

MCA Transportation Committee Report

December 21, 2004

Bill Byrnes, Dan Alcorn, Wade Smith, and Sally Liff attended the HJR 276 meeting chaired by Delegate Jim Scott held December 7, 2004 at the Freddie Mac Park Run Two building. Supervisor Lynda Smith attended and reported on the Fairfax County Tysons Corner Transportation Study authorized by the Board of Supervisors. She said that the County is contracting for a countywide transportation study, and that as an add-on to that effort the County will undertake the Tysons Transportation study. Sterling Wheeler of the County Office of Comprehensive Planning 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.

Sup. Smith 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 a group that would oversee the whole effort with subgroups detailed to parts of the whole, operating under the supervision of the oversight group. On another topic, Bill Byrnes brought up the traffic from the new federal facility on the PRC site on Lewinsville Road, and VDOT and county representatives said they would look into the situation. They said they were not aware of the new facility.

Dan Alcorn and Bill Byrnes attended the annual meeting of the Dulles Corridor Rail Association on December 9 at the offices of LaFarge Corp. in Herndon Virginia Department of Rail and Public Transit Dulles Rail Project Director Sam Carmaggio reported on the status of the rail project. He said that 150 employees have been hired and are working from the project's headquarters office in Tysons Corner. Teams are currently conducting drilling tests along the path of the proposed rail line to collect soil samples of the underground environment. You may see these teams in the medians of the Dulles Road or in Tysons Corner.

No meeting in December- next Transportation Committee meeting- January 18, 2005, with Sup. Lynda Smith scheduled to attend.

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