



Feb. 14, 2012 Statement Made Before the Loudoun Board of Supervisors  
In Support of Rail to Loudoun  
By Georgia Graves on Behalf of the Committee for Dulles

The Committee for Dulles was founded in 1966 by business, civic and elected officials. Its purpose is to encourage the effective and efficient development of Washington Dulles International Airport as a vital national, regional and Northern Virginia resource, and to encourage supportive and compatible land uses adjacent to the airport. Since our beginning over 45 years ago, the Committee for Dulles has strongly supported the development of an effective rail system to Dulles Airport and we also feel this applies to the stations beyond the airport into Loudoun County.

Respectfully, the Committee for Dulles strongly urges the Loudoun Board of Supervisors to support the Rail to Dulles project for the following reasons:

- An area wide metro system will promote economic development and create jobs for Loudoun County, particularly near the Metro stops at Route 28/CIT, Route 606, and Route 772 enhancing Loudoun County competitive position in the region. Northern Virginia continues to experience a relatively low unemployment rate within the region. As business growth recovers and creates more jobs, much of that growth is likely to be along major transit corridors with access to both roads and transit. With the extension of rail into Loudoun County, its citizens and businesses are poised to take advantage of this.
- The additional businesses, employers and jobs created for Loudoun County will enhance Loudoun County's commercial tax base. There will also be many other ancillary opportunities which will happen in the future.
- An expansion of the Metrorail system to Loudoun County will help ease traffic congestion and the time spent by workers away from family activities.
- People and businesses are increasingly choosing town center style development for both their businesses and their homes. Surely the Route 772 station and environs would go a long way to meet this type of development.
- Support is growing among Loudoun citizens and businesses for completing the rail system all the way to Route 772. They recognize the opportunities rail will provide them, their customers and the people of Loudoun County.
- On a personal note, as a business owner in Loudoun County for many years, I have recognized the value of having a multiple modes of transportation for my employees. Rail to Loudoun will provide all citizens and businesses benefits in travel choices.

Mr. Chairman, thank you for your time and attention