



# Hunter Mill Highlights

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*June 22, 2010*

*Dear Hunter Mill Friends,*

*We had a momentous Board meeting on Tuesday. We started by honoring our outstanding Hunter Mill district high school athletes that won state championships from James Madison and South Lakes High Schools. After taking care of business, we approved the Metro funding agreement that will provide the County's share of funds for needed capital improvements, including new rail cars. We discussed the Commonwealth's recent action linking state's funding with representation on the WMATA board. The Board approved a letter to Governor McDonnell calling upon him to keep the commitment of the Commonwealth to match with \$50 million the dedicated federal funding for the Metro Capital program. You can read the letter in its entirety below under **BOARD MATTERS**.*

*The other major piece of business was the public hearing and final vote on the proposed plan for Tysons Corner. The evolution of Tysons from a suburban place to an urban place is more of a reality with the Board of Supervisors adoption of ST05-CW-1CP amendments to the Comprehensive Plan for the Tysons Corner Urban Center. The approval brought the culmination of a special study that was authorized by the Board in 2004. The transformation of Tysons will bring forward Transit Oriented Development with a more people-focused urban setting, redesigned to provide a balance for walking, biking, transit and the automobile and a strong focus on the environment. Key to the success of the transformation will be an implementation plan that will include monitoring of the development to be sure build out occurs in a manner that supports appropriate development within Tysons Center. I congratulate the Task Force, Planning Commission Tysons Committee and the various Fairfax County Departments and the many residents who worked so diligently and extensively to bring this to fruition.*

*Cathy Hudgins*

## **6-22-2010 Board Action Highlights**

Below are excerpts from the **June 22, 2010 Board of Supervisors** meeting that may be of interest to you as a Hunter Mill District constituent. For additional details, please go to the County's [Board Agenda and Meeting Schedule](#) section on the County's webpage. Some County links may not be active until later in the week.

### **PRESENTATIONS**

**Madison High School Crew Team** was honored for the successful season, bring home both state championships and a second place at national competition.

**South Lakes High School Boys Track** team was recognized for their successful spring track season and for achieving the top honors in the Northern Region for three consecutive years.

**Onthank Awards:** Three County employees have been selected to receive the 2009 Onthank Award, the highest honor Fairfax County bestows on its employees.

**Steve Aitcheson**, director, Maintenance and Stormwater Management Division,  
Department of Public Works and Environmental Services.

**Len Wales**, county debt manager, Department of Management and Budget.

**Grace P. Starbird**, retired, Area Agency on Aging, Department of Family Services.

### **APPOINTMENTS**

**Jennifer Joy Madden** was reappointed to the Transportation Advisory Council

**Linda Singer** was reappointed to the Water Authority.

**Vacancy:** for a Hunter Mill district representative to the Barbara Varon Volunteer Award Committee. If you are interested, please contact the my office at 703-478-0283, or [hntmill@fairfaxcounty.gov](mailto:hntmill@fairfaxcounty.gov)

### **ADMINISTRATIVE ITEMS**

**Admin 1: Approval for Installation of "\$200 Additional Fine for Speeding" Signs, and "Watch for Children" Signs as Part of the Residential Traffic Administration Program (Braddock and Hunter Mill Districts).** The County Executive recommends that the Board approve a resolution for the installation of "\$200 Additional Fine for Speeding" signs on Bridge Hill Lane (Hunter Mill District). This was requested by The Bridges of Oakton HOA.

## **ACTION ITEMS**

**Action 1: Approval of 2010 Zoning Ordinance Amendment Work Program.** Board approved the amendment as recommended by the Development Process committee. Request for amendments originated from the BOS, Planning Commission, Board of Zoning Appeals, staff, citizens, and industry representatives. Information on the amendments is at <http://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/dpz/zoningordinance/workprogram/>

### **Action 2: Approval of Metro Capital Funding Agreement.**

Board of Supervisors' approval of an agreement with the Washington Metropolitan Area Transit Authority (WMATA) and other jurisdictions to fund Fairfax County's share of the WMATA Capital Improvement Program (CIP). This six year capital funding agreement addresses system rehabilitation, and the purchase of new rail cars and buses. It is designed to keep the system in a "state of good repair". WMATA Board of Directors is scheduled to approve this agreement at their June 24, 2010, meeting, and the agreement is expected to begin on July 1, 2010.

The proposed Metro Capital Improvement Program (CIP) consists of a list of capital projects to be funded over a six year period, including useful life projections for each project. The Metro Capital Funding Agreement includes the purchase of 300 new rail cars, 507 new buses, new bus garage facilities, several rail line rehabilitations, and new transit police facilities.

Debt financing payments will also continue after the agreement expires in FY 2016. Each jurisdiction has the option of paying cash, issuing its own debt, or having WMATA issue debt on its behalf to fund its share of the Metro CIP. In the past, the County has issued its own debt, because the County could issue debt at a lower interest rate than WMATA. It is recommended that the County continue to issue its own debt. If approved by the voters, the County bond referendum this fall will provide \$120 million to help fund the Metro Capital Funding Agreement requirements.

### **FISCAL IMPACT:**

Approving the Metro Capital Funding Agreement commits Fairfax County to funding its share of Metro's Annual Work Plan (Capital Budget), and to planning for its share of the Metro FY2011-FY2016 CIP, which is estimated to be \$143 million plus debt service on approximately \$62.8 million in Metro bonds (unless the County pays cash or issues its own debt). The County intends to use the proceeds of the \$120 million transportation bond referendum (if approved on November 2, 2010), State funding, and General Funds to meet these obligations. The Department of Management and Budget has reviewed the cash flow requirement for this period and has included this funding in the County's CIP.

For additional details on what the major aspects of the Metro Capital Funding Agreement include please see Action 2 on the June 22 board agenda package at <http://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/government/board/meetings/>

## **CONSIDERATION ITEMS**

**Consideration 2: Approval of New Charter and Bylaws for the Fairfax County Small Business Commission** to expand the role of the Commission, to clarify how the members are appointed, to emphasize the requirements of the Virginia Freedom of Information Act and the Virginia Conflict of Interest Acts, and to make several minor clarifications.

## **BOARD MATTERS**

**WMATA Funding:** The Board discussed and approved a letter to Virginia Governor Robert McDonnell regarding the state's contribution to WMATA's Capital Funding. Text of the final approved letter follows below;

*June 22, 2010*

*The Honorable Robert F. McDonnell, Governor  
Commonwealth of Virginia  
Patrick Henry Building, Third Floor  
1111 East Broad Street  
Richmond, VA 23219*

*Reference: Commonwealth's Capital Contribution to the Washington Metropolitan Area Transit Authority*

*Dear Governor McDonnell:*

*On June 22, 2010, the Fairfax County Board of Supervisors approved the Washington Metropolitan Area Transit Authority (WMATA) Capital Funding Agreement. This agreement commits Fairfax County to pay its share of WMATA's capital program for the next six years, beginning on July 1, 2010.*

*In a separate action, the Board directed me to write to you regarding the Commonwealth's request for representation on the WMATA Board of Directors, as communicated to the Northern Virginia Transportation Commission by Secretary of Transportation Sean Connaughton on May 26, 2010. The Board of Supervisors is concerned about the linkage between the Commonwealth's capital payment to WMATA and the Commonwealth representation on the WMATA Board. If Virginia fails to make its capital payment on July 1, the Federal government has indicated that it will withhold its contribution. The District of Columbia and Maryland will likely withhold their payments as well. This will unravel the entire dedicated funding bill and will take away the vitally needed \$300 million in dedicated funding – a vast majority of which is paid by others. Combined, these funds are essential to replacing the 1000-series Metrorail cars which have been the source of safety concerns. These funds also address other critical infrastructure improvements.*

*The Board of Supervisors is willing to discuss governance changes on the WMATA Board, but not in the context of the Commonwealth's capital payment to WMATA. We believe that withholding the funds for this reason is not appropriate, particularly since the Commonwealth's interest in participating on the WMATA Board is related to improving the system's safety. Delaying the July 1, 2010 payment will have the opposite effect and will impact WMATA's ability to put this critical funding to work, especially in replacing its oldest Metrorail cars. These cars have been in service for more than 30 years. Also, any delay will likely increase the cost of WMATA's capital program.*

*On behalf of the Board of Supervisors, I strongly urge you to make the commonwealth's WMATA capital match payments related to the Passenger Rail Investment and Improvement Act as promised. The County is always available to engage with you and other regional partners to discuss WMATA governance. In fact, we eagerly await the findings of the Board of Trade/Council of Governments' extensive study of governance that is presently underway.*

*If you have any questions or would like to discuss this request, please call me. Thank you very much for your concern about WMATA and the safety of its users. We look forward to working with you to improve WMATA and mobility in our region.*

*Sincerely,  
Sharon Bulova  
Chairman*

**Mount Pleasant Baptist Church:** The church has acquired two additional properties and now proposes to consolidate the church's property (Tax Map 15-4 ((1)) Parcels 27, 28, 29 and 32) as a new Special Exception, and to remove the existing dwelling unit which is currently in blighted condition and too costly for repair. The Board approved the request for an expedited public hearing for the special exception application.

**Vienna 4<sup>th</sup> of July Celebration:** The Town of Vienna's longtime hometown celebration of the 4<sup>th</sup> of July takes place at the Vienna Community Center with fireworks that night at Southside Park. The day-long celebration begins at 11 a.m. and continues throughout the day with entertainment, children's stage, family games, arts and crafts, chili cookoff, antique and classic car show and rides.

**Reston Festival:** Reston will celebrate its 46<sup>th</sup> birthday at the Reston Festival on July 10<sup>th</sup> and 11<sup>th</sup>. Join the festivities at Reston Town Center for a weekend of fun, food, games, arts, crafts, kids' rides, three stages of entertainment, including bingo.

## **PUBLIC HEARINGS**

**4:30 Public Hearing on Amendments to the Code of the County of Fairfax, Chapter 82, Motor Vehicles and Traffic, Section 82-1-6, Adoption of State Law .** These amendments adopt actions of the 2010 General Assembly into Chapter 82 of the *Code of the County of Fairfax, Virginia* on May 25, 2010; Board of Supervisors' public

hearing scheduled for June 22, 2010, at 4:30 p.m. The provisions of these amendments will become effective July 1, 2010.

**4:30 Public hearing on a proposed Plan Amendment ST05-CW-1CP, Tysons Corner Urban Center,**  
and

**4:30 Public hearing on a proposed Zoning Ordinance amendment re: establishment of Planned Tysons Corner Urban District (PTC).** The Board approved the Tyson Corner plan as proposed by the Planning Commission.

## **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

### ***Hunter Mill Melodies:***

**Free family concerts every Thursday, 7:30 p.m. at Frying Pan Farm Park.**

This Thurs., June 24<sup>th</sup>: **Sir Alan and the Calypso Ponzi Schemers**

Next week, July 1<sup>st</sup>: **Swing Shift**

In case of inclement weather, the concert will move inside to the park's Visitors Center. Call 703-324-7469 for updates.

### **Route 28 Metrorail Station Study**

Monday, June 28, 2010, 7:00 p.m., Lutie Coates Elementary School, 2480 River Birch Road, Herndon. Meeting summaries and scheduled are posted on the Department of Planning and Zoning web page: <http://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/dpz/projects/route28/htm>

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