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Dulles Corridor Rail Association Applauds Memorandum of Understanding between the Commonwealth of Virginia and MWAA to Build Rail to Loudoun County

Reston, VA – At a Press Conference this morning in Richmond attended by members of the Virginia Congressional delegation and the General Assembly, including DCRA Chairman Delegate Kenneth R. Plum, Governor Tim Kaine announced the signing of a “Memorandum of Understanding between the Commonwealth of Virginia and the Metropolitan Washington Airports Authority (MWAA) Concerning the Dulles Corridor Metrorail Project and Dulles Toll Road.”

“This is extremely good news for the project,” said Plum. “Having the Airports Authority manage the Dulles Metrorail project adds certainty and ensures completion of the entire project out to Washington Dulles International Airport and into Loudoun County. It is also likely to reduce the time of construction and reduce costs. This is a win/win for the Commonwealth, northern Virginia, and its residents, visitors, and businesses.”

The Airports Authority has a track record of successfully managing major construction projects including completion of the new Reagan Washington National Airport. It is currently managing a \$4 billion expansion program at Washington Dulles International Airport.

"We are confident that the Airports Authority has the ability to manage this project in a timely and cost-effective manner," Plum said.

DCRA is a non--profit, membership organization formed in August 1998 to advocate rail in the Dulles corridor as quickly as feasible. Its mission includes advising decision-makers on transit-related issues and building business and community support for the project. Members consist of individuals and businesses, civic and environmental organizations, and government agencies.

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