

1.0 INTRODUCTION

This report serves as an Addendum to the *Final Alternatives Analysis Report (FAAR)* published in May 2001. The purpose of this report is to document the continued evolution of alternatives that have been considered and evaluated for the Dulles Corridor Rapid Transit Project.

To advance the recommendations of the FAAR, the Virginia Department of Rail and Public Transportation (DRPT), in partnership with the Washington Metropolitan Area Transit Authority (WMATA), and the Federal Transit Administration (FTA), prepared the *Dulles Corridor Rapid Transit Project Draft Environmental Impact Statement and Section 4(f) Evaluation (Draft EIS)* to document the evaluation of alternative transit improvements for the Dulles Corridor. On June 28, 2002, the Draft EIS and the proposed General Plans for the project were made available for public review and comment. The Draft EIS was also circulated to federal, state, and local agencies to solicit comments. Public hearings on the Draft EIS and proposed General Plans were held on July 29, 30, and 31, 2002.

Staff from DRPT and WMATA (the Project Team) accepted written comments for a period of 62 days from June 28, 2002 to August 28, 2002. A summary of the public meetings as well as the comments entered into the public record and their respective responses was published in the *Public Hearings Report* in October 2002. A *Public Hearings Report Supplement* was published in November 2002 to provide responses to comments received after the close of the Draft EIS comment period and responses to those comments received on the *Public Hearings Report*. Based on the analysis contained in the Draft EIS, the input received at the public hearings, and comments received on the Draft EIS, the Commonwealth Transportation Board (CTB) and WMATA Board of Directors selected the Metrorail Alternative on Alignment T6 with Yard Site 15 as the Locally Preferred Alternative in late 2002.

During the preparation of the Draft EIS and the subsequent public review and comment period, the ongoing development and review of alternatives resulted in several design refinements of existing alternatives, as well as the identification of new alternatives. These refinements and alternatives were evaluated using the *Evaluation Methodology* (November 2000) developed for the project, and decisions regarding further analysis were based on the same social, environmental, economic, and transportation factors used for the evaluation documented in the FAAR.

This Addendum presents an overview of the alternatives that were considered as a result of design changes or public comments, presents the evaluation of these alternatives, and outlines the recommendations regarding further analysis. The Addendum also describes the alternatives evaluated in the Supplemental Draft EIS and those carried forward in the Final EIS.

Section 2.0 describes alternatives identified and evaluated after the publication of the FAAR and during the preparation of the Draft EIS. Most of these alternatives were design refinements of existing alternatives.

Section 3.0 outlines alternatives considered after publication of the Draft EIS as a result of comments received during the public review period of the Draft EIS.

Section 4.0 presents the alternatives evaluated in the Supplemental Draft EIS, and introduces the construction phasing proposed for the Locally Preferred Alternative (LPA).

Section 5.0 presents alternatives of three Project facilities as a result of comments received during the public review period of the Supplemental Draft EIS.

Section 6.0 presents the alternatives carried forward in the Final EIS.

Appendix A contains technical memoranda in support of Section 2.0.

Appendix B contains the technical memoranda documenting the evaluation of alternatives considered as a result of public comments on the Draft EIS.

Appendix C contains the technical memorandum in support of Section 4.0.

Appendix D contains technical memoranda in support of Section 5.0.

Appendix E contains a comparison matrix of the Draft EIS Baseline and the Final EIS No-Build.

Appendix F contains the three sets of Final Team Recommendations.