



# Wiehle Avenue and Reston Parkway Station Access Management Study

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## New Study Details Current Travel Conditions Near the Proposed Reston Metrorail Stations

### Planning and Engineering Consultant Vanasse Hangen Brustlin, Inc. (VHB) Releases Report for Public Study and Comment

A new study to provide a complete analysis and inventory of existing travel conditions and facilities near the proposed Wiehle Avenue and Reston Parkway Metrorail stations is now available for public review. The study is a key component in the ongoing station access management project, to ensure adequate public access to the new stations by all modes of transportation.

Public input on the station access management project is being coordinated by the Reston Metrorail Access Group (RMAG), a citizens advisory board consisting of 23 diverse members of the Reston area community. 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 nine months, plans will be developed to effectively deal with these issues and the RMAG will be working to ensure that the public's input is received and considered.

The report on existing conditions was presented to the RMAG at its regular monthly meeting in April and is now available for public review and comment. A public workshop on the study will be held on July 24. The full report can be found on the Fairfax County website at [www.fairfaxcounty.gov/fcdot/sam\\_study.htm](http://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/fcdot/sam_study.htm).

### Study Area Defined

The report defines the area under study as extending roughly from Hunter Mill Road on the east to the Fairfax County Parkway on the west, and from roughly Lawyers Road/Fox Mill Road on the south to just south of Route 7 on the north.

The report provides roadway and transit system assessments for the entire study area. Pedestrian and bicycle assessments are focused on their "market sheds," (within 2 miles of the stations for bicycles and ½ mile of each station for pedestrians).

### Assessments Include Transportation Market Analysis, Roadway Systems, Transit Service, and Bicycle and Pedestrian Systems

#### Transportation Market Analysis

The report details the current transportation market by providing analysis of the residential and employment levels around the proposed stations, the commuting patterns into and out of the Reston area, and the mode choices made by residents and commuters.

#### Roadway System

The report's analysis of the existing roadway system provides an inventory of the principle and minor arterial roads in the study area; describes the traffic volumes for the year 2005; and identifies intersections where the level of service (LOS) is determined to be either E (a wait time of greater than 55 seconds) or F (a wait time of greater than 80 seconds per vehicle).

### Transit System

The area surrounding the proposed new Wiehle Avenue and Reston Parkway Metrorail stations is served by several bus lines. The study makes a thorough inventory of each bus service noting origin and destination, service times, direction, and number of riders.

### Bicycle and Pedestrian System

The study provides an inventory of existing facilities for bicyclists and pedestrians and assesses potentially unsafe conditions. All existing trails and walkways are noted and intersections are quantitatively assessed according to the Pedestrian and Bicycle Intersection Safety Index. Sidewalk presence, width, and the presence of buffers are also inventoried within half a mile of the station entrances.

### Public Invited to Review and Comment

#### Public Meeting to be Held at the Hyatt Hotel in Reston on July 24, 2007

All members of the Reston community are invited to attend a public meeting sponsored by the Reston Metrorail Access Group (RMAG) at 7:00 PM on July 24, 2007 at the Reston Town Center Hyatt to review and comment on the findings of this study and to begin discussing station access plans.

### Continuing the Dialogue

The RMAG 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 RMAG. The RMAG also maintains an email listserv for interested citizens and a telephone information line. All The RMAG meetings are open to the public and the schedule is posted on the web site. A timeline of public outreach opportunities may be found at [http://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/fcdot/sam\\_meetings.htm](http://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/fcdot/sam_meetings.htm). Interested stakeholders are invited to sign up for email or regular mail updates on the web site or by calling the Perspectives Group at (703) 837-1197.

*Study Area for the Wiehle Avenue and Reston Parkway Station Access Management Study*

