



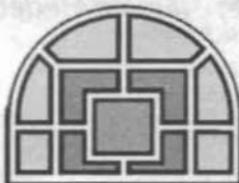
Tysons Transformed

Design and Transportation Essentials for
a Vibrant Community

With Michael Foster of MTF Architecture
and

John Thomas of EPA's Development, Community &
Environment Division

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Tysons Corner *Imagine the possibilities...*

With the right design and transportation plan, Tysons Corner will integrate Metrorail and new growth to become a truly great place. Fairfax County's current re-design process is essential for Metrorail to succeed, for offering alternatives to driving in traffic, and for focusing development while saving open space. With your help, Tysons Corner has the potential to become a national model for how to fix traffic-choked "edge cities."

You have another chance to be a part of the exciting public process when Fairfax Supervisors and top-of-the-line consultant PB Placemaking hold their second round of public input workshops in mid-July. The workshops are a great opportunity to speak up for the features you want in a new Tysons Corner.

Tonight's forum is designed to help you participate effectively in those workshops. Mr. Foster and Mr. Thomas will discuss the necessary components to ensure that Tysons becomes a great place to live, work and play. Thank you for coming, we hope tonight will help you imagine the exciting possibilities for Tysons future.

Tonight's Program

Welcome, *Stewart Schwartz*

Tysons Land Use Task Force, *Janyce Hedetniemi*

Introductions, *Stewart Schwartz*

Transportation Essentials, *John Thomas*

Urban Design, *Michael Foster*

Question and Answer Session

Closing, *Stewart Schwartz*

Speakers

John Thomas is a transportation policy analyst with the Development, Community and Environment Division at EPA. He received a Masters in Urban and Regional Planning from Cornell University and a PhD in City and Regional Planning from the University of California Berkeley. Over the past ten years he's worked on transportation and land use policy issues for EPA, done consulting work for state transportation agencies and taught graduate courses in urban planning. Dr. Thomas serves on technical advisory panels for the Transportation Research Board, Federal Transit Administration and the U.S. Climate Change Science Program. His main areas of expertise are: pedestrian and transit supportive land use planning, multi-modal street design and land use forecasting tools.

Michael Foster is an architect and urban planner, and the founder and senior principal of the award winning design firm MTFA Architecture, Inc. MTFA has received national design recognition for the firm's commercial, cultural, and civic design work. Mr. Foster was elected to the AIA college of Fellows, and was a founding member of the Arlington Community Sustainability Roundtable and a member of the U.S. Green Building Council. He is a demonstrated leader in sustainable design practices, and is currently working on numerous projects designed to the USGBC LEED certification standard of silver or better. As a Planning Commissioner in Arlington, Virginia, he was elected Chairman for the 2005 session. He serves as a liaison to the Arlington Economic Development Commission, and is a Director for the Arlington Chamber of Commerce board, and the Leadership Arlington Board of Regents. A guest speaker and design critic at several universities, he has been published in national trade journals on architectural design, urban planning, and sustainability. Mr. Foster earned his degrees in architecture and urban affairs at Virginia Tech and studied architecture at SCI Arch in Lugano, Switzerland.

For more information on Tysons redesign please visit:

Coalition for Smarter Growth

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Tysons Land Use Task Force

www.fairfaxcounty.gov/dpz/tysonscorner/

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How You Can Help

Action Step #1: Participate in the Redesign Process

Attend a public input session on July 16, 17, or 18, so you have the opportunity to react to test scenarios for development in Tysons Corner. Topics to be discussed include Getting to and from Tysons Corner, Getting around in Tysons Corner, Creating Active Places, Transitions to surrounding neighborhoods, and Community Services. The Task Force's "Livability-Walkability Report" (<http://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/dpz/tysonscorner/LivabilityWalkabilityReport.pdf>) contains a wealth of ideas for the community benefits that should come from redevelopment. The key for all of us will be to create the right mix of density, transit-oriented development, public spaces and community benefits, and transportation investments.

Action Item #2: Support Pedestrian-Friendly Streets

The Coalition for Smarter Growth and many planners are concerned about VDOT's current proposal for Routes 7 and 123 to be 8 to 10-lane roadways directly adjacent to the new rail stations. We feel strongly that this will harm the re-planning efforts and reduce transit ridership. We are urging VDOT to work with the Task Force and community to develop more pedestrian-friendly road designs. If you share our concern, please email Chairman Gerry Connolly (Chairman@fairfaxcounty.gov) and Governor Tim Kaine (<http://www.governor.virginia.gov/AboutTheGovernor/contactGovernor.cfm>).

Action Step #3: Sign Up for Alerts

Sign up to receive alerts about key public meetings and hearings. We'll also send you background information and suggestions for how to make your voice heard during the redesign process. Sign up by sending us an email at info@smartergrowth.net with Tysons in the subject line.

Thank you for joining us this evening. We rely on support from folks like you to continue our excellent programs. Please consider a charitable contribution to the work of the Coalition for Smarter Growth. You can make a donation through our website or by mailing a check to:

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