Construction to Start in March 2009
FTA says project can begin site preparation for tunnel through highest point in Fairfax County

In August, the Federal Transit Administration told the Metropolitan Washington Airports Authority that it can move ahead with pre-construction and site preparation work where a 2,100-foot tunnel will be built as part of the Dulles Corridor Metrorail Project in Tysons Corner.

The go-ahead message came through a "Letter of No Prejudice" which allows the project to begin the preparation for the excavation of the tunnel work at Routes 7 and 123, the highest natural point in Fairfax County. The work will be done on land along the northwest side of Route 123 near International Drive. Work will not be done in the Route 123 right-of-way. A start-up date has not been set.

Meanwhile, work continues on utility relocation work at more than 8 sites along Route 7. While most of the work remains in the service roads along the north
Utility Work Continues

Major progress has been made in the relocation of utilities along Route 7, but there is a lot more work to come. The project team has increased its efforts to help local businesses impacted by the utility work. Traffic advisories are issued regularly by the Virginia Department of Transportation on behalf of the rail project. Notifications of site preparation and testing efforts are sent to neighborhoods, community groups and businesses. (For the latest advisories and notifications, visit www.dullesmetro.com)

Latest Station Designs Revealed

As engineering and design continues, Dulles Transit Partners has developed more detailed station designs. The public got their first glance of the new designs at several outreach sessions with business and community groups over the summer. These meetings will continue in September & October.

The Fairfax County Planning Commission was briefed on the latest station plans in late July.

Project Overview

Phase 1
- 5 new stations; 11.6 miles
- From the existing Orange Line between the East and West Falls Church stations to Wiehle Avenue in Reston
- Pedestrian bridges, escalators and elevators at all stations

Phase 2
- 6 new stations; 11.5 miles
- Continuing to Route 772 in Loudoun County with additional stations at Reston Parkway, Monroe Street (Herndon), Route 28, Dulles Airport, and Route 606
- Direct access to Dulles Airport terminal

Project Summary

The 23-mile project will run from the East Falls Church Metro Station, west to Ashburn, serving Tysons Corner, Reston, Herndon, Dulles International Airport, and eastern Loudoun County.

The project will be built in two phases. Construction on the first phase will begin in March 2009 with a completion date of mid 2013. The second phase of construction is projected to be completed from Wiehle Avenue to Ashburn in 2015.

Project Leadership

The project is being managed by the Metropolitan Washington Airports Authority.

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