

Bulova Byline

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On Tuesday, the Board of Supervisors approved the hiring of former Deputy County Executive Ed Long to succeed Fairfax County Executive Anthony Griffin. The board's vote was unanimous, a clear demonstration of our strong support and faith in Ed.

Ed Long has worked for the County for 34 years, beginning with his years as a Budget Analyst in August of 1977. His knowledge of Fairfax County, its employees, and its budget process will be invaluable as he fills this new role. Ed brings to the table the institutional knowledge and extensive experience that will help make the transition to a new County Executive seamless.

Ed is known as a steady and trustworthy leader. I believe that his skills and management style will continue to foster the culture of excellence that Fairfax County Government is so well known for.

The decision to choose the next County Executive was a significant one and I want to thank all Fairfax County employees for their thoughtful feedback throughout the process.

In addition to appointing a new County Executive, the Fairfax County Board of Supervisors took action on a few other very important items such as Dulles Rail Phase 2, Silver Line Station names, and the County budget.

Enjoy this special, late breaking edition of the Bulova Byline!

Sincerely,

Sharon Bulova – Chairman, Fairfax County Board of Supervisors

Fairfax County Board Reaffirms Commitment to Dulles Rail

On Tuesday, the Fairfax County Board of Supervisors reaffirmed our commitment to Phase 2 of the **Dulles Corridor Metrorail Project**. It is my hope that Phase 2 will move forward as planned and we will all be able to take advantage of the enormous economic development opportunities the Silver Line extension will present.

This vote comes after significant public outreach that included a series of public meetings, online forums, and a full public hearing to receive comments from county residents. At these events and at online forums, we received mostly favorable comments and testimony. A common theme concerned affordability of the Dulles Toll Road. This is something that I am working hard to address and am hopeful that funding from the General Assembly for this purpose will be forthcoming.

This vote not only comes on the heels of recent public outreach, but after many years of work toward realizing Rail to Dulles. It's important to remember that groundwork for rail in corridor was actually laid decades ago **beginning in the 1960's with construction of Dulles Airport**. I wrote a lengthy history of the project in this month's Bulova Byline which can be downloaded at http://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/chairman/pdf/byline_apr12.pdf.

Fairfax County reaffirmed its commitment to the completion of the project Tuesday and I am hopeful that our partners in Loudoun County will come to a positive decision in order to keep this project on track. **Rail to Dulles remains my top transportation priority** and I will continue to work to complete this project in a way that is affordable to our residents, commuters and corporate neighbors.

Silver Line Station Name Recommendations Approved By Board

In addition to voting to move forward with Phase 2 of the Dulles Corridor Metrorail Project, the Fairfax County Board of Supervisors approved **Silver Line station name recommendations**. After the Washington Metro Area Transit

Authority rejected our initial suggestions, Fairfax County reached out to the community to solicit feedback. The Silver Line station name survey drew over **16,000 responses**. The WMATA Board will now hold a vote on final approval of these station names:

<p>McLean (Tysons-McLean) Tysons Corner (Tysons I&H) Greensboro (Tysons Central) Spring Hill (Tysons-Spring Hill Road)</p>	<p>Wihle-Reston East (Reston-Wihle Avenue) Reston Town Center Herndon (Herndon-Reston West) Innovation Center (Herndon-Dulles East)</p>
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Fairfax Board of Supervisors Holds First Night of Budget Hearings

The Advertised Budget has been the subject of numerous community forums and town meetings throughout the past weeks. The adoption of the County Budget is one of the most important things our Board does. When we adopt a budget we are investing in our community's priorities. It is critical that the community is engaged and at the table with us as we consider changes to what has been advertised.

In addition to town meetings our Board will be holding Public Hearings at the Government Center the afternoons and evenings of April 10, 11 and 12. You can sign up to speak by going to www.fairfaxcounty.gov/bosclerk/speaker_bos.htm or by calling the Clerk to the Board at 703 324 3151. Detailed information on the budget can be found by going to <http://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/dmb>.