

Statement from the Metropolitan Washington Airports Authority  
on the release of the Hill report by FTA.

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The Airports Authority will review the recently- released report from the Federal Transit Administration with a cost estimate for Phase I of the Dulles Rail Project. We appreciate the complexities of the cost-effective measurements that are required by federal law. We fully intend to make the cost adjustments to make the project eligible for FTA funding. We believe that these adjustments can be addressed in a mutually satisfactory manner within the procedures provided by the FTA review process. The Dulles corridor rail project has already advanced through an extensive environmental review, which resulted in a formal federal record of decision; preliminary design has been underway for nearly two years; a contract has been executed with the construction company and funding agreements have been finalized with our local government partners. All of this work has advanced this important project to this critical point in the FTA review process, and we look forward to advancing this project to into final design and a full funding federal grant.