

Public Involvement and Agency Coordination

The public and key stakeholders have provided important input to the Columbia Pike Transit Initiative. Project team coordination with federal, state, and local agencies has also been integral to the process.

This document is a summary of the public and agency outreach activities from 2010 to 2012. The information below is organized by agency and stakeholder group.

Public Meetings

Two public meetings were held in November 2010. Extensive outreach was conducted to inform the public about the meetings.

The purpose of the meetings was to provide the public with an update on the progress of the project and to solicit input on the alignment, station locations, operations and maintenance facilities, existing conditions, and potential project effects. Comments received were instrumental in helping the project team to develop, refine, and evaluate the study alternatives.

Public Meeting Date/Time	Location	Attendance
November 15, 2010	Goodwin House, Bailey's Crossroads	112 citizens
November 18, 2010	Walter Reed Community Center	145 citizens

Community Coordination Committee

The Community Coordination Committee (CCC) has been composed of citizens, commercial and business interests along the corridor, and representatives of official advisory groups, including:

- Columbia Pike Revitalization Organization (CPRO)
- WMATA Riders Advisory Council
- Northern Virginia Streetcar Coalition
- Arlington County Planning Commission, Transportation Commission, and Transit Advisory Committee
- 14 Arlington County civic associations
- 7 Arlington County commercial property owners
- 4 Arlington County office and retail tenants
- Bailey's Crossroads Revitalization Corporation (BCRC)
- Fairfax County Planning Commission and Transportation Advisory Commission
- 14 Fairfax County civic associations
- 6 Fairfax County commercial property owners
- 3 Fairfax County office and retail tenants
- Several individual members of the public

Community Coordination Committee Meeting Date/Time
March 10, 2010, 7-9 PM
October 7, 2010, 7-9 PM
December 5, 2011, 7-9 PM

Community and Stakeholder Meetings

In addition to holding public meetings, the project team has held numerous meetings and briefings with stakeholders and community groups. The project team has also conducted outreach activities for English as a Second Language (ESL) groups.

Community Group/Stakeholder	Meeting Date(s)
Northern Virginia Community College (NOVA)	2/24/2010
	6/24/2010
	8/19/2010
	1/20/2011
	4/8/2011
Skyline Complex (Vornado)	8/15/2011
	4/7/2010
Northern Virginia Streetcar Coalition	11/21/2011
	4/22/2010
City of Alexandria	2/27/2012
	7/14/2010
	9/30/2010
Coca Cola	2/24/2012
VDOT – Northern Virginia District	8/4/2010
Skyline House	8/5/2010
	10/6/2010
Skyline Plaza	2/16/2012
	10/6/2010
Target	2/15/2012
	10/7/2010
Virginia Department of Historic Resources (VDHR)	9/28/2011
	11/9/2010
Vornado & Lerner Property Owners in Pentagon City	10/11/2011
	11/15/2010
	12/20/2010
	1/27/2011
	4/5/2011
Larchmont Apartment Owners	5/25/2011
	11/17/2010
Latino Roundtable	10/4/2011
	12/15/2010
Arlington Heights Civic Association	1/11/2011
Columbia Pike Land Use and Housing Study	1/24/2011
Public Storage/Commonwealth Consultants	2/17/2011
Alcova Heights Civic Association	3/24/2011
	2/16/2012
BRAC Joint Task Force	4/5/2011
Arlington County Disability Advisory Commission	4/19/11
Arlington County Super Stops program	4/26/2011

Federal Highway Administration (FHWA)	4/28/2011
Arlington County Transit Advisory Committee	5/10/2011 9/13/2011 12/13/2011
Crystal City BID	3/8/2012
Rosenthal Redevelopment	6/21/2011
Verizon	7/2011
Property Owner at Jefferson Street Transit Center	9/28/2011
Arlington County Development Review on 12 th St.	9/29/2011
Washington Boulevard Interchange Project	11/2/2011
Arlington County Planning on Navy Annex Parcel	11/2011 1/2012
Arlington County Transportation Commission	1/5/2012
Arlington County (Four Mile Run Bridge)	11/2011
Aurora Highlands Civic Association	2/8/2012
Bailey's Crossroads Revitalization Corporation	2/21/2012
Penrose Neighborhood Association	2/21/2012
Goodwin House Bailey's Crossroads	2/23/2012
English as a Second Language (ESL) Briefing	3/19/2012

Outreach to Historically Underrepresented Populations

Given the high concentration of Spanish-speakers in the corridor, project information provided to the public has been in both Spanish and English. A Spanish-language translator has also been available at public meetings. Members of the project team presented at the December 2010 Arlington Latino Roundtable.

Project Mailing List

A database of names and addresses was compiled and has been maintained during the project. The list has been used to mail letters and send-email broadcasts to approximately 1300 recipients about public meetings and other project-related events.

Project Website

A website, <http://www.piketransit.com>, was created to keep interested parties up-to-date on the progress of the project. The website also provides a means for visitors to submit their comments via e-mail to the project team.

Policy Committee

The Policy Committee has met as often as project activities required. The committee's role has been to advise the PMT and provide policy direction. The co-chairs are from the Arlington County Board and the

Fairfax County Board of Supervisors, Mason District. Other members include:

- Chairs of the Arlington County Board and Fairfax County Board of Supervisors
- Arlington County Manager
- Arlington County Transportation Division Director
- Fairfax County Department of Transportation Director
- Virginia Department of Transportation, Northern Virginia District Administrator
- Virginia Department of Rail and Public Transportation Director
- Commonwealth Transportation Board, Northern Virginia District member
- Virginia State Senate (31st District) member
- Virginia House of Delegates (49th District) member

Policy Committee Meeting Date/Time
November 4, 2009, 2-4 PM
May 5, 2010, 1-3 PM
October 29, 2010, 2-4 PM
December 2, 2011, 2-4 PM
February 29, 2012, 3-5 PM

Technical Advisory Committee

The TAC has been composed of representatives from federal, state, and local government agencies. Meeting periodically, their role has been to provide staff recommendations and advice on technical matters related to the project.

Technical Advisory Committee Meeting Date/Time
December 1, 2009, 2-4 PM
June 15, 2010
September 14, 2010, 2-4 PM
December 7, 2011, 2-4 PM

State and Federal Coordination

As the lead federal agency for the project, the Federal Transit Administration (FTA) is providing oversight and guidance on the Alternatives Analysis and environmental documentation process. FTA staff attend regular project team meetings and review technical products.

The Virginia Department of Rail and Public Transportation (DRPT) is a participating member of the project Policy Committee and provides technical input through participation in the Technical Advisory Committee. The project team periodically briefs DRPT leadership on project progress, most recently in April 2012.