

Date of Meeting: February 22, 2011

**BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
TRANSPORTATION AND LAND USE COMMITTEE
INFORMATION ONLY ITEM**

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SUBJECT: **Proposed Plan for Bicycle and Pedestrian Improvements around Route 606 and Route 772 Metro Stations – [Update]**

ELECTION DISTRICT: **Dulles**

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BACKGROUND:

At its December 7, 2010 meeting, the Board of Supervisors voted 8-0-1 (York absent for the vote) to direct staff to prepare a multi-modal access plan for the Route 606 and 772 Metro stations. The purpose of this plan is to identify bicycle and pedestrian projects that will connect communities to the stations, and to identify funding opportunities for those projects, including potential federal funds. Findings and recommendations were to be presented for review to the Transportation and Land Use Committee (TLUC) at its March, 2011 meeting.

Subsequent to the Board's direction in December, the schedule for the TLUC has been adjusted such that, at this time, a March Committee meeting is not scheduled in order to accommodate budget worksessions. Instead, a second February meeting has been scheduled for February 22, 2011. As such, staff plans on bringing its findings on this subject to the April TLUC meeting. This information only item is provided to the TLUC in order to provide an update to the Committee on the progress of the action item.

Previous planning efforts, including the *Loudoun County Bicycle and Pedestrian Mobility Master Plan* and the *2010 Countywide Transportation Plan* anticipate connections to the future Metro stations, including both on- and off-road facilities. In addition, approved developments in the vicinity of the Metro stations (i.e. Moorefield Station) have proffered to build certain connections. OTS staff members are reviewing these documents and proffered improvements, as well as existing infrastructure, in order to establish a base of information. The information is being catalogued in GIS through the assistance of the Department of Mapping and Geographic Information. The synthesis of this information will help staff identify priority projects for implementation, including potential gaps in the existing/planned network. Staff are also examining the surrounding land uses to determine whether any additional connections that had not been previously anticipated should be considered.

Other current initiatives such as the on-going progress of the Dulles Rail Project, the Board-initiated prioritization of future pedestrian projects, and input on access issues for handicapped individuals present, in the aggregate, a consolidated approach to increasing pedestrian access, and in the case of this project, a proactive approach to increasing access options to future Metro stations.

Finally, with the draft plan, staff will also include a discussion on funding opportunities that could potentially assist in the implementation of the priority projects. OTS has and will engage with key stakeholders as feasible in order to ensure a well-conceived plan.