

Metrorail Project Motion - July 20, 2011

Mr. Chairman, I move that the Board approve the following:

First, that the Board concurs with the modifications proposed by the U.S. Secretary of Transportation to the scope and design plan for Phase 2 of Metrorail Project to include the aerial station adjacent to the North Parking Garage at Dulles International Airport on the condition that the Memorandum of Understanding include the conditions set forth in the following paragraph;

Second, that the Board believes that, before it and other Project partners can reach a final agreement on all of the proposed Phase 2 modifications, a number of related matters need to be resolved, including but not necessarily limited to the following:

1. A commitment from Loudoun and Fairfax Counties that they will assume the funding of the parking garages at the Herndon-Monroe and the Routes 28, 606 and 772 Metrorail stations and for the funding of the Route 28 station itself;
2. A commitment and clarification of the TIFIA assistance that will be made available to MWAA in the event Loudoun and Fairfax Counties are unable to unconditionally assume responsibility for the funding of the parking garages and the Route 28 station;
3. A commitment that the additional \$150 million financial contribution by the Commonwealth of Virginia will be designated for the rail project specifically; and
4. That the partners understand that there are legal restraints imposed on MWAA that prevent it from donating airport owned land that does not serve an airport purpose.
5. A commitment to include minority contracting, DBE, LDBE targeted goals that equal or exceed the goals established in the Phase 1 project.

Third, that the Board commits to working with its Project partners in developing a memorandum of understanding or similar document that will clarify the matters presented by the Airports Authority, as well as matters presented by the partners, and will succinctly set out the Phase 2 scope, design and finance plan modifications to which the parties have agreed; further, it is the desire of the Board that such a document be prepared within the next seven to ten days and be presented for consideration by the Board at its August 3, 2011, meeting.