

Task Force works with Fairfax County to Select Planning Firm for Tysons Corner

On October 23, 2006, Fairfax County selected the PB PlaceMaking team to assist the Tysons Land Use Task Force in its mission to recommend changes to the 1994 Tysons Corner Comprehensive Plan to include four planned Metro stations and to coordinate community participation in those changes.

Task Force members and county staff worked together to select this urban design team from among ten proposals. The contract is valued at approximately \$900,000 plus optional tasks of approximately \$100,000. PB PlaceMaking will begin its support of the task force in November.

Qualifications

The PB PlaceMaking team provides a strong local presence and a deep familiarity with transit-oriented development in the Washington region and an understanding of Tysons Corner. The team also includes Robert Cervero, McLarland Vasquez Emsiek & Partners, Bay Area Economics, and Placeways. This group of national and international experts has extensive experience integrating transportation and land use to create communities of lasting value. PB PlaceMaking is a subsidiary of Parsons Brinckerhoff Quade & Douglas, Inc.

Scope

PB PlaceMaking will support the Tysons Land Use Task Force in developing alternative concepts for the future of Tysons Corner. The PB PlaceMaking team will follow the eight guiding planning principles the Task Force approved last month after extensive community participation. These principles are designed to provide direction for land use, transportation and other improvements. The planning team's activities, as guided by the Task Force, will include ways to engage the public in generating concepts for the future of Tysons Corner, including visualizing different alternatives. The public will be kept informed about opportunities to provide input in the development of these alternatives.

Next Steps

The Task Force will begin working with PB PlaceMaking as soon as possible to outline a plan for all of the planning activities and associated opportunities for public input and information. This plan should be complete by the end of 2006 and will be made public as soon as it is developed so that local stakeholders can understand the process and plan on opportunities for involvement.

Continuing the Dialogue

The Task Force is committed to open communication and ongoing public input to its work and process. The County web site contains all available information and materials pertaining to the Task Force. The Task Force also maintains an email listserv for interested citizens and a telephone information line. All Task Force meetings are open to the public and the schedule is posted on the web site. Interested stakeholders are invited to sign up for email or regular mail updates on the web site or at the contact points identified below.

Comments, input, and questions can be provided by phone at 703-324-1344, email at tysonscornerspecialstudy@fairfaxcounty.gov, or mail to:

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The Tysons Land Use Task Force has been charged by The Board of Supervisors with soliciting community input and making recommendations to update the 1994 Tysons Corner Comprehensive Plan to reflect the planned construction of four Metro stations. The 35-member Task Force, representing residents, businesses, and community and civic organizations, is working to create a new vision for Tysons Corner. Current and complete information about the Tysons Land Use Task Force and the process of updating the Tysons Comprehensive Plan can be found at <http://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/dpz/tysonscorner/>



Reasonable accommodations will be made upon request. Please call 703-324-1334, TTY 711, for more information.