Metrorail Construction to Begin in March

In the Works for Almost 50 Years, Rail to Dulles Plans Now Rolling Along

Construction of Phase 1 of the Dulles Corridor Metrorail Project is scheduled to begin in March 2009, almost 50 years since Washington Dulles International Airport opened in 1962. In 1964, the Federal Aviation Administration created a master plan for Dulles, including the reservation of the median of the Dulles International Airport Access Highway for a future transit line.

The Dulles Corridor Metrorail Project has indeed been dreamed of, and planned for, by several generations of business and community leaders.

Now the project, which will eventually provide a one-seat ride (no transfer needed) from the airport and Loudoun County to downtown Washington, is on the cusp of construction. The 23-mile Dulles rail project is an extension of Metro’s Orange Line.

It will be built in two phases.

Phase 1 runs from the East Falls Church Metro Station to Wiehle Avenue on the eastern edge of Reston, with four stops in Tysons Corner. Phase 2 runs from Wiehle Avenue to Ashburn with stops at Reston Parkway, the Herndon-Monroe area, Route 28, Dulles Airport, Route 606, and ending at Route 772. (See alignment map on the back of this document.)

Phase 1 construction will be completed in 2013. A date has not been set for the start of the construction of Phase 2.

Project Leadership

The project is being managed by the Metropolitan Washington Airports Authority (www.mwaa.com).

Utility Relocations Continue at Rapid Pace along Route 7, 123

Follow the signs; all businesses are open

The Dulles Metrorail project team is working daily with businesses along Route 7 to minimize the impact of utility relocation work in the services roads along both the east bound and west bound lanes of this busy corridor from the Dulles Toll Road to Route 123. In addition, scheduled night work involves the closings of one lane at a time in some areas.

Starting this month, preliminary work in preparation for construction of a 2,100-foot tunnel under the hill where Routes 7 and 123 meet will be visible along the northwest side of Route 123 near International Drive.

Traffic advisories are issued regularly to keep motorists informed of changing traffic patterns and closings within the service roads. Motorists should pay close attention to directional signs throughout the Tysons Corner area.

Access to all businesses is being maintained. Construction crew chiefs and project staff are working with merchants to ensure access to businesses who are open longer hours during this holiday season.

For emergency construction-related issues, please call the 24-hour HOTLINE at 877-585-6789.

Want to Know More?

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

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