



To: Loudoun County Transit Plan Project Team

Date: May 9, 2008

Subject: Transit Plan Advisory Committee Meeting #1 - Results

INTRODUCTION

Following a presentation on general characteristics of transit systems and the available services in Loudoun County, the Transit Plan Advisory Committee was asked to provide input on specific issues and opportunities that they would like this plan to address. This input was collected in two break-out sessions that were facilitated by consultant staff. Guidance was provided based on overarching themes, but in general the committee members were free to pursue the topics they deemed most relevant. Following this exercise, the committee members were asked to prioritize the various items identified, reflecting future key focus areas for this study to investigate, determine findings and propose potential recommendations.

ISSUES/OPPORTUNITIES EXERCISE

The following table presents the items identified as groups by overarching theme and applicability to the various transit systems in Loudoun County (C = Commuter, F = Fixed-Route, D = Demand Response). Following the formulation of the various items, each member was then presented with three (3) sticker dots to record those items they most favored. The results of this prioritization exercise are also presented in the following table, with those items that received three or more priority "votes" highlighted for desired emphasis in this study. Completion of this exercise concluded the first meeting's agenda.

Table with 4 columns: Theme, Item, Transit System Applicability, Priority "Votes". Row 1: General Services, Vehicles should have two (2) doors to facilitate entry and exit of the vehicle. Vehicles could also be flexible (longer) or double-deck to increase capacity as needed. C,F, -. Row 2: General Services, Bus lanes should be implemented on major routes. Specific locations identified, included: Waxpool Rd, 606 between Dulles N. and the Greenway, Route 7, Route 50. C,F,D, 5.



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Theme	Item	Transit System Applicability	Priority "Votes"
General Services	Increase on-demand services, especially for quality of life trip purposes (often the trips are restricted to medical needs). Provide weekend on-demand service	D	1
General Services	Provide more parking (structured parking) at park & ride locations	C	2
General Services	Look to reconfigure existing transit services and not necessarily assume all improvements build upon current services	C,F,D	-
General Services	Consider shared-use of vehicles	C,F,D	-
General Services	Investigate innovative funding strategies to provide for new/expanded services and the initiatives outlined in this plan. One example could be businesses funding/providing subsidy for start-up operations	C,F,D	4
General Services	Provide service more responsive to existing transit/travel demand. This may include better timing of services	C,F	1
General Services	Transit needs more expansive route coverage – it currently does not reach certain areas that people want to go	F	2
General Services	Transit needs to run more frequently and the service needs to be more timely and reliable (less delays)	F	2
General Services	Provide more transit service connecting services (door-to-door)	F	6
General Services	Improve travel time options for non-shift workers	C	-
General Services	Have local bus service operate all day long to match with Fairfax connector services	F	2
General Services	Utilize circulators with reliable times and service to travel among modal hubs / park and rides	F	2
General Services	Provide later service hours that match regional modes of travel	F	6
General Services	Provide more mid-day service for errands and other travel needs (not just work trips)	C	3
Technology	Incorporate electronic signs to indicate the wait time until the next bus arrives. Provide other technology to allow agency and users alike to track vehicle locations and provide real-time information	C,F	1
Technology	Incorporate wi-fi technology on buses	C	2
Outreach/ Education	More information on services needs to be provided, especially in locations such as Starbucks and grocery stores. Any material should be large print and distributed in various languages	F	12



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Outreach/ Education	Explore on-line route creation/scheduling and direct mail options to local businesses to distribute route information	C,F	-
Outreach/ Education	Extensive education is needed to help people understand where routes go, how to use the services, etc.	F	-
Outreach/ Education	It is confusing understanding how to make multi-mode, multi-route trips	F	-
Coordination with other plans	Bicycle and Pedestrian access to bus stops and along routes is critical. In many cases it is not safe to cross expansive roadways. More paths and links are necessary	C,F	4
Coordination with other plans	There might be an opportunity to integrate proposed improvements with the Dulles Loop Airport traffic study currently ongoing	F	-
Coordination with other plans	Look into opportunities for shared-use of parking – co-locate commuter and commercial parking/bicycle parking (make more attractive)	C,F	3
Coordination with other plans	Don't overlay urban-style services in a rural area	F	1
Specific Issues	Provide more Crystal City stops along commuter routes	C	1
Specific Issues	Maintain "quiet-ride" option for commuter services	C	1
Specific Issues	The Ashburn feeder bus is currently empty – look for opportunities to improve productivity on this route	F	1
Specific Issues	Provide direct Dulles to Leesburg service	F	-
Specific Issues	Provide VRT connector bus service to commuter rail (MARC, VRE)	C,F	3
Specific Issues	Shorter commuter bus routes (not into DC) should be increased or initiated to provide service to Reston, Herndon, Tysons Corner.	C	2
Specific Issues	Continue to provide investments to turn Dulles North into a major transit center	C,F	-