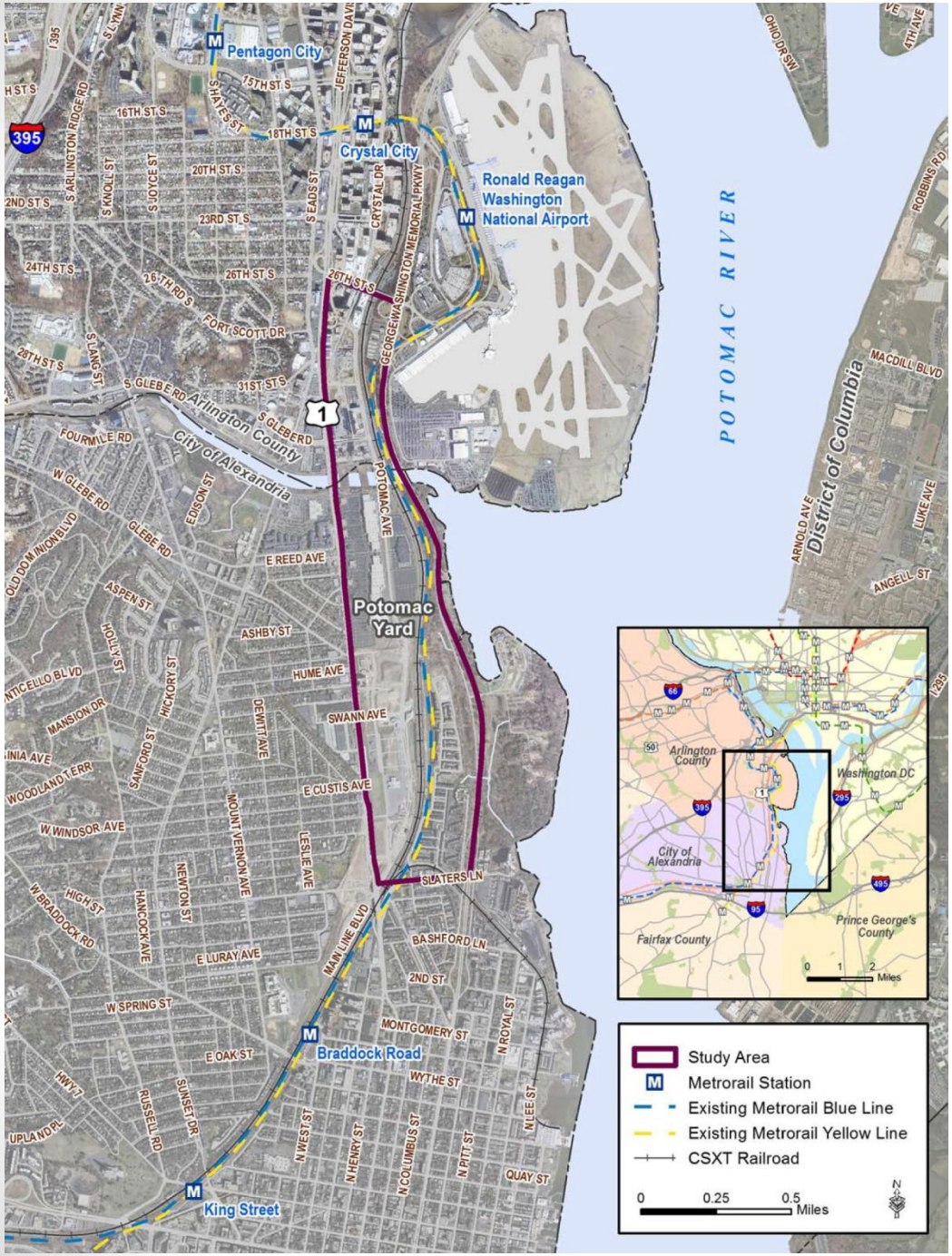
Potomac Yard Metrorail Station
Environmental Impact Statement

PYMIG Meeting

June 10, 2013

Agenda

- Welcome
- Review of Project to Date
- Public Outreach Process
- Schedule
- Next Steps



Study Area

Study area bounded by:

- Route 1 on the west
- George Washington Memorial Parkway on the east
- Slaters Lane on the south
- Ronald Reagan National Airport Access Road on the north

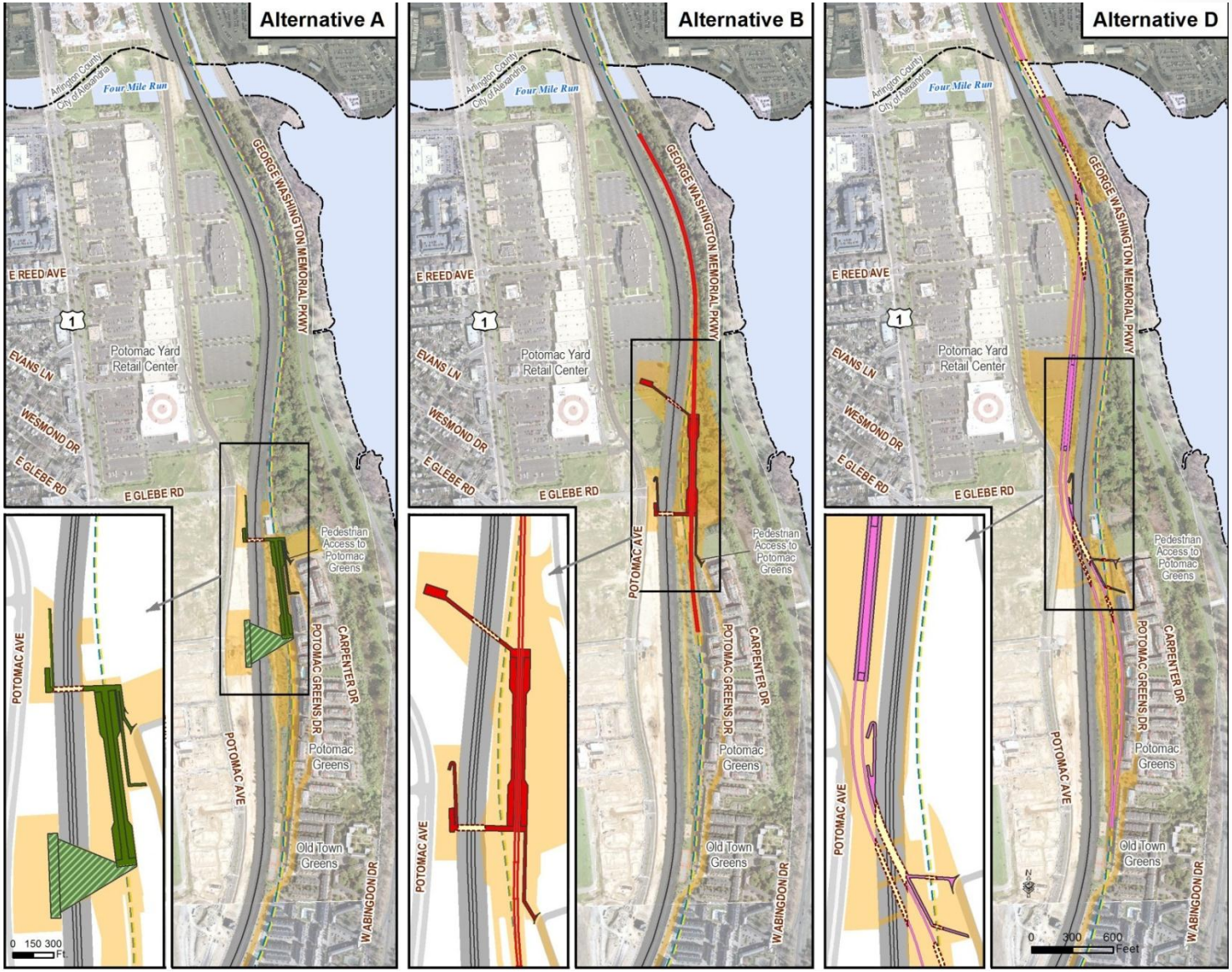
EIS Process

EIS Scoping & Alternatives Refinement
Draft EIS
Public Hearing & Comment on Draft EIS
Final EIS
Record of Decision (ROD)
Ongoing Agency Coordination and Public Involvement
2011
2012-2013
We are here
Fall 2013
Winter-Summer 2014
Fall 2014

Agency Roles

- **City of Alexandria:** Project sponsor and joint lead agency
- **Federal Transit Administration (FTA):** Lead federal agency
- **National Park Service (NPS):** Cooperating agency
- **Washington Metropolitan Area Transit Authority (WMATA):** Cooperating agency

Build Alternatives



Note: A No-Build Alternative is also under consideration

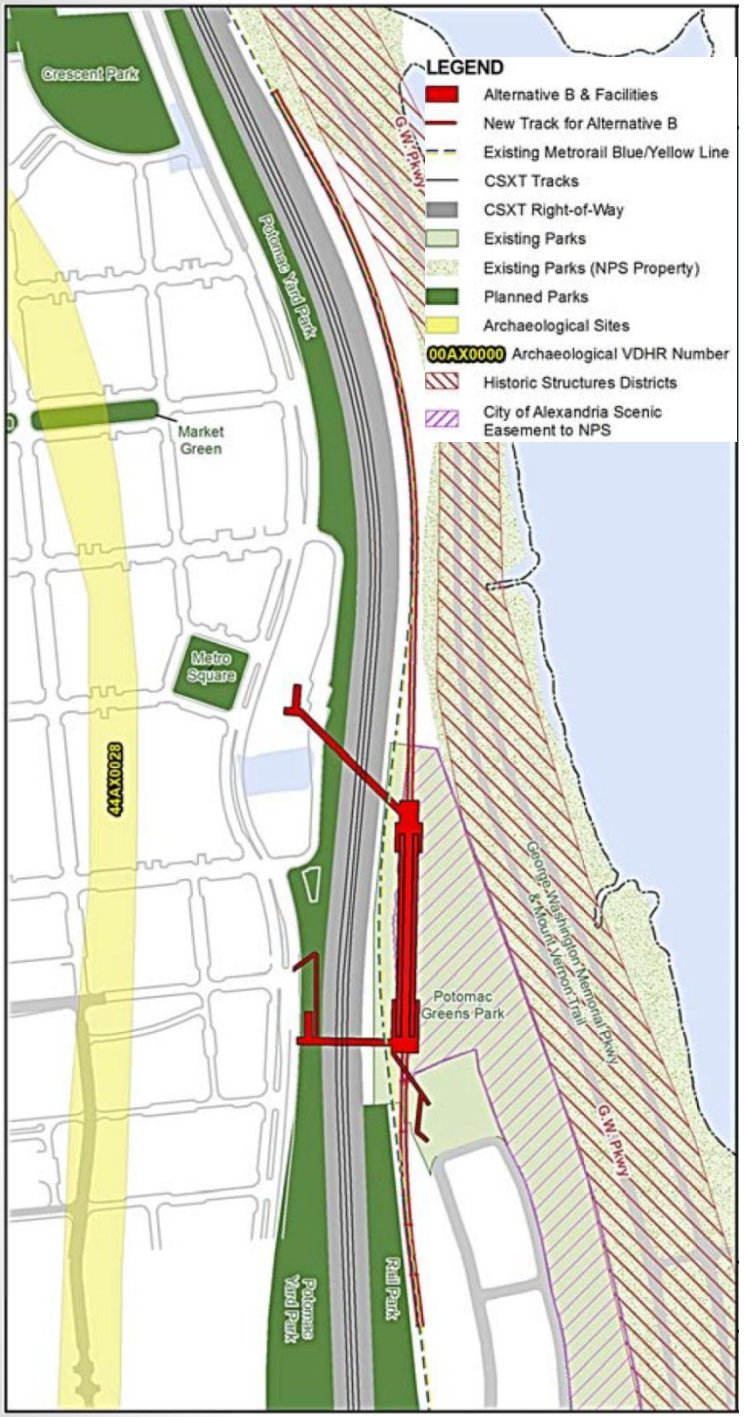
Preliminary Impacts to Key Resource Areas

- Key resource areas addressed in the Draft EIS
  - Visual Resources
  - Scenic Easement
  - NPS Land
  - Parks
  - Cultural Resources
  - Local Plans
    - Parks
    - Approved Plans
  - Noise and Vibration
  - Waters of the U.S. (Wetlands)
  - Construction Access and Staging

Visual Resources

Visual Resources

- No-Build
  - Potomac Yard development will be seen from George Washington Memorial Parkway (GWMP)
- Build Alternatives
  - Station and future Potomac Yard development will be seen from some GWMP viewsheds but vegetation will partially screen station

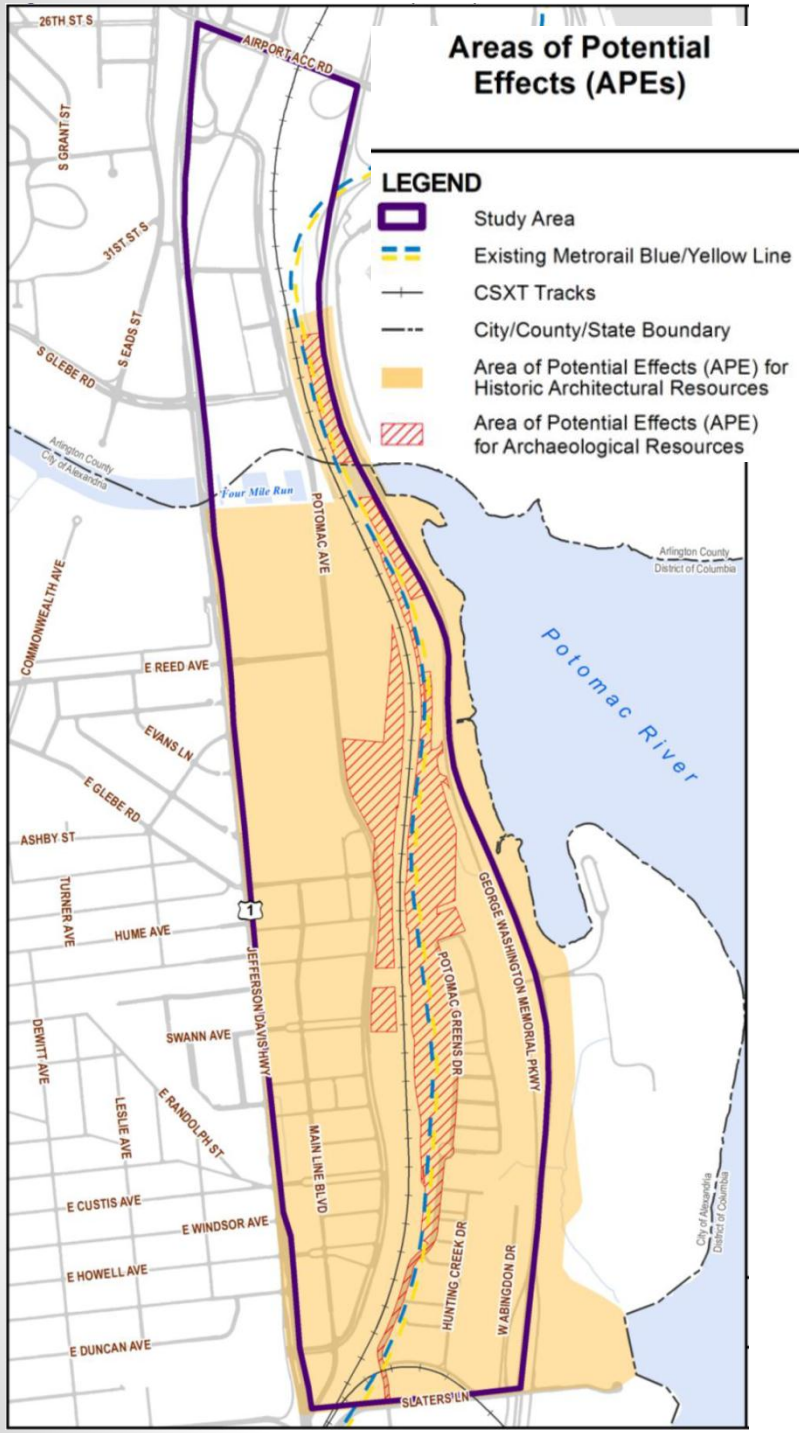


Scenic Easement and Fee Simple NPS Land

- Greens Scenic Easement
  - Impacts under Alternative B only
- Fee Simple NPS Land
  - Impacts under Alternative B (as currently designed) and Alternative D

Parks

- Potomac Yard Park
  - City-owned park
  - Impacts under Alternatives A and B due to pedestrian bridge touchdowns
  - Touchdowns would need to be coordinated with park design
  - Impacts under Alternative D due to tracks and facilities



Cultural Resources

George Washington Memorial Parkway

- Known by 2 names within study area:
  - Mount Vernon Memorial Parkway
  - Parkways of the National Capital Region
  - Identified as cultural resources
  - Section 106 analysis underway

Local Plans

- CDD 10 – Potomac Yard/Potomac Greens Small Area Plan
- CDD 19 – North Potomac Yard Small Area Plan
- City of Alexandria Master Plan
  - Alternative B is consistent with local plans
  - No-Build, Alternative A and Alternative D are not consistent with Local Plans

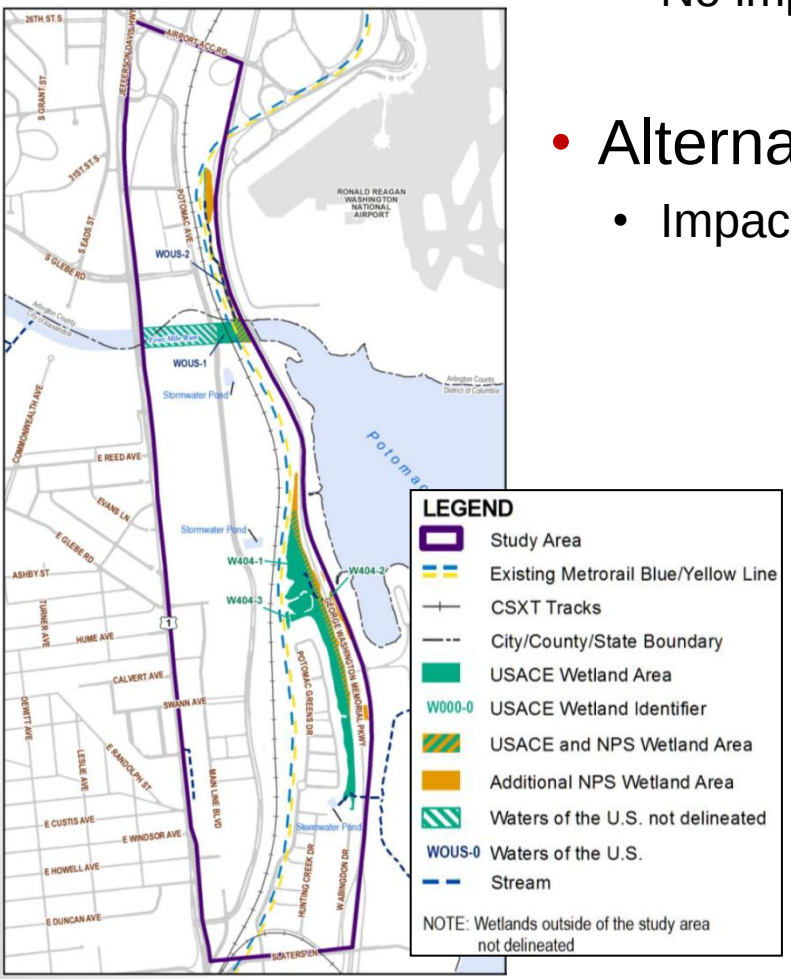
Noise &Vibration

- No-Build and Build Alternatives:
  - Noise & vibration affects residences close to Potomac Greens Park
- Alternatives A and D:
  - Additional impacts to proximate residences due to the location of track/station

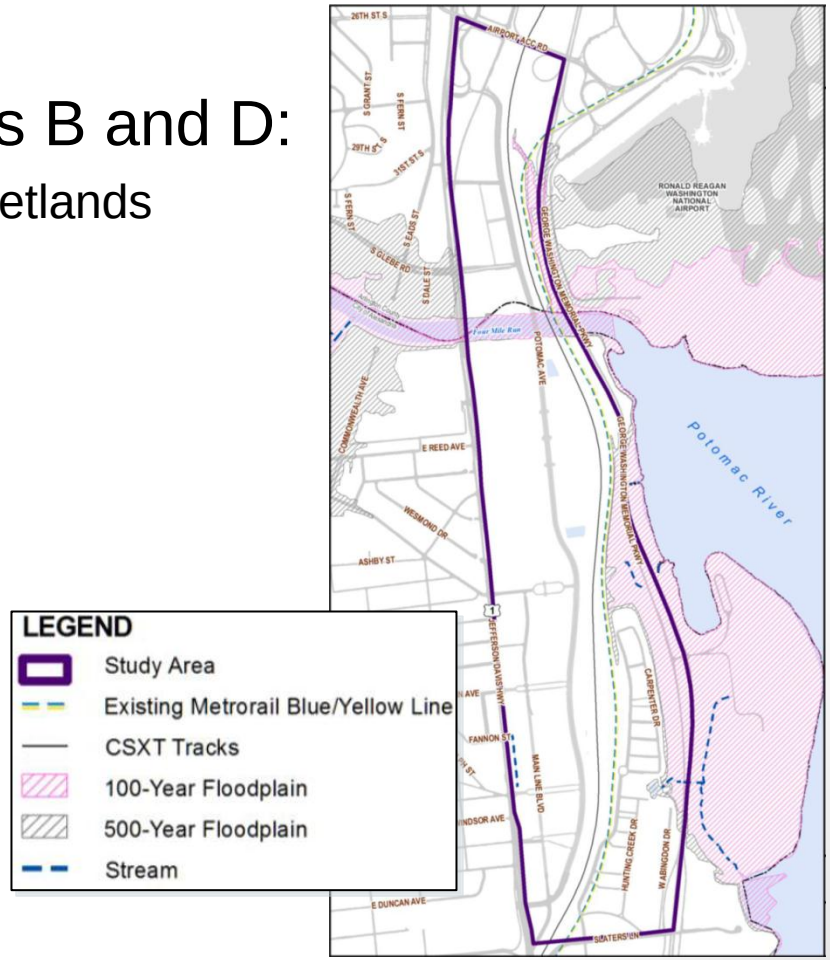
Waters of the U.S. (Wetlands)

- No Build and Alternative A:
  - No impacts
- Alternatives B and D:
  - Impact to wetlands

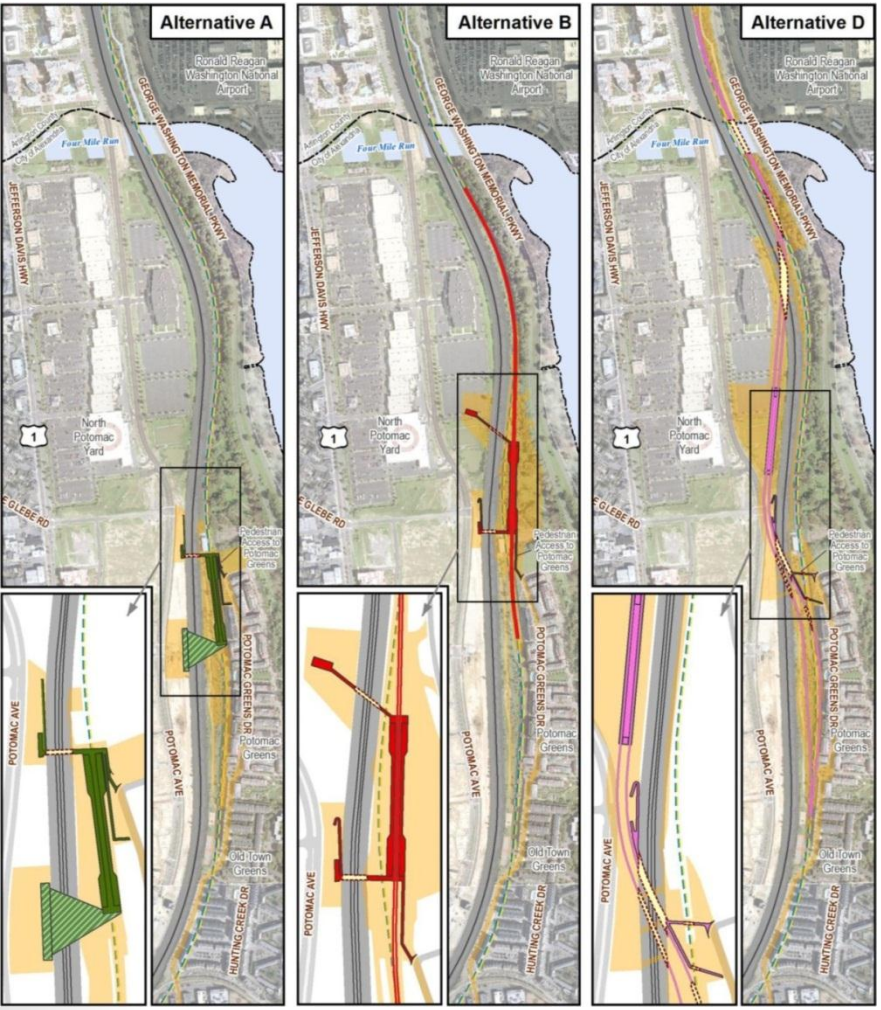
Wetlands



Floodplain



Construction Access and Staging



- Construction traffic on City roadways for all Build Alternatives
- Alternatives A and B could be constructed without access from the Parkway
- Some construction work outside of normal work hours and single tracking
- Vegetation will be removed for construction
  - To be replaced after construction
- Will result in temporary impacts related to noise, vibration, water resources, parkland, air quality, visual quality

Additional Studies

- Visual Landscape Assessment
- Design options for Station

Proposed Public Outreach

- Draft EIS anticipated in Fall 2013
  - Project Summary document & FAQs
  - Community Guide to the Draft EIS
  - Social Media
  - E-news
  - Community Meetings
    - PYMIG
    - Boards and Commissions
    - Stakeholder groups
    - Project-sponsored public hearing
    - City Council public hearing
    - Others as needed

Proposed Public Outreach

- Community Workshops: Fall 2013
  1. Land use, neighborhoods, soils, hazardous materials, and economic impacts
  2. Wetlands, scenic easement, parks, visual, and cultural impacts
  3. Transportation, noise/vibration, air quality, construction, and secondary/cumulative impacts
- Comments
  - Formal written comments will be taken at workshops and project-sponsored public hearing
  - Written comments can be emailed to comments@potomacyardmetro.com at any time
  - All comments will be documented and addressed in the Draft EIS

Estimated Schedule

Milestone	Estimated
Draft Environmental Impact Statement	Fall 2013
Community Education and Discussion Workshops	Fall 2013
Project Draft EIS Public Hearing	Fall 2013
City Council Public Hearing on Preferred Alternative	Late 2013
City Council determination of Preferred Alternative	Late 2013
Final Environmental Impact Statement	2014

Next Steps

- Release of Draft EIS
- Community Workshops
- Project Public Hearing

- Next PYMIG meeting (tentatively early fall, 2013)

For more information on this project or other capital or planning projects in Potomac Yard:

www.alexandriava.gov/potomacyard

For the project website see:
www.potomacyardmetro.com