

Transportation Committee Meeting

October 2, 2008

7:30 pm

Arlington County Board Room

Topic: Crystal City Planning Process Update

At the beginning of the agenda item discussion, Anthony Fusarelli, Crystal City project planner with CPHD, Planning Division, provided introductory remarks and shared a brief presentation that provided a background on the Task Force process to date. This presentation focused on the Policy Framework and Illustrative Concept Plan, particularly the transportation related components.

Questions and comments that arose by TC members during the meeting included the following:

- ✓ What is the thinking behind the Airport Circle concept at Jefferson Davis Hwy and the Airport Access Road (Route 233)? Would traffic leaving the airport be able to access 23rd Street at grade, or would through traffic still be depressed at that point?
- ✓ Are there new connections proposed between Eads Street and Jefferson Davis Highway in the vicinity of Fort Scott Drive?
- ✓ Jefferson Davis Hwy was one time at grade through Crystal City, with resulting gridlock. There had been past consideration of bringing JDH back to grade through Crystal City, similar to pre-existing conditions. How does the plan approach the treatment of JDH – does it leave it in its elevated form or does it change it back to grade?
- ✓ In recognition of the letters received from Vornado and a Task Force Resident representative, what are the major issues outstanding, have they been addressed, and if so how?
- ✓ Part of the presentation mentioned expansion of TDM measures? Is this because TDM measures would be applied to amended or new site plans where none were in existence previously? Also, are there new TDM strategies being considered as part of the planning process?
- ✓ What does the plan propose in the way of new or improved bike and pedestrian connections to the airport?