



April 18, 2011

Mr. Charles D. Snelling
Chairman, Board of Directors
Metropolitan Washington Airports Authority
1 Aviation Circle, Suite 304
Washington, DC 20001-6000

Dear Chairman Snelling:

The Dulles Corridor Rail Association (DCRA) writes to reaffirm the position stated in its letter of September 30, 2010, in support of the aerial alignment of the Dulles Corridor Metrorail Project at Washington Dulles International Airport.

We urge the Board of Directors of the Metropolitan Washington Airports Authority (MWAA) to reconsider its position and approve the aerial alternative at the next meeting of the Board of Directors of the Metropolitan Washington Airports Authority on May 4. We do not see the aerial alignment and station as diminishing passenger experience. Views from the train of the landmark main terminal will be extraordinary. The pedestrian tunnel can be enlivened with special lighting, materials, and art works so that it, too, is an exciting experience. A tremendous amount of money will be saved.

Recognizing that this is a difficult time to secure funding with government, business, and personal budgets under great strain, DCRA requests that the MWAA Board direct its staff to explore all other viable alternatives to reduce the costs of Phase 2, including the use of independent contractors to evaluate cost reduction measures with the goal of reducing Phase 2 project costs to well under \$3 billion.

Finally, we note that all the project principals were involved in making decisions to reduce the cost of Phase 1. We advocate that this successful model be followed in Phase 2 and that all the principals participate in making key project decisions so that the interests of the community are served.

Thank you for your attention to this matter.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Kenneth R. Plum".

Kenneth R. Plum
Chairman

cc: Lynne Hampton, President and CEO, Metropolitan Washington Airports
Authority (MWAA)
Quincy Brinkley, Secretary to the MWAA Board
Sharon Bulova, Chairman, Fairfax County Board of Supervisors
Catherine Hudgins, Supervisor, Hunter Mill District
Scott York, Chairman, Loudoun County Board of Supervisors
Secretary of Transportation Sean Connaughton
Congressman Frank Wolf
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