



Meeting Summary

April 23, 2007 7:00 PM

Fairfax Chamber of Commerce, 8230 Old Courthouse Road

- I. Call to Order: The Task Force approved the March 26, 2007 meeting summary as submitted.
- II. [Task Force Endorsement of County's Application to US DOT Congestion Initiative Program](#): Chairman Clark Tyler briefed the Task Force on his meeting with Fairfax County DOT staff regarding their proposal for funding to the US Department of Transportation's Congestion Initiative Program. In order to be eligible, projects must combine the components of tolling, technology, telecommuting and transit.

The County's application proposes to use tolling and technology to reduce commuter traffic on the Route 7 corridor through Tysons Corner. The proposal is to permit drivers to use the Tysons segment of the Dulles Airport Access Road (DAAR) on a toll-free basis. The proposed toll-free area would extend from the intersection of Route 7 and DAAR to the intersection of Route 123 and DAAR. Existing technology such as the EZ Pass or Smart Pass system could be used.

The grant application also proposes enhanced telecommuting, to be accomplished with the help of the Fairfax Chamber of Commerce and TYTRAN. Finally, the County's application will address transit through proposed express bus routes making use of the lower level of congestion on Route 7 due to variable tolling.

The Task Force unanimously endorsed this application, and the Chairman provided a one-page statement to be included in the County's proposal due April 30, 2007.

- III. [Update from PB PlaceMaking](#): Marsha Kaiser provided a PowerPoint presentation updating the Task Force on PB's activities between April and June. During this period, the consultant team is working to refine the three alternative scenarios using input from the March public workshops. These inputs are influencing the allocation of growth to geographic areas within Tysons, improvements to the transportation network, and enhancements to livability, such as civic uses, open space and other amenities.

PB distributed a map entitled [Subarea Clusters for Analysis](#). This shows that the number of subareas being analyzed has been collapsed from the number used in the workshops to eight districts. Four of the districts surround the Metro station areas (called TODs or Transit-Oriented Developments). The other four districts may be described as North Central, the East Side, Old Courthouse South, and the Northwest.

PB also distributed a [Project Status Report](#) and pointed out that during May and June the team's activities will include:

- Distributing population and employment growth to geographic districts, depending on alternative
- Testing the transportation network for the three alternatives with the goals of limiting through-traffic, improving access to Tysons, and making the area safer for pedestrians and bicycles
- Developing 3-D models illustrating the appearance of the alternatives

Task Force members asked that the transportation network include pedestrian bridges, and that the plan include flexibility to allow for future street grids and possible use of Automated People Movers.

Task Force members also asked for the opportunity to provide comments on the alternative scenarios and the allocation process. Members were to provide comments to staff who would forward them to the Consultant Liaison Subcommittee, for discussion at their May 15 meeting.

After the analysis of alternative scenarios is completed, PB will be working with the Task Force on community outreach around the findings of its analysis of alternative scenarios. This outreach is expected to take place in July.

IV. [Presentation by Bay Area Economics](#): Abby Ferretti presented the findings of BAE's Tysons Corner Market Analysis. In this analysis, BAE developed four scenarios for growth at Tysons by the year 2030:

- Conservative Growth – based on projections by the Metropolitan Washington Council of Governments (COG)
- Moderate Growth – Tysons maintains its current share of the region
- Strong Growth – Tysons increases its relative prominence
- Substantial Growth – Tysons overshadows other regional job centers

For each scenario, BAE has estimated demand for new office space, housing units, retail space, and hotels. The results range from total square feet at Tysons in 2030 of almost 70 million under the Conservative scenario to 132 million square feet for the Substantial scenario. These figures are preliminary and will be updated with recently released COG forecasts.

During the discussion that followed BAE's presentation, Task Force members made several suggestions that BAE will consider in producing its written report. This report will be submitted to the Task Force later on this spring.

V. Other Items:

- Staff announced that Capital One provided a DVD of [Robert Cervero's presentation](#) on April 17, and that it will be available at the Tysons website in the near future.
- Task Force members Clark Tyler and Bruce Wright participated in the bicycle tour of Tysons Corner on Saturday, April 21.
- Task Force members Wade Smith and Bruce Wright participated in a walking tour of Arlington's Metro corridor organized by the Coalition for Smarter Growth. The Coalition is willing to organize another walking tour for the full Task Force. Wade Smith offered to talk to the Coalition about available dates over the next month or so and report back.

VI. Adjourn: 8:45 p.m.