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Dulles Metrorail Information Update Set for Dec. 8

Vienna, Va., November 14, 2005 – The Virginia Department of Rail and Public Transportation will hold a public information meeting to present proposed design refinements for the first phase of the Dulles Corridor Metrorail Project on Thursday, Dec. 8, at Spring Hill Elementary School in McLean.

The session will be held from 6 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. in the school cafeteria.

The purpose of the meeting is to present information related to design changes made to the project along Route 7 and Route 123 in Tysons Corner. The changes were part of the cost reduction process that led to the $1.8 billion preliminary engineering cost estimate that was submitted to the Federal Transit Administration in mid-August.

The information session also will update the public on the status of a supplemental environmental review now being conducted to assess the potential impacts of the design refinements.

Project leaders will be on hand to answer questions related to the proposed stations in the Tysons Corner area: Tysons East, Tysons Central 123, Tysons Central 7 and Tysons West. Changes to the alignment along Route 7 and to the tunnel at the intersection of Routes 7 and 123 also will be presented. In addition, changes to the rail yard and other areas at the West Falls Church Metro Station will be presented.

A formal presentation on the project will begin at 7 p.m. Spring Hill Elementary is located at 8201 Lewinsville Rd., McLean.

About the Dulles Corridor Metrorail Project

The Dulles Corridor Metrorail Project is a new 23-mile Metrorail line branching off the Orange Line after the East Falls Church Metrorail Station. The project is being built in two phases. Phase 1 has five stations, four in Tysons Corner and one at Wiehle Avenue on the eastern edge of Reston. Phase 2 has six stations, including Dulles Airport and ending at Route 772 in eastern Loudoun County.
The Dulles Corridor Metrorail Project is a partnership led by the Virginia Department of Rail and Public Transportation. Project partners include the Federal Transit Administration, the Federal Aviation Administration, the Washington Metropolitan Area Transit Authority, the Metropolitan Washington Airports Authority, Fairfax County, the Town of Herndon, Loudoun County, the Virginia Department of Transportation and Dulles Transit Partners, LLC.

The new Metrorail line will provide seamless access to the regional Metrorail system from the Dulles Corridor with a one-seat ride to downtown Washington. The project will play a key role in helping to manage the growth of congestion for drivers and transit riders in the busy corridor.

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