



Hunter Mill Highlights

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Dear Hunter Mill Friends,

The kids are back in school and the Board is back in session. One of the first items considered was approval of the FY 2010 Carryover budget. Most of the funds will be committed to reserves for the future, though we approved two health insurance payment "holidays" for county employees. County employees have not received any salary adjustments or cost of living increases for two years and will not be considered for any increases for at least another year. In addition, we approved an additional \$1.3 million to Fairfax County Public Schools for programs that serve our most vulnerable children. There was much discussion about this item as most of us on the Board feel these programs should have been a priority in the FCPS budget, not an add-on item. We will continue to work with the school board to foster better communication of our priorities and those of our constituents.

There are a lot of wonderful events and important meetings coming up in our community, many of which are listed in the Announcements. I hope you can participate as your input is vital. If my office can be of assistance to your and your family, please get in touch.

Cathy Hudgins

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Dulles Metrorail Community Meetings sponsored by Supervisor Hudgins and Metrorail Project staff. Meeting will present an update on the current construction for Phase 1 and information about preliminary design for the Phase 2 stations, station access issues, and questions and answers.

- **Reston: Wednesday, September 22, 7-9 p.m.**

- South Lakes High School cafeteria, 11400 South Lakes Drive, Reston
- **Vienna: Wednesday, September 29, 7-9 p.m.**
- Westbriar Elementary School, 1741 Pine Valley Drive, Vienna.

Phase 2 Station Design Update: Your comments are welcome through October 1st on the latest station designs on the [Dulles Metrorail Project website](#). There are changes from the 2004 station plans including the Dulles Airport station that has been moved from an underground location to an aerial station by the Parking Garage 1 with additional proposed traveler amenities.

North County Parks Public Comment Meeting: Great Parks - Great Communities
Fairfax County Park Authority invites you to view the draft plan for our district parks at a community meeting on Monday, October 4th, 7 p.m., at Colvin Run Mill Barn, 10017 Colvin Run Mill Road, Great Falls. This meeting will review the draft plan that will guide future park land acquisition, facility development and resource stewardship through 2020. The draft is available on the [project website](#) and you are invited to submit your comments on-line.

Aging in Community Forum: Saturday, October 9th, 1 p.m., Reston Community Center at Hunters Woods. Speakers and breakout sessions will highlight how citizens can retire gracefully and comfortably in their community. This program is free but registration is required – sign up through the [Reston Community Center's webpage](#).

9-14-2010 BOARD ACTION HIGHLIGHTS

Below are excerpts from the **September 14, 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

Resolution congratulating Wolf Trap Foundation for the Performing Arts for receiving the Venue of Excellence award from the International Association of Venue Managers. Co-sponsored by Supervisors Hudgins and Foust

Public Hearing on the County and Schools' FY 2010 Carryover Review to Amend the Appropriation Level in the FY 201 Revised Budget Plan.

- FY 10 General Fund revenues and transfers: \$3.36 billion, increase of \$28.83 million over FY 10 Revised Budget Plan
- Expenditures below projections by \$91.86 million

- Total available balance is \$23.95 million
- No FY 2010 Carryover Consideration Items have been requested
- Schools requested increase from FY 2011 Current Budget Plan is \$1,716,816,995
- Human Service transition was originally \$500,000, but now recommendation is \$750,000.
- CSB is asking for 4 new
- 1 Penny for Affordable Housing: increase to \$6,406,499 from \$5,274,677.

ADMINISTRATIVE ITEMS

Admin 6: Streets into the Secondary System. Board approval of streets to be accepted into the State Secondary System.

- Dulles Center LLC Hunter Mill Coppermine Road (Route 665) - additional ROW only.
- Centreville Road (Route 657) - additional ROW only.

Admin 7: Approval of Supplemental Appropriation Resolution AS 11034 for the Health Department to accept a Department of Homeland Security Urban Areas Security Initiative Subgrant Award from the Government of the District of Columbia Homeland Security and Emergency Management Agency. Grant funding in the amount of \$114,500 is available from the DHS UASI program. These funds will be used to support current public health emergency preparedness planning, training, and exercise activities. This action does not increase the expenditure level of Fund 102, Federal/State Grant Fund, as funds are held in reserve for unanticipated grant awards in FY 2011. No local cash match is required.

Admin 12: Authorization to Advertise a Public Hearing on Proposed Amendments to Chapter 122 (Tree Conservation Ordinance) of The Code of the County of Fairfax, Virginia and the Public Facilities Manual Re: Conservation of Trees During the Land Development Process. At this time, amendments to the Tree Conservation Ordinance and the PFM are being proposed to address feedback from the development community regarding the applicability of the Ordinance to minor plans and the impacts observed during the first full year of administering the Ordinance.

- The proposed changes have been discussed with industry and an overview of the proposed changes was presented to the Board's Environmental Committee on June 15, 2009.
- The proposed revision to the Tree Conservation Ordinance (Chapter 122) provides clarification regarding the applicability of the tree canopy provisions set forth in Section 122-2-1.
- Specifically, paragraph (b) of Section 122-2-1 is being added to clarify that minor land disturbing activities, such as home additions, tear downs and rebuilds on existing foundations, minor site plans, demolitions and linear projects, such as trails, sidewalks, and sewers, are not subject to the tree canopy requirements.

Other land disturbing activities that present a minor threat to existing tree resources, as determined by the Director of the Department of Public Works and Environmental Services, also will not be subject to the tree canopy requirements

FISCAL IMPACT: None on County budget. The proposed amendments will have a negligible impact on staff resources. For developers and homeowners, the proposed amendments will reduce the time and expense associated with the preparation of tree inventory and condition analysis plans. Cost reductions will be site specific but will be proportionally more significant for smaller projects. The reduction in pro-rata fees directly reduces compliance costs for projects that cannot meet the full tree canopy requirement on-site.

Admin 13: Authorization for the Department of Transportation to Apply for FY 2012 Regional Surface Transportation Program (RSTP) and Congestion Mitigation and Air Quality(CMAQ) Program Funds. The RSTP and CMAQ programs provide funds for regions that are designated air quality non-attainment areas to assist them in complying with Clean Air Act requirements. For FY 2012, VDOT estimates that in Northern Virginia, \$30.8 million will be available for distribution in the RSTP Program, and \$21.8 million will be available in the CMAQ Program. Staff has prepared a prioritized list of projects for each program to submit to the NVTJ Jurisdiction and Agency Coordinating Committee by the September 24, 2010, deadline.

HMD Related projects include:

- I-66/Vienna [Metrorail Station] Access Ramp - \$ 10 million
Bike and Pedestrian Connections to HOT Lanes - \$4.5 million
- Tysons Access Improvements - \$ 4 million
- Reston Metrorail Access Group (RMAG) Recommendations - \$ 4 million

In addition to the projects directly applied for, the County also benefits from projects applied for and received by the Washington Metropolitan Area Transit Authority (WMATA) and the Virginia Railway Express (VRE).

Project Details

2. I-66/Vienna Access Ramp (RSTP or CMAQ) – This project will help fund the construction of a project that will increase the accessibility to the Vienna Metrorail Station for transit vehicles and funds a transit access ramp from I-66 to access the Vienna Metrorail Station. This project is critical for the development of enhanced bus service in the I-66 corridor. While there are existing concurrent HOV lanes on I-66 that buses can use, the buses now have to weave across three general purpose lanes to the exit at the Vienna Metrorail Station. This project would allow direct transit access to and from the HOV lanes to the ring road serving the Metrorail station and encourage bus ridership from satellite park-and-ride lots. The total cost estimate for the project is \$36.7 million. The County has previously identified \$15.0 million for the project from several sources. Staff recommends requesting an additional \$10.0 million in FY 2012

RSTP/CMAQ funds to help offset the remaining deficit. This request is consistent with the multi-year funding plan endorsed by the Board on July 13, 2009.

3. Bike and Pedestrian Connections to HOT Lanes (CMAQ) – This is a series of bicycle and pedestrian improvement projects that will increase access to the Capital Beltway High Occupancy Toll (HOT) lanes project from pedestrian and bicycle facilities throughout the area, as well as improve bicycle and pedestrian links across I-495. VDOT received Transportation Enhancement Program funds to partially fund this project, and staff recommends requesting \$4.5 million in FY 2012 CMAQ funds to help fund the projects.

4. Tysons Access Improvements (CMAQ) – This is a series of transportation improvements in the Tysons Corner area that would improve/increase access to the Dulles Rail project, and planned future development. These projects may include pedestrian, bicycle, trail, transit and roadway improvements. Staff recommends requesting \$4.0 million in FY 2012 CMAQ funding for this project.

5. Reston Metrorail Access Group (RMAG) Recommendations (CMAQ) – This is a series of transportation improvements in the Reston area that would improve/increase access to the Dulles Rail project, and planned future development. These projects may include pedestrian, bicycle, trail, transit and roadway improvements. Staff recommends requesting \$4.0 million in FY 2012 CMAQ funding for this project. (Total cost for RMAG recommendations \$105 million)

ACTION ITEMS

Action 1: Presentation of the Delinquent Tax List for Tax Year 2009 (FY 2010), authorization to retain private attorneys and/or collection agencies to collect delinquent taxes and other charges and authorization to impose administrative costs and fees on such collections.

- Total amount of all unpaid current year taxes, or \$18.02 million, represents less than 1% of the levy for Tax Year 2008 (FY 2009)
- **Number of Local Accounts**

	<u>Tax Amount</u>
○ Real Estate: 3,432	\$ 8,795,829
○ Personal Property – Vehicles 38,163	\$ 4,377,356
○ Business Personal Property: 2,321	\$ 2,173,389
○ Public Service Corp. Properties: 2	\$ 2,210
○ BPOL: 2,387	\$ 1,597,605
○ Total: 46,305	\$ 16,946,389
- Collection rates achieved in FY 2010 are:
 - Real Estate 99.66 % (FY 09: 99.61%)
 - Personal Property (local share) 97.64 % (FY09: 98%)
 - BPOL 98.21 % (FY09: 98.05%).
- Total of \$3,001,262 was collected in parking ticket revenue in FY 2010

- County collected more than \$22 million in net delinquent taxes in FY 2010 for all prior tax years.
- 16 merit positions and 30 exempt limited term positions were cut in FY2011 from DTA's budget reducing expenditures by approximately \$1.5 million.
- Fiscal Impact: None. As described above, collection agents collect their fee directly from the delinquent taxpayers, not to exceed 20% of the amount collected plus administrative costs as specified by law.

Action 2: Approval and Authorization of the Distribution of Plain English Explanatory Statement for the 2010 Transportation Bond Referendum. Board approval and authorization of the printing and publication of an explanatory statement for the bond referendum on the question of whether the County should issue bonds in the maximum aggregate principal amount of \$120,000,000 for transportation improvements. Staff plans to make the explanatory statement available to citizens before the election and at all County polling places.

Board action is required on September 14, 2010, so that the explanations can be printed and distributed promptly. Absentee voting begins on September 17, 2010.

Language summary: Yes or No vote on ballot for voters to approve transportation bond for \$120 million.

Action 3: Adoption of an Amendment to the County's Statement of Policy Regarding Sewage Disposal for Funding of Sewer Extension and Improvement (E&I) Projects. The County's existing Statement of Policy Regarding Sewage Disposal, revised through September 12, 2005 (Policy), allows for the extension of public sewers, in the Approved Sewer Service Area of the County, to residential properties with irreparable on-site sewage disposal systems (septic systems). Under the current Policy, the total cost of these sewer extensions is paid by the rate payers of the sewer system through the County's Sewer Fund, provided all requirements of the sewer system for operation and maintenance, debt service and reserves are met.

- The proposed amendment to the policy will result in partial recovery of the cost of extending public sewers from the property owners requesting and ultimately benefiting from these E&I projects through creation of Sanitary Districts.
- Those projects that comply with the requirement for payments of ACLS charges and granting of the required easements within four months of the effective date of the proposed amendments will be grandfathered under the current funding method, where all the costs are paid by the Sewer Fund.
- The grandfathered projects will be prioritized by the Health Department on the basis of potential health hazard in accordance with Sections C-3 and C-3.1 of the Policy. The Health Department's prioritization will be used to fund the projects based on the availability of funds in the Sewer Fund.

FISCAL IMPACT: Adoption of the proposed amendment to the Policy could result in an estimated annual average cost recovery of \$100,000 during the first year up to \$2 million per year during the last year of a 20-year amortization period and beyond. This estimate is based on an annual construction spending budget of \$2 million amortized over 20 years at no interest. Appropriate funding adjustments to recognize and account for the annual revenue and expenditure requirements will be included in a regularly scheduled quarterly review.

Action was not taken on this item –referred to the Board’s Environmental Committee for further consideration.

Action 4: Approval of County comments on transportation-related administrative initiatives that may be considered by the Commission on Government Reform and Restructuring. Governor Robert McDonnell established the Government Reform and Restructuring Commission to conduct a thorough review of Virginia state government. Full Commission and individual Committee hearings have already been held. The Commission is currently conducting its review and deciding upon its recommendations and should be presenting its initial report on October 15, 2010, and its final report for the year is due December 1, 2010. The Commission may recommend changes that could impact transportation funding and service delivery in the future.

INFORMATION ITEMS

Info 1: Planning Commission Action on Application 2232-H10-1, Fairfax County Park Authority: Application 2232-H10-1 sought approval to modify park facilities at Stratton Woods Park, located at 2431 Fox Mill Road, Reston. (Tax Map 25-2 ((1))4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10).

- The modifications include the addition of lights to the 90’ diamond field, tennis courts and parking area, relocation of the sand volleyball court and picnic shelter, and the addition of a lighted racquet court complex.
- The Commission noted that the application met the criteria of character, location and extent, and was in conformance with Section 15.2-2232 of the Code of Virginia.

Info 3: Fairfax-Falls Church Community Services Board FY 2011 Fee Schedule

- Replaced title: *Reimbursement for Services, vs. Reimbursement Policy* to ensure every service has a cost and funding source.
- Revised Current Schedule of fees to list the Cost of Service, with staff informing consumers the fee they pay is based on their ability to pay if they do not have Medicaid or other insurance.

- Implement as soon as possible Financial Assessment & Screening Team (FAST) to research, assess and educate consumers and staff about health access and available federal, state and local assistance programs.
- Reinstate charges for missed appointments, no shows.
- Initiate use of County's Collection Agency.
- The FY 2011 Adopted Budget Plan for the CSB includes \$19.9 million in fees.

BOARD MATTERS sponsored by Supervisor Hudgins

African American Adoption Awareness Month: The Board approved my motion to proclaim October as African American Adoption Awareness Month in Fairfax County and invite the Department of Family Services to come and be recognized for the critical work they are doing.

Phase 2-Dulles Corridor Metrorail Project Information: The Office of Public Affairs will put information about Phase 2 on the County's website with links for public comment. MWAA has completed preliminary engineering for the six stations from Reston Parkway to Route 772 in Loudoun County and presented their plans at a public meeting last night. Public comment period on the plans ends on October 1st.

Recognition of Fairfax Advocates for Better Bicycling (FABB): For their work on the completed the Guide for Reviewing Public Road Design and Bicycling Accommodations for Virginia Bicycling Advocates, outlining ways bicycling proponents can get involved in the process of designing, and building roads to ensure that bicycling accommodations are integrated into the plans where needed.

Try Transit Week and UNCAR for a Day: September 20-24 is *Try Transit Week*, an educational event designed to encourage Virginians to try a form of transit such as bus, rail, carpools, vanpools, or telework. September 22 is UNCAR for a Day, to encourage people to use more environmentally friendly transportation modes. This information will be added to the County's website to encourage participation.

TANF Emergency Fund: Last March, the Board sent a letter to our Congressional delegation asking for support for the Emergency Jobs Program and Assistance for Families Extension Act, (HR4564). This act extended Temporary Assistance to Needy Families (TANF) Contingency Fund for one year. I asked that the Board send a follow-up letter to our delegation informing them of the direct results of these funds and how critical these funds remain to our residents, and request their support for re-authorizing the funding.

Alzheimer Memory Walk: I invite all to join me in the 2010 Northern Virginia Memory Walk and Candlelight Rally at the Reston Town Center, Sunday, September 26th, to fight against this devastating disease.

Reston East Interim Commuter Parking: With the construction of the Wiehle Station for the coming of Dulles Rail Phase 1, the existing Reston East Park and Ride lot will be closed. A number of satellite parking locations have been identified to replace some of these spaces. One site is the Sunset Hills Lot at the corner of Sunset Hills Road and Town Center Parkway. I moved the BOS direct appropriate staff and departments to process these applications expeditiously.

Citizenship Ceremony at Reston Multicultural Festival: I asked that the Office of Public Affairs assist with advertising this ceremony at the September 25th Reston Multicultural Festival so others can celebrate with our new citizens.

Reston Town Center's 20th Anniversary: Reston Town Center's early planners, James Cleveland and Hunter Richardson, along with current property owners, Boston Properties and Beacon Capital, will be invited to the Board for their success in promoting the Town Center and attracting Fortune 500 businesses to the Center.

PUBLIC HEARINGS

3:30 p.m. Public Hearing on SE 2010-HM-008 (Trustees of the Mount Pleasant Baptist Church) to Permit Site Modifications to an Existing Church with Private School of General Education and Child Care Center with a Maximum Enrollment of 99 Children, Located on Approximately 6.62 Acres, Zoned R-1. **Approved**

4:30 p.m. Public Hearing on Amendments to the Code of the County of Fairfax, Chapter 82, Motor Vehicles and Traffic, Section 82-4-10, Maximum Speed Limits. This amendment would amend and readopt Section 82-4-10 with updated language dealing with maximum speed limits in posted zones. County Code Section 82-4-10, "Maximum and minimum speed limits; posting of school zones", was a direct incorporation of language from sections of the *Code of Virginia's* Title 46.2, Motor Vehicles, Article 8 "Speed."

- Since its incorporation, this language has been changed in the state code many times, essentially rendering Section 82-4-10 obsolete and potentially problematic to prosecute in court. Additionally, all applicable subsections of Section 82-4-10 have since been adopted by reference into County Code Section 82-1-6 as authorized by Virginia Code Section 46.2-1313. The result is that the majority of Section 82-4-10, as it currently reads, is no longer necessary.
- Because Virginia Code Section 46.2-878 deals with the authority to change speed limits, a responsibility of the Commonwealth Transportation Commissioner, it cannot be adopted by reference into County Code.
- But to ensure that violations of Virginia Code Section 46.2-878 - exceeding posted speed limits - can be charged under the County ordinance, it is proposed that Section 82-4-10 be amended and readopted with language incorporated from Section 46.2-878.

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