



Wiehle Avenue and Reston Parkway Station Access Management Study

Project Advisory Committee

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Presentations:

Rick Stevens from the Fairfax County Department of Transportation gave an overview presentation on the Dulles Corridor Metrorail Extension to Wiehle Avenue. Mr. Stevens' [presentation](#) noted that the Federal Transit Administration (FTA) has approved a 23 mile seamless extension of the Washington, DC Metrorail into Northern Virginia including 8 stations in Fairfax County to be constructed in 2 phases. In Phase I the Dulles Corridor Metrorail line will be extended to Wiehle Avenue in Reston. Phase II will build the line past Dulles airport to route 772 in Loudon County.

Current plans call for the line to run through Tysons Corner and then along the Dulles Toll Road to Wiehle Avenue where an above-ground station will be built as part of a mixed use transit oriented development. Final design of the Phase I plan due in June of 2007 with construction beginning in spring 2008 and completion scheduled for 2013.

Neil Nott of WMATA presented station design concepts. In his [presentation](#), Mr. Nott emphasized the fact that the stations incorporated some of the major design elements from landmark buildings in the area, including Dulles airport and the existing underground Metrorail stations and also meant to convey an organic "branching" idea. His presentation included a number of artist's conceptions of how the stations will look and how they will be integrated into the community.

Mr. Nott also discussed the ways that the stations are designed to facilitate pedestrian access and what accommodations will be made to the public.

Frank Spielberg of VHB presented maps of the study area overview. Mr. Spielberg's [presentation](#) precisely defined the area under study showing area's ½ mile, 1 mile, and 2 miles from each station. He also discussed a number of transportation mitigation projects that are planned for both the Wiehle Avenue station and the Reston Parkway station.

Anyone wishing to view the complete Powerpoint presentations can view them on the county's website at www.fairfaxcounty.gov/fcdot/sam_study.htm.

Core Values:

Paul LeValley asked the group to review the draft core values summary and comment. It was suggested that the second value be changed from "provide equal access to all" to "provide adequate access." It was also suggested that the third value be expanded to include transit and bus riders. The group agreed to the edits. A short discussion followed in which the group discussed the importance of encouraging private shuttle users to use the public transportation instead.

The draft core values document will be available for comment to the attendees of the March 27th public meeting.

Group Name:

Paul LeValley presented possible names to the group, including Reston Metrorail Access Group. David Vanell made a motion to accept the name. The motion was seconded by Colin Mills, and the group voted unanimously to adopt the name.

Public Meeting:

The group discussed several possible formats for the public meeting. It was agreed that a brief summary presentation was needed to bring the public up to speed, followed by a question and answer session. The group discussed having several large maps and other display materials available at stations. Each station would be manned by County staff, or by a member of the Reston Metrorail Access Group (RMAG). The RMAG agreed that it is important to get feedback from the public through some sort of values exercise in small groups and a report-out of results. Paul LeValley will be meeting with Rick Stevens and Frank Spielberg to continue planning.

Next Meeting:

The public meeting on March 27th will take the place of the regularly scheduled RMAG meeting. The next regular meeting will be held on April 24th. The agenda will include a report-out of results from the public meeting. A draft agenda will be created by Paul, and distributed to the group for comment and revisions.