



Meeting Summary
February 29, 2008, 9:00 a.m.
Dulles Rail Project Offices

I. Call to Order

II. Discussion of Next Steps: Task Force Chairman Clark Tyler thanked the consultants and staff for producing three successful workshops February 27 and 28. He announced that the Task Force's next steps are to develop a Preferred Alternative and Plan Recommendations based on that alternative. Subsequent to that, Plan text will be written.

The question was asked how much of the Plan text deals with geographic subareas; the answer was about half. A Task Force member suggested that there needs to be an internal workshop to develop the Preferred Alternative. There also needs to be a plan to get from general to specific recommendations. Finally, the Task Force needs to decide how specific they are going to get.

One Task Force member stated that to be consistent with the rest of the Plan, the Task Force will have to address geographic subareas. Another member suggested that, rather than go into the current level of detail in the Plan (64 land units), the Task Force try to remain at the level of detail in the analysis (8 districts).

It was pointed out that the Task Force needs to decide on a transportation network. The Transportation Subcommittee has scheduled a meeting for March 6, at which Jay Evans of Cambridge Systematics will answer subcommittee members' questions about the findings of the analysis. The Subcommittee will report back to the Task Force on March 10.

Task Force members stated that workshop participants like the idea of a circulator, but they don't necessarily want the circulator system to be surrounded by tall buildings throughout Tysons. One member suggested that a bus system could be set up as a placeholder for an eventual dedicated right-of-way for a circulator. Another member stated that frequent and reliable service may be more important than a fixed guideway.

G.B. Arrington of PB PlaceMaking said that what he heard was that most of the workshop participants wanted to phase new development at Tysons, starting with Prototype A and then moving on to Prototype B. He also heard a lot of public concern about implementation, such as governance and financing. The Implementation Subcommittee has scheduled a meeting for March 7, and will also report back to the Task Force on March 10.

The Communication Subcommittee asked that table notes from the workshops be transcribed and forwarded to Perspectives, for discussion at a meeting Thursday evening, March 6. It is hoped that Perspectives' summary will be available for presentation at the Task Force meeting March 10.

III. Adjourn: The meeting was adjourned at 11 a.m.