

## RESTON MASTER PLAN SPECIAL STUDY TASK FORCE

October 1, 2010

Mr. Charles Snelling  
Chairman of the Board  
Metropolitan Washington Airports Authority  
1 Aviation Circle  
Washington, DC 20001

Dear Mr. Snelling:

The Reston Master Plan Special Study (RMPSS) was authorized by the Fairfax County Board of Supervisors to review the Reston Master Plan and make recommendations to update the plan. A task force was appointed to oversee the study. The initial focus has been on the three Reston transit station areas (Wiehle Avenue, Reston Parkway, and Herndon-Monroe) and the area known as Reston Town Center North. The task force will be recommending changes to the Fairfax County Comprehensive Plan to support transit-oriented development and projected growth.

The Center for Regional Analysis at George Mason University projects that by 2030 there could be significant increases in jobs and housing units in the Reston community, resulting in 107,400 jobs and a population of approximately 28,300 (Intermediate Forecast).

While the RMP SS Task Force recommendations have not been finalized, there has been strong agreement on several elements that need to be included in the Dulles Corridor Metrorail Project to support the vision for the Reston community. We urge you to support the addition of the following elements in the engineering and construction of Phase 2.

- Construction of a new crossing of the Dulles Toll Road linking Soapstone Drive to Isaac Newton Square to provide access to the Wiehle Avenue station and relieve congestion on Wiehle Avenue and Reston Parkway.
- Construction of foundations for future air rights at the Reston Parkway station to realize the vision of the expansion of Reston Town Center as a regional destination. The task force also supports working with Fairfax County and the Town of Herndon to explore future air rights at the Herndon- Monroe station.
- A station design at Reston Parkway that would permit construction of an additional eastern entrance which will serve future planned development east of the station.
- Consolidation of parking at the Herndon-Monroe station into a single structure with retail and other services. The orientation of the parking should not preclude future development at the station site. (The task force believes that the parking provided is excessive and should be converted to serve other TOD project uses over time.) To help alleviate traffic impacts on the Polo Fields residential neighborhood, the proposed second vehicular and pedestrian access point to the station should be provided from either Monroe Street or Fairfax County Parkway, not Sunrise Valley Drive.

The RMPSS Task Force would like to see additional vehicular and pedestrian/bicycle crossings of the Dulles Toll Road and requests that the project team work with Fairfax County staff and the Town of Herndon to preserve the potential for future crossings.

Sincerely,



Patricia Nicoson, Chairman  
RMPSS Task Force