Ferry Service**

**FY 2018 Proposed Budget  
Budget Work Session Follow-up**

**3/28/2017**

The following information is provided in response to a request made by Mr. John Vihstadt for the work session on 3/28/2017: What is staff's perspective on the utility for Arlington of a commuter ferry service and what steps would be necessary to secure Potomac River access?

Our Transportation Division continues to explore ways to expand multimodal commuting options that are convenient, easily accessible, reliable and cost-effective. Exploration of commuter ferry service would require the participation of our jurisdictional partners.

All of Arlington's water access to the Potomac River is controlled by the Department of Defense, the National Park Service (NPS)/GW Memorial Parkway or by MWAA Reagan National Airport. This limits Arlington's ability to directly facilitate ferry connections along the river. In addition, none of the County's neighborhoods or commercial districts actually front on the river. Any potential future connections must be advanced collaboratively with, DOD, NPS and MWAA.