

## WOLF STATEMENT ON DULLES RAIL

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Washington, D.C. – Rep. Frank Wolf (R-10th) today issued the following statement at Virginia Governor Tim Kaine’s Capitol Hill press conference on Dulles rail:

“I want to begin by thanking the Governor, the Airports Authority, Metro, the Federal Transit Administration and everyone else who has been involved in this project.

“I particularly want to thank Senator Warner, who has been such a strong partner in the effort to bring rail to Dulles and beyond. Senator, this region is going to miss your leadership. You have worked hard on this, and so many other projects – many that most people have either forgotten about or don’t even know – to make northern Virginia an even better place to live, work and raise a family. Thank you.

“One of the projects some people might not remember is our successful effort to transfer control of Reagan National and Dulles airports to a local authority. Everyone said it could not – and should not – be done. Well, we did it, and look at the result. Not only are both airports thriving, but they are economic engines for the region.

“Extending rail to Dulles and into Loudoun County is critical to our region. It is probably the only significant transportation project on the horizon.

“Just think where we would be if the existing Metrorail system was never built. Metro continues to break ridership numbers and just announced this week that it will soon be adding additional cars to trains in Virginia during the morning and afternoon rush hours.

“This project is about helping provide relief to the thousands of people who sit in traffic day in and day out in the Dulles corridor. It is about helping moms and dads spend less time in their cars and more time with their families. It is about helping the thousands of high tech workers in the Dulles corridor who call our region home get to work more easily. It is about giving people more time to do the things they want – like coaching Little League, singing in the church choir or just going to the movies – without having to worry how long it takes to get somewhere or timing a trip around what has become rush ‘hours.’

“I know the Governor and the Airports Authority are committed to making this project work. I know it has gone through some difficult times, but we cannot lose this opportunity.

If we do not move now, it could be a long time before this opportunity comes again.

“I helped pull together the group in the mid-1990s that has led to where we are today and have secured more than \$220 million in federal funding for this project. Additional money is expected in the FY 2008 transportation spending bill.

“Rail to Dulles, after being talked about for so long, is on the brink of becoming reality. This is great news for the region. I am anxious to ride from Dulles to Reagan National with my grandchildren, and with today’s announcements, we are one step closer.”

### Dulles Rail Project Revisions and Reductions \$306 Million

- **Management Economies: \$45 Million**
  - Combined Phase 1 and 2 railcar procurement; integrated management oversight
- **Design Economies: \$86 Million**
  - West Falls Church maintenance yard, communication system revisions, and power station revisions
- **Technology Upgrades: \$7 Million**
  - Digital communication and control system revisions
- **Alternative Financing: \$122 Million**
  - Rt.7 and other highway revisions; Wiehle Avenue parking revisions
- **Contingency Reductions: \$46 Million**
  - Prescribed risk assessment rate associated with reductions and revisions