

Dulles Metro is Coming

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Bridges Bringing Trains and Change to Tysons



TYSONS CORNER ON THE HORIZON: Crews are continuing to prepare the bridges from the Dulles Connector Road to Route 123 for rail tracks. *Photo by Stephen Barna, Dulles Corridor Metrorail Project*

The bridges that will carry the tracks for the future Dulles Corridor Metrorail Project trains from the Dulles Connector Road (Route 267) into Tysons Corner are almost complete, photographs of which provide a dramatic view of the Tysons skyline and a hint of the future of this changing economic center.

Often referred to as the “economic engine” of Fairfax County and a heaven for shoppers seeking first class merchandise and the latest fashions, Tysons is also known for its traffic and its traffic jams.

Now that the bridges for Metrorail trains are obvious, business owners, major employers, residents and elected officials alike are cheering construction.

Fairfax County Board Chairman Sharon Bulova talked about the rapid changes, the successes and the challenges for Tysons at the third annual Keep Tysons Moving Rally, held at the Capital One headquarters in early April sponsored by the Virginia Megaprojects and the Dulles Rail Project.

Rail Project construction is now more than 35 percent complete, according to Pat Nowakowski, Executive Director of the Dulles Rail Project, who spoke at that Keep Tysons Moving event.

Progress in Tysons includes:

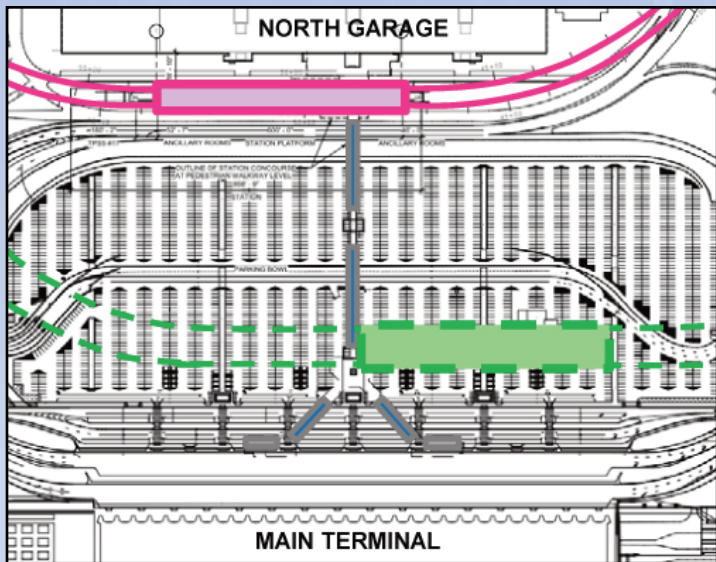
- Construction of all four stations in Tysons is underway.

- Bridges along the northwest side of Route 123 are underway.
- Mining of the inbound and outbound tunnels to carry trains under the Routes 123/7 interchange is complete. Waterproofing and reinforcing of concrete are taking place.
- Piers are rising along Route 7.
- Utility relocations (more than 20 different utilities) are complete along Route 7.
- Route 7 has been dramatically widened to create the wide median where tracks and stations will be.
- Work is proceeding on the guideway bridges that carry the rail line from Route 7 to the median of the Dulles International Airport Access Highway.

One of the most challenging construction projects is building the bridges to carry tracks across the Capital Beltway (I-495). That work was well underway at press time with some work causing the closings of three lanes at a time of the northbound Beltway near Route 123.

Project officials are now working with the Virginia Department of Transportation to refine work plans that will cause more significant closings on the Beltway. Full closures may be scheduled in mid to late Summer.

For general information on the Dulles Corridor Metrorail Project, please visit our website at www.dullesmetro.com or call (703) 572-0506.



WHERE IS THE STATION: The Dulles Airport Station and alignment is identified by the green markings. The red marks indicate the alternate alignment with an aerial station that was not selected. *Graphic by Metropolitan Washington Airports Authority*

Dulles International Airport Station to be Built Below Ground, Saving \$330 Million

The Metropolitan Washington Airports Authority Board of Directors on April 6 approved the location of the future Metrorail Station at Washington Dulles International Airport.

The station will retain the features and underground location that were part of the original 2005 plans for the Airport Station.

This modified option will save up to \$330 million from the original design estimate for Phase 2 of the Dulles Corridor Metrorail Project. Savings are obtained through engineering changes that include:

- A revised tunnel and station design;
- Reduced tunnel length and depth;
- Using a different construction method for excavation;
- Providing air conditioning from an existing airport facility; and
- Moving the required electrical substation above ground.

Phase 2 will run from Wiehle Avenue to Route 772 in Loudoun County. It will have six stations; five parking garages and a maintenance yard on airport property.

TRAFFIC ADVISORY SIGN UP

Keep up to date on construction. Please visit www.dullesmetro.com/info/signup.cfm to sign up for our traffic advisory/construction notification email blasts.

WANT TO KNOW MORE?

To set up a briefing for your homeowners association, civic group, professional or business group, or business, please email outreach@dullesmetro.com or call (703) 448-5550.

CONSTRUCTION HOTLINE

For construction-related emergencies, call the Dulles Corridor Metrorail Project Hotline at 877-585-6789.



PROGRESS AT TYSONS EAST: Construction continues at the Tysons East Metrorail Station being built on the northwest side of Route 123 at the corner of Scotts Crossing Road. *Photo by Dulles Corridor Metrorail Project*

Groundbreaking Held for Reston Station and Dulles Rail Parking at Wiehle Avenue

A host of local, long-time supporters of the Dulles Corridor Metrorail Project participated in the April 5 groundbreaking by Fairfax County officials and Comstock Partners for a development that will include the parking garage facilities at the Wiehle Avenue Metro Station on the eastern edge of Reston.

Among those participating was Robert E. Simon, whose initials are the first three letters of the community he founded. Simon is a resident of Reston's Lake Anne area and was a member of the Rail Project's citizens advisory group to select public art for all five of the Phase 1 rail stations.

Comstock has chosen Reston Station as the name for its joint-venture development with Fairfax County. It will include the below-grade parking facility for about 2,300 cars, 10 bus bays and bicycle racks. Mixed-use residential and commercial development are also planned. More information is available at www.comstockpartnerslc.com and www.dullesmetro.com.



CELEBRATING: Reston founder Robert E. Simon arrives to celebrate the groundbreaking for Reston Station. *Photo courtesy of Comstock Partners*