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DCRA Applauds Approval of Dulles Rail Phase 1 PE and Honors Congressional Delegation

The Federal Transit Administration (FTA) announced its approval of preliminary engineering for the Dulles Corridor Rail Project June 10. Dulles Corridor Rail Association (DCRA) Chairman Delegate Kenneth R. Plum said, "This approval is a significant milestone for a project that is critical to the economic future of Northern Virginia and the National Capital Region. On June 15, we will be celebrating this milestone and honoring our Congressional delegation. We also will get a project update from Virginia Department of Rail and Public Transportation Director Karen Rae."

The June 15 Spring Reception is being hosted by Gannett Co., Inc. from 5:00-7:00 p.m., 7950 Jones Branch Drive. Nearly 200 business and civic leaders will join the DCRA Board of Directors to honor the delegation.

Plum said, "We are pleased to honor the leadership of our Northern Virginia delegation. Through the efforts of Senators John Warner and George Allen and Representatives Frank Wolf, Jim Moran, and Tom Davis, the Dulles Corridor extension has received \$163 million in federal funding over the last six years, enabling it to move forward. Our delegation has submitted the rail project for inclusion in the transportation reauthorization bill as a fixed guideway capital project. A conference committee on which Senator Warner and Representative Davis sit is working on the bill now. We appreciate their work to make rail a reality."

Todd Mayman, Gannett Representative and DCRA Board member, noted that in its previous Rosslyn location many employees used transit. "We believe that the availability of reliable, affordable and readily accessible public transportation will be a true benefit for our employees and those of the countless other businesses in Tysons Corner that comprise the economic engine of Fairfax County and the Commonwealth of Virginia."

DCRA Vice Chairman Vince Callahan said, "This is an important time in the life of the region. We have clogged highways that result in loss of time and money for our residents, visitors, and employees. This rail extension will give frustrated commuters a high quality option to driving a vehicle and address the growing trip demand in the corridor."

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