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May 13, 2022

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Reference: Completion and Opening of the Phase 2 of the Dulles Corridor Metrorail Project (Silver Line)

Dear Mr. Potter, Mr. Wiedefeld, and Mr. Mayer:

On behalf of the Fairfax County Board of Supervisors and the Board's WMATA Representative, we are writing to express our serious concern about the lack of a timeline for declaring operational readiness and the opening of Phase 2 of the Dulles Corridor Metrorail Project (DCMP).

Since declaring substantial completion in October 2021, the Metropolitan Washington Airports Authority (MWAA) and Washington Metropolitan Area Transit Authority (WMATA) have made progress on testing and punch list activities; however, there has been no formal indication when the remaining milestones will be completed. This lack of a specific schedule appears to be contributing to further project delays, since there is no target for all those involved to aim for. Furthermore, the Washington Metrorail Safety Commission (WMSC) will play a critical role in the ability to open Phase 2, yet it is unclear how their review may impact the time frame for opening. After awaiting the completion of this project for several years and appropriation of more than \$900 million from Fairfax County and property owners around these future rail stations, it is critical that there is transparency for project partners and the public regarding when Phase 2 will be operational.

We understand outstanding items that must be resolved prior to declaring operational readiness, and we continue to reiterate the importance of resolving any issues impacting long-term safety of the system and/or on-going operational costs. The Board implores MWAA and WMATA to work diligently on finding solutions to address any outstanding issues affecting operational readiness and provide a clear timeline for remaining milestones leading to the opening of Phase 2.

Mr. Potter, Mr. Wiedefeld, and Mr. Mayer

May 12, 2022

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Thank you for your consideration and continuing efforts to complete the DCMP. If you have any questions, please call Bryan Hill at (703) 324-2536.

Sincerely,



Jeffrey C. McKay
Chairman



Walter L. Alcorn
Hunter Mill Supervisor and Fairfax County WMATA Representative

cc: Members, Fairfax County Board of Supervisors

Bryan J. Hill, County Executive

Tom Biesiadny, Director, Department of Transportation

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May 24, 2022

VIA EMAIL

The Honorable Jeffrey C. McKay
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The Honorable Mr. Walter L. Alcorn
Hunter Mill District Supervisor
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Dear Chairman McKay and Supervisor Alcorn:

Thank you for your letter dated May 13, 2022 regarding the status of Silver Line Phase 2. I share your concerns regarding the schedule for this project and am eager to resolve outstanding issues as soon as possible so that we can open this Metrorail extension for passenger service.

As you know, at the request of the WMATA Board of Directors, I have assumed the role of Interim General Manager until Mr. Clarke arrives later this Summer.

At the biweekly Principals meetings with Fairfax County, Loudoun County, the Metropolitan Washington Airports Authority (MWAA), and the Washington Metrorail Safety Commission (WMSC), regular updates have been provided on the key issues that must be resolved before WMATA can declare the Operational Readiness Date (ORD) and take provisional custody-control of the project to start pre-revenue activities. As a point of clarification, WMATA was not a party to MWAA's determination of Substantial Completion in October 2021. We are continuing to work with MWAA to resolve critical unresolved or open items including final safety and security certification of the mainline (stations and track) and the Dulles Yard. We are hopeful that these issues will be resolved soon. We are making good progress on closing several other open items.

While I am serving as Interim GM, I have asked Lynn Bowersox to support me by leading WMATA's Silver Line Start-Up and Delivery program. In addition to planning the inauguration of Silver Line phase one, Lynn has a background in rail service launches.

Lynn and I are working closely with all of the parties to resolve issues and achieve ORD as soon as possible. Please note that WMATA has already agreed to defer several other items and certain operational tests to occur after ORD in order to expedite the schedule. When all pre-revenue activities have been completed, both WMATA and WMSC will have to concur on the final safety and security certification and on WMATA's readiness to start passenger service.

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Lynn will be reaching out to the lead principal staff for the Silver Line project this week to continue the critical work needed to bring this important regional project to completion.

Sincerely,

Andrew Off
Interim General Manager
& Chief Executive Officer

cc: Jack Potter, President & CEO, MWAA
David Mayer, CEO, WMSC
Bryan J. Hill, County Executive, Fairfax County