

Summary of Results and Feedback from the July 2007 Community Workshops

300 Total Participants

- Three community workshops
 - 7/16 Hunter Mill: 93
 - 7/17 Dranesville: 91
 - 7/18 Providence: 72
- Three employee focus groups
 - 7/17 MITRE: 12
 - 7/18 HR Directors: 9
 - 7/19 Public Employees: 21
- 154 New entries to listserv, now 557

Workshop Format

1. Presentation on Test Scenarios and Analysis
2. Q&A
3. Table Dialogues on Survey Questions
4. Table Reports

Five Discussion Topics

1. Getting To, From, and Through Tysons
2. Getting Around Within Tysons
3. Creating Active Places
4. Being a Good Neighbor
5. Need for Public Facilities

Areas of Agreement

(Table % for reference only)

- Focus growth around transit (85%)
- Improve pedestrian access (70%)
- Grid of streets (88%)
- The metrorail alone is not sufficient transit for Tysons (70%)
- Circulator, but watch density (70%)
- Connectivity, but not cut-through (67%)

Areas of Agreement

(Table % for reference only)

- Parks, open, and civic spaces (97%)
- Arts, theatre (70%-but mostly with private funds)
- Mix of housing (73%)
- No high-rises at borders (73%)
- Neighborhood-serving retail (88%)
- Be careful limiting parking (64%)

1. Getting To, From, and Through Tysons (General themes heard)

- There should be parking at or very near the Tysons West station
- Create additional access to the beltway
- Address traffic congestion on Rt. 7 and 123
- Provide for both traffic flow & pedestrian access

2. Getting Around Within Tysons (General themes heard)

- Improve pedestrian environment and add bicycle lanes
- Make it possible to cross Route 7 on foot
- Provide parking for destination traffic (malls)
- Transit circulators in Tysons are critical but must be VERY frequent and VERY inexpensive
- Create a grid of streets
- Transit will support some, but not all additional demand generated by development, there will still be more cars on the road
- Promote trip reduction measures

3. Creating Active Places (General themes heard)

- Urban, downtown atmosphere, with green spaces
- Opportunities to live, work, and play
- Provide more housing, especially affordable/work force housing
- Focus density around transit
- Create neighborhoods w/ supporting retail
- More development in Tysons is acceptable to achieve desired results, if impacts are managed

4. Being a Good Neighbor

(General themes heard)

- Connect Tysons to adjoining communities
- Prevent cut-through traffic
- Provide pedestrian and bike connections
- Control development at the edges
- Effectively manage congestion during construction phase

5. Need for Public Facilities

(General themes heard)

- Parks, civic spaces
- Affordable/work force housing
- Infrastructure capacity must match growth
- Both public and privately funded improvements

Allocation of Transportation Funding (aggregate of tables)

- Street network \$30
- Pedestrian amenities \$20
- Widening major routes \$12
- More transit into \$18
- More transit within \$20

Allocation of Community Needs Funding (aggregate of tables)

- Parks, town squares \$21
- Streams, green spaces \$17
- Theatres, concert halls \$9
- Schools \$16
- Libraries \$9
- Civic spaces \$8
- Affordable/workforce housing \$20

Q&A: Concerns Expressed

(questions and comments expressed by individuals, do not represent agreement)

- Disagreement about desired levels of growth
- Why not plan for base case growth?
- Balancing through traffic with pedestrian safety and accessibility
- How can the vision be achieved with an elevated Metro?
- Will transit really reduce congestion?
- Does rail creates more problems than it solves?
- Isn't it better to invest in roads?

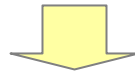
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- Need access to Metro stations and parking
- Growth should be tied to transportation capacity
- Can we get through traffic out of Tysons?
- Parking management and availability are both important for Tysons to work
- Protect adjacent communities
- VDOT needs to be a willing participant
- Who is going to pay for all this stuff?
- What happens when the growth comes but the improvements don't?

What's Next?

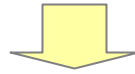
Formulate, test & refine 2 advanced alternatives – July - November



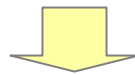
Community workshop on implementation – September 18



Community workshop on advanced alternatives – December



Formulate, test & refine preferred model – December - January



Task Force recommendations – early 2008

Process to Develop and Test Alternatives-*Draft*

