

# Fairfax Connector and Fairfax Metrobus Service Transit Development Plan (TDP)



Public Meetings  
April 29 – June 4, 2008

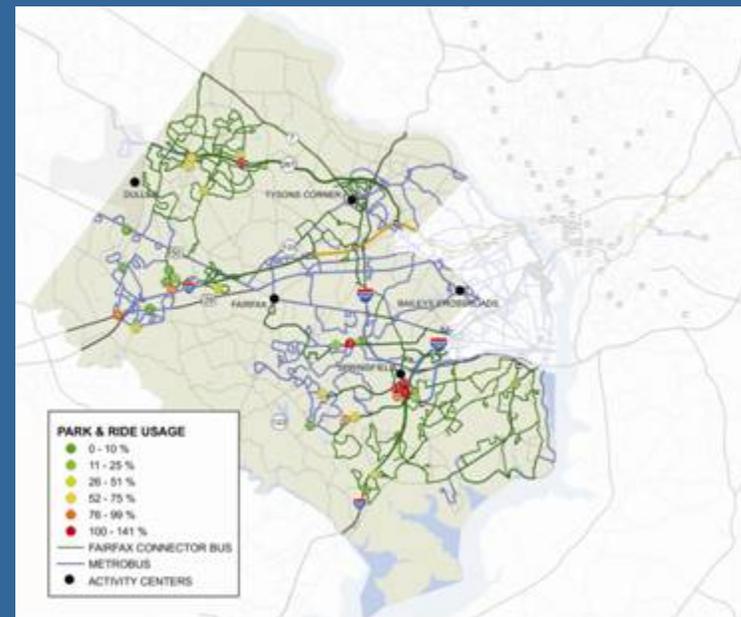
# TDP Vision

The TDP is a study designed to blend, coordinate and optimize existing Metrobus and Connector services and recommend service and policy enhancements and/or adjustments to more effectively and efficiently meet the public transportation needs of Fairfax County residents.



# TDP Purpose

To evaluate existing and proposed bus services in light of changing County demographics and land use to ensure that limited resources are utilized in the best way possible.



# TDP Consultant Team

- ATCS – Overall Project Management, Analysis, Transit Planning
- TranSystems – Analysis, Transit Planning
- WB&A – Surveys
- Sharp & Company – Public Outreach
- Mary Means and Associates – Public Outreach



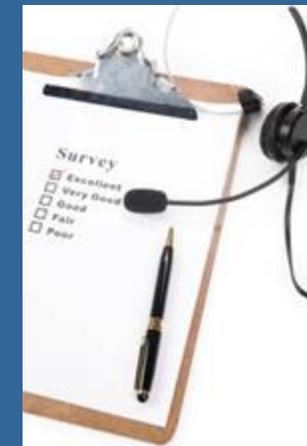
# Major TDP Elements

- Data Collection
- Public Involvement
- Analysis of Existing Service
- Service Recommendations



# TDP Data Collection

- Ridership counts
  - All Metrobus and Connector routes and all trips
  - Weekdays, Saturdays, Sundays
- Attitude and opinion surveys
  - Existing customers
  - Every route
- Resident survey
  - Telephone survey of non-riders and riders



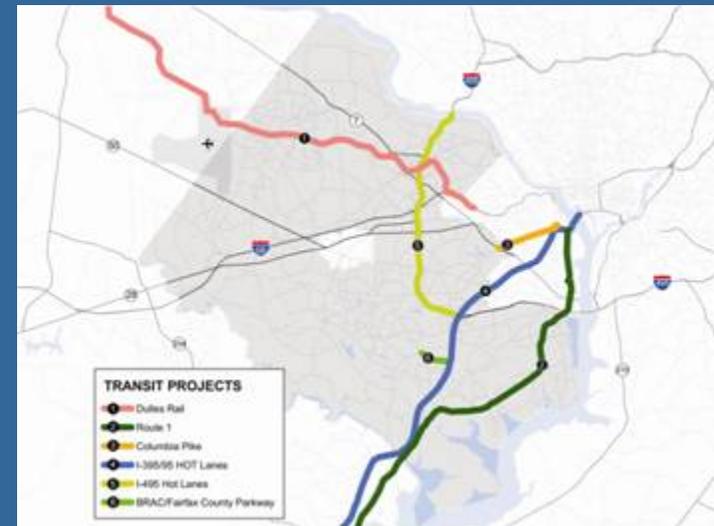
# TDP Public Involvement

- Very large part of the project
- Presentations and conversations with:
  - Transportation Advisory Commission (TAC)
  - Commission on the Aging
  - Disability Services Board
  - Three meetings with each group: overview briefing, data collection briefing and briefing on final report
- Initial and final briefings with Board of Supervisors and Planning Commission
- Countywide public meetings to solicit input on current and proposed services



# TDP Service Analysis Process

- Establish existing baseline operating conditions
  - Including changes that will result from other projects, i.e. Dulles Rail, Columbia Pike Streetcar, BRAC, HOT Lanes
- Determine high and low performing Metrobus and Connector services
- Recommend adjustments
- Recommend prioritized future operating and capital budget and service scenarios for five and ten year time points
  - Consideration of when other major projects will be completed
  - Phasing of West Ox bus garage



# TDP Service Analysis Rider Considerations

- Demographic, economic, socioeconomic and land use conditions
- Service requests
- Customer demand
- Public input
  - Public meetings
  - Comment cards
  - Comment form on web
  - Comment phone number

The screenshot shows the Fairfax County website's comment form for the Transit Development Plan (TDP) service analysis. The page header includes the Fairfax County logo and navigation links: "Living here (Home) - Business - Visiting - Government - Using this Site - Contact us". The breadcrumb trail reads: "you are here: [homepage](#) > [department of transportation](#) > [transit development plan](#) > transit development plan comment form".

The form is titled "FCDOT" and contains the following sections:

- FCDOT**
  - [FCDOT Home](#)
  - [Contact/Directions](#)
  - [FAQ](#)
  - [Links](#)
  - [News](#)
- Relevant Agencies**
  - [Community and Recreation Services](#)
  - [Police](#)
  - [Public Works and Environmental Services](#)
  - [Special Needs Registry](#)
  - [Tax Administration](#)
  - [Transportation Subject Page](#)
- Related Resources**

More information is available on this subject!! You can find:

  - [Library Resources](#)
  - [Outside Links](#)
  - [Phone, Television & Kiosk Services](#)

The main content area contains three text input fields:

- What changes would you like to see happen with bus service in Fairfax County?**
- Are there any places in the County where you want to go that are not currently served by transit? If so, please list them here.**
- Other comments?**

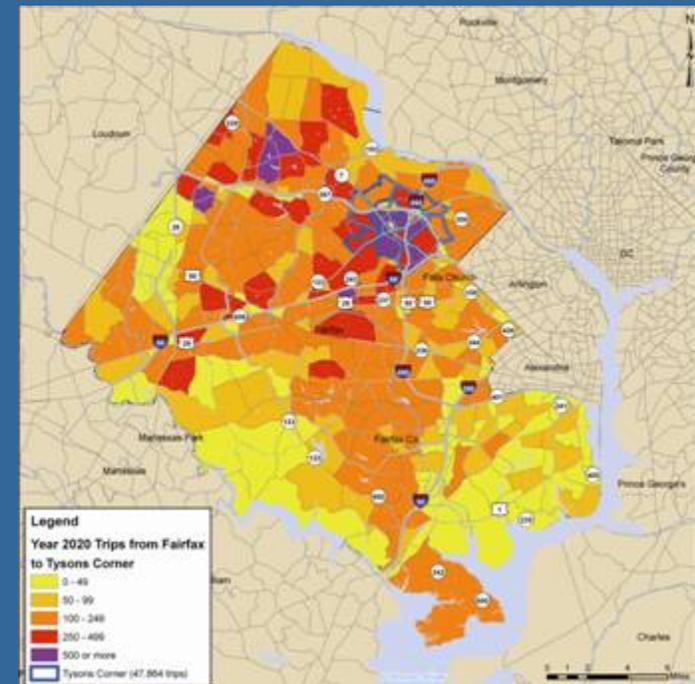
At the bottom of the form, there are "Send Comments" and "Reset" buttons, followed by the text: "Thank you for taking the time to tell us what you think."



# TDP Service Analysis

## Trip Generation Considerations

- Ridership generators and attractors
  - Residential, employment and commercial centers
- Major transportation corridors
- Areas of special interest
  - Schools, Senior Centers, Libraries, etc.
- Activity centers
  - Tysons, Dulles, Bailey's Crossroads, Springfield, Fairfax, Reston/Herndon, Falls Church



# TDP Service Analysis

## Potential Services

- Neighborhood services
  - Shuttles
  - Circulator
- Regional services
  - Cross-town/Cross-County
  - Radial
  - Express

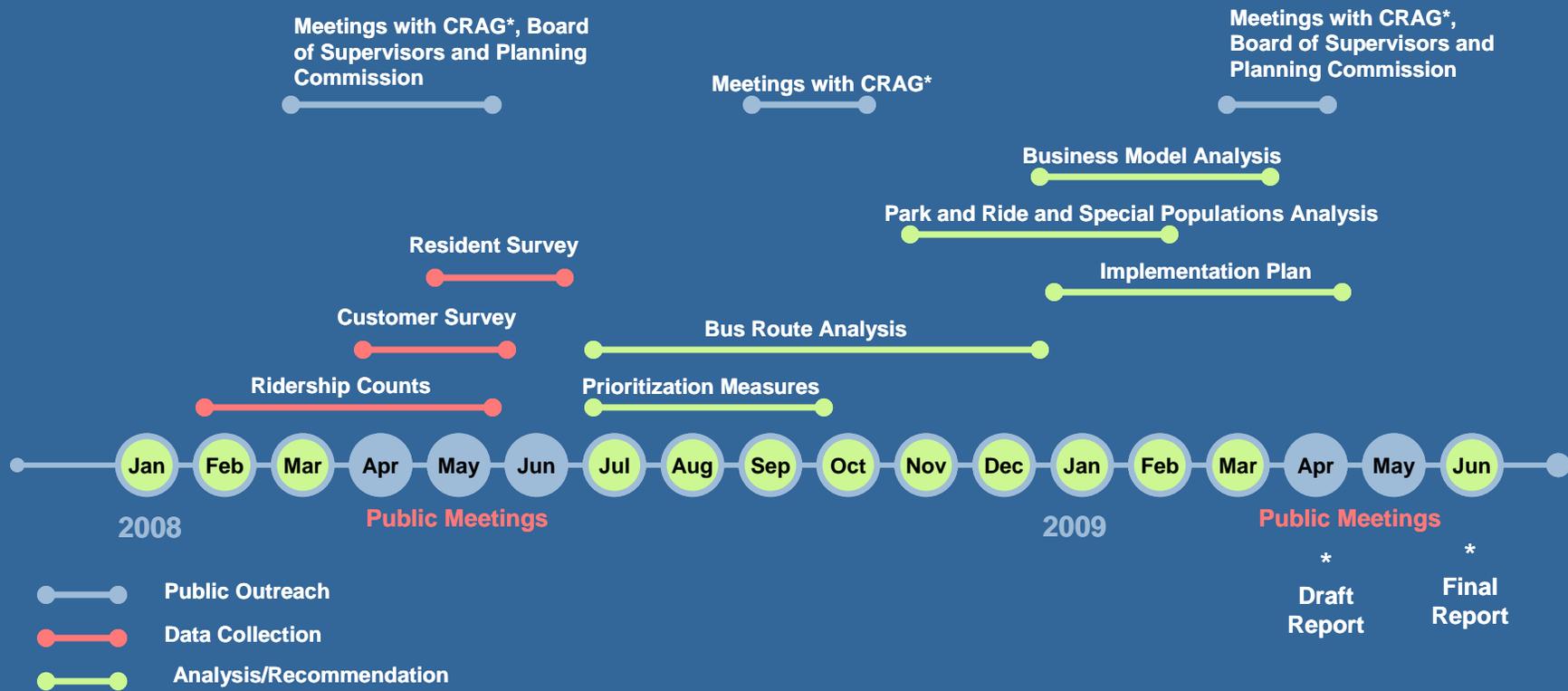


# TDP Supporting Tasks

- Park and Ride lot development, to include:
  - Identification of potential lots and expansion of existing lots
  - Scope shall include all sizes
  - Focus shall be on both existing and proposed services
- Include operational considerations associated with transportation needs of specific population segments, to include:
  - Seniors
  - Persons with disabilities
  - Workforce housing residents



# Project Schedule



\* CRAG (Citizens Representative Advisory Group) includes the County Transportation Advisory Committee, Disabilities Services Board and Commission on Aging.



# Comments and Questions

[www.fairfaxcounty.gov/fcdot/tdp.htm](http://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/fcdot/tdp.htm)

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