

MCA Transportation Committee Report

January 26, 2005

The Transportation Committee held a well attended meeting with Providence Supervisor Linda Smyth on January 18 to hear about the Tysons Corner Transportation Study being undertaken by the County at Sup. Smyth's request. Sup. Smyth stated that the Tysons study is part of a countywide transportation study being conducted by the County this year. The work plan includes opportunity for public input and we requested to be included in any such opportunities.

Sup. Smyth explained that the study will use a new computer modeling process to explore various scenarios of future development in Tysons Corner. The model will attempt to predict transportation impacts of the various scenarios. MCA President Susan Turner and others present at the meeting expressed community concerns that any such study capture the impact of additional automobile traffic from new development, particularly on the communities surrounding Tysons Corner, such as McLean. Others expressed concern that the study not be limited to existing transportation plans, but rather consider changes in traffic patterns or additional transportation improvements that could alleviate traffic congestion problems at Tysons Corner.

Sup. Smyth said that the study would take most of the year 2005, and that results of the study will be used to consider the plan nominations that have been filed for Tysons Corner. When asked about the structure of any planning effort for Tysons she said the precise structure for such an effort has not been decided, but that it would likely involve subgroups detailed to examine transit station areas. The meeting gave full consideration to all concerns by those in attendance. Thanks to Sally Liff for inviting Supervisor Smyth.

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