

Crystal City/Potomac Yard Transit Improvements Environmental Review

Public Information Meeting Aurora Hills Community Center & Senior Center Arlington, Virginia

October 16, 2006, 6:30 – 8:30 PM

The Washington Metropolitan Area Transit Authority (Metro), Arlington County, the City of Alexandria and the Virginia Department of Public Transportation (DRPT), conducted a Public Information Meeting for the Crystal City/Potomac Yard Transit Improvements Environmental Review Project. The meeting was held on October 16, 2006, from 6:30 to 8:30 PM at the Aurora Hills Community Center & Senior Center in Arlington, Virginia.

The purpose of the meeting was to inform the community about the environmental review process of the planned transit improvements in the Crystal City/Potomac Yard corridor.

Public Notification

On August 2, 2006, the project team mailed a flyer introducing the study to 461 individuals/groups from the project's mailing database. On September 22, 2006, the project team mailed a postcard announcing the October 16, 2006 public meeting at Aurora Hills to 440 individuals/groups from the project's mailing database. The team also disseminated approximately 400 postcards at the Pentagon City and Crystal City Metro Stations approximately one week prior to the public meeting. Additionally, postcards were available at the Arlington County and City of Alexandria governmental offices.

The team provided project information and a meeting announcement on the study's website, www.ccpytransit.com and distributed e-mail broadcasts to e-mail addresses from the project's mailing database.

Public Information Meeting

The Open House portion of the meeting began at 6:30 PM and included displays, maps, traffic simulations, a meeting agenda, project brochure, and comment sheet. Meeting attendees had the opportunity to speak with project staff. The information that was presented provided participants with an understanding of the ongoing environmental review of the planned transit improvements.

Approximately 27 people attended the meeting, including Arlington County Board Chairman Chris Zimmerman, community members, FTA staff, and representatives from Charles Smith and a property management company.

A formal presentation began at 7:00 PM with representatives from Metro, Arlington County and the City of Alexandria presenting information about the participating jurisdictions plans, phased transit improvements, and results of transportation and environmental analyses.

After the presentation, a Question and Answer Session was conducted by the project team. The public provided comments on the planned transit improvements, including vehicles, alignment and stations; the environmental analyses; the public involvement process; and potential long-term transit improvements in the corridor.

The public was informed of comment venues available through the project web site, www.ccpytransit.com and via the comment sheets that were available at the meeting. Public comment sheets could also be mailed to Wendy Jia, the Metro Project Manager.

The meeting concluded at approximately 8:30 PM. All meeting materials will be posted for download through the project website.