

DULLES CORRIDOR ADVISORY COMMITTEE  
MEETING OF DECEMBER 20, 2011  
MINUTES

Attendees: Charles Snelling, Chairman of the Board of Directors of the Metropolitan Washington Airports Authority; John Potter, President & CEO of the Airports Authority; Thelma Drake, Director, Virginia Department of Rail and Public Transit (Representing VA Secretary of Transportation); Doug Koelemay, Northern Virginia Representative to the Commonwealth Transportation Board; Sharon Bulova, Chairman of the Fairfax County Board of Supervisors; Tony Griffin, Fairfax County Executive; Scott York, Chairman of the Loudoun County Board of Supervisors; and Tim Hemstreet, Loudoun County Administrator.

I. Welcome

Mr. Snelling opened the meeting at 1:10 p.m. by welcoming and introducing the committee attendees (the agenda for the meeting is attached as Attachment A).

II. Approval of Minutes of November 18, 2011, Meeting

The minutes of the November 18, 2011, meeting were approved unanimously.

III. Dulles Corridor Metrorail Project Update and Review of Bus Rapid Transit as Alternative to Phase 2 in the Dulles Corridor

Pat Nowakowski, Executive Director of the Dulles Corridor Metrorail Project (Project), provided an update on the construction progress on Phase 1 of the Project. In addition, he presented a summary review of potential “bus rapid transit” operations along the Dulles Corridor that might serve as an alternative to the second phase of the Metrorail Project (see Attachment B which is a copy of Mr. Nowakowski’s power point presentation).

Following the presentation, Mr. Griffin stated that his view that placing the interface between a bus rapid transit system and the westernmost Phase 1 Metrorail station at Wiehle Avenue may not be feasible due to a number of site restraints. Nor, he stated, did he believe it would be feasible to place such an interface at the Phase 2 Herndon/Monroe station. In his view, the more feasible interface location would be near the Phase 2 Route 28 station where the land area and infrastructure required for a bus rapid transit-rail interface point potentially exists.

IV. Dulles Corridor Enterprise Financial Update

Andy Rountree, the Airports Authority’s Chief Financial Officer, provided a financial update on the Dulles Corridor Enterprise (Mr. Rountree did not have a power point presentation as he indicated that there was not much in the way of a financial update since the meeting of only a month earlier). Mr. Rountree reported that the 2012 budget for the Dulles Corridor Enterprise Fund had been approved by the Airports Authority Board of Directors in early December. He also reported on the revenue and transaction figures for the Dulles Toll Road during the month of

November and year-to-date in 2011. He further reported that Wilbur Smith and Associates was conducting an updated traffic and revenue study for the Dulles Toll Road, and that a draft report was expected by the end of the calendar year. Finally, he indicated that, during the upcoming year, the Airports Authority would be considering possible DTR toll rate increases (effective January 2013), and that public meetings in connection with that decision process would likely occur in the summer/early fall time frame.

Mr. Koelemay asked whether the Airports Authority was taking a look at alternative ways of financing the Phase 2 project. In response, Mr. Rountree stated that the Authority had issued a financing-related "Request for Information" (RFI) which was intended to solicit information from the market participants as to the alternative ways in which the Phase 2 project could be financed, and to learn whether the responding parties had any interest in delivering the alternatives they identified. He indicated that responses to the RFI had been received and were under review. Mr. Potter added that current financing and construction market conditions were favorable in that bond market interest rates were relatively low and the slowdown in construction was expected to produce strong competition for the Phase 2 contract.

Mr. Griffin asked about efforts to improve capacity of the Dulles Toll Road, and possibly also to increase toll road revenue, by moving from the current toll road's combined electronic and cash collection system. Mr. Potter stated that the Airports Authority was looking at a number of alternatives, including an all-electronic collection system and the charging of different toll rates at different times of the day, as well as systems that would retain cash or manual collections, but utilizing less toll road capacity. Ms. Bulova added that 495 HOT lanes project was slated to open at the end of 2012 with an all electronic toll collection system.

#### V. Other Items

Mr. York reviewed some history of the DCAC which showed that, at one time, it was anticipated that the chairmanship of the committee would be rotated annually. He indicated that he favored this annual rotation and noted that, with Mr. Snelling's term as chairman for the Airports Authority Board of Directors coming to an end at the end of 2012, this was a good time to move to a rotating chair. He then moved that Ms. Bulova be the DCAC chairman for 2012. Mr. Koelemay seconded the motion, and spoke in favor of it. Ms. Bulova indicated that she would be willing to serve as chairman in 2012, and she thanked Mr. Snelling for his work as DCAC chairman over the past years.

The motion passed unanimously.

#### VI. Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 2:02 p.m.

Attachments