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Dulles Express Shuttle Service

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Dulles International Airport brings thousands of people to Fairfax County everyday. The Airport has a significant impact on the economic success of the County. With advent of the Dulles Rail project, access to the Airport will be easier than it has ever been before.

Currently the cost of express transportation to the airport is in excess of ten dollars each way to and from the West Falls Church Metro station. While there is a Metro bus that serves the airport, there are multiple stops along the way which is a deterrent for business travelers, and it does not stop in Tysons on weekdays during the morning and evening rush hour. Perhaps there is an opportunity to provide a more affordable direct connection between the airport and Tysons Corner which would have a positive impact on the economy, increase the ease of access to the airport, and help us build ridership for the rail line between Tysons Corner and Dulles Airport.

With that background, I move to direct FCDOT planning staff to explore the viability of creating a direct Connector shuttle that runs between Dulles Airport and the future Metro station at Tysons West.

Staff should consult with MWAA, and Visit Fairfax to determine potential ridership, need, cost, and economic benefit of a direct shuttle from Tysons to Dulles. If such service is found to be feasible and cost-effective, staff should come back to the Board with a recommendation for implementation in time to provide service to and from the Silver Line when Phase I becomes operational. Service would be phased out once Silver Line service to Dulles is up and running.