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Preliminary Engineering Estimate for Phase 1 Received

*First cost estimate since environmental phase of project
includes wide range of options*

Vienna, Va., June 25 2005 – The Dulles Corridor Metrorail Project yesterday received the first Preliminary Engineering (PE) cost estimate package for Phase 1 of the project that will bring Metrorail service to Dulles international airport and beyond.

This package, developed by Dulles Transit Partners, includes a wide range of assumptions, reflected in the estimate range of \$1.7 to \$2.4 billion. “This wide range will allow us the flexibility to narrow down the cost through a detailed analysis of the assumptions and suggested cost savings,” said Sam Carnaggio, director of the Dulles Corridor Metrorail Project. “We have a lot of decisions to make over the next few months.”

The Virginia Department of Rail and Public Transportation (DRPT) will examine the opportunities for cost savings that the contractor provided along with the estimate.

DRPT Director Karen Rae said, “Thanks to broad-based community support we have advanced this project through challenging times. Now it’s time to roll up our sleeves and get to work to keep this project on track.”

DRPT, in partnership with the project’s engineering consultant and the Washington Metropolitan Area Transit Authority, will now analyze the estimate.

“We won’t be doing this alone. This is truly a partnership between the Commonwealth, WMATA, Fairfax and Loudoun counties, Herndon, the airports authority and our private partners,” Carnaggio said.

One of only two rail projects approved by the Federal Transit Administration to enter PE in 2004, the Dulles Corridor Metrorail Project is expected to complete PE for Phase 1 of the project by end of 2005.

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The Dulles Corridor Metrorail Project is a partnership led by the Virginia Department of Rail and Public Transportation (DRPT). Project partners include the Federal Transit Administration, Federal Aviation Administration, Washington Metropolitan Area Transit Authority, Metropolitan Washington Airports Authority, Fairfax County, Town of Herndon, Loudoun County, Virginia Department of Transportation, and Dulles Transit Partners, LLC.

The project will provide seamless access to the existing Metrorail system with a one-seat ride to downtown Washington, D.C. With the equivalent capacity of four highway lanes on the Dulles Toll road, the Dulles Corridor Metrorail Project will play a key role in helping to manage the growth of congestion for drivers and transit riders alike.

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