



Wiehle Avenue and Reston Parkway Station Access Management Study

Project Advisory Committee December 12, 2006 Meeting Summary

Background

As Metrorail service is extended to Dulles Airport and new stations are planned, many issues involving transportation and how the public will access the stations will be raised. Over the next eighteen months, plans will be developed to effectively deal with these issues and the Project Advisory Committee will be working to ensure that the public's input is received and considered.

The initial tasks for the PAC will include defining a clear set of core planning principles and guidelines and developing a plan for reaching out to the broader community. The PAC will plan to meet regularly for the duration of the planning process, beginning with an organizational meeting on January 16, 2007.

Supervisor Hudgins Remarks

Fairfax County Board Supervisor Catherine M. Hudgins opened the meeting with introductory remarks and by asking each member of the committee to introduce themselves.

- Supervisor Hudgins called for the committee to engage in both outreach to the community and a campaign to get information to the public.
- She emphasized the importance of involving stakeholders in the process of planning for access to the proposed new metro stations at Wiehle Avenue and Reston Parkway.
- She noted that the PAC will be the key to ensuring that the needs and interests of area stakeholders are included.

Schedule of Work Outlined

At the December PAC meeting, officials from Vanasse Hangen Brustlin, Inc. (VHB) and Fairfax County outlined the following scope of work surrounding the station access management study:

- Define the project area and profile current conditions.
- Assess future traffic conditions and modes of access to the stations.
- Design feeder bus service to the stations and develop strategies for managing traffic.
- Develop comprehensive station access management plans.

Richard Stevens, the Fairfax County Department of Transportation Dulles Rail Project Manager, noted that from a planning standpoint, the access requirements (auto/bus/trail) are related but very different for the Wiehle Avenue and the Reston Parkway stations, though the watershed issues of both stations are somewhat overlapping. He also pointed out that the scope of the project is limited to issues surrounding access to the stations and is not about location or design of the stations. He also emphasized that Fairfax County selected VHB as the lead contractor because they brought to the project contact sensitive solutions that move people to and from the stations and they had a comprehensive plan for involving the public in the planning process.

Timeline Set for PAC Meetings, Public Meetings, and Communication Activities

The Perspectives Group, an Alexandria-based firm, will work with Fairfax County, VHB and the PAC throughout the project to help ensure that a good public participation process is established and followed.

Officials from the Perspectives Group outlined a [timeline](#) for public involvement that closely follows the station access management planning schedule of work. The timeline is designed so that public input is included at each of several key points in the planning process. In addition to monthly meetings of the PAC, the plan calls for a comprehensive outreach effort to engage stakeholders in all parts of the affected areas. Four large public meetings will be held to establish shared values and goals, review draft plans and assessments, and provide input into the detailed access management plans.

A key component of the public participation plan will be the timely distribution of information to the public. In addition to regular fact sheets, the public will also be provided with a web site, a listserv, and a hotline to call for up to date information.

Action Items

- The Perspectives Group will prepare a meeting summary and distribute at next meeting.
- The Perspectives Group will prepare an agenda for the next meeting.
- The committee will meet again on January 16, 2007 to make organizational decisions, begin work on statement of core values, develop an outreach plan, and plan the 1st public meeting.