

## Response to Questions on the FY 2006 Advertised Budget Plan

**Request By:** Chairman Connolly

**Question:** The Department of Planning and Zoning proposes a position for a Rail to Dulles liaison, while DOT's budget includes a Dulles Rail project manager. Please explain the functions for these positions. How are they different?

**Response:** The Department of Transportation (DOT), Dulles Rail Project Manager serves as the Fairfax County staff lead on the Dulles Rail Project. This position is responsible for coordinating engineering and construction, access coordination, financial planning for the project, coordinating with other County departments, and serving as the County's liaison with VDOT, VDRPT and WMATA. As such, this position is the lead role in the overall coordination of the project with County agencies and processes, as well as entities outside the County government, such as WMATA, the Commonwealth, FTA, and businesses and private interests interested in the project.

The Department of Planning and Zoning (DPZ) Planner III position was requested to coordinate the project internally for DPZ. This position will coordinate and process all rezoning, special exception and related applications. They will also coordinate and assist with any necessary amendments to the Zoning Ordinance, and assist with or handle all 2232 applications. Additionally, relevant Comprehensive Plan amendments will be the responsibility of this position, as well as any participation on related projects, studies or task forces. It was anticipated that a position at the Planner III level would provide DPZ with the ability to have someone become an "expert" on the Dulles Rail Project and be dedicated to that project for the duration of the project. The position's primary activities include addressing the special exception or 2232 applications associated with reviewing and approving the rail facilities in a manner to keep pace with the Rail implementation schedule. The position will also simultaneously assist with the land planning for private properties in Tysons. The responsibilities of the Planner III are in no way duplicated by the responsibilities of the Dulles Rail Project Manager position in DOT.