



Potomac Yard Metrorail Station Environmental Impact Statement

Scoping Meeting

February 10, 2011



Purpose of Today's Meeting

An Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) is being prepared for a new Metrorail Station at Potomac Yard.

At today's meeting, we need your input on:

- Purpose and need for the project
- Alternatives being considered
- Key environmental considerations
- Public involvement and agency coordination process

Please provide us with your comments!



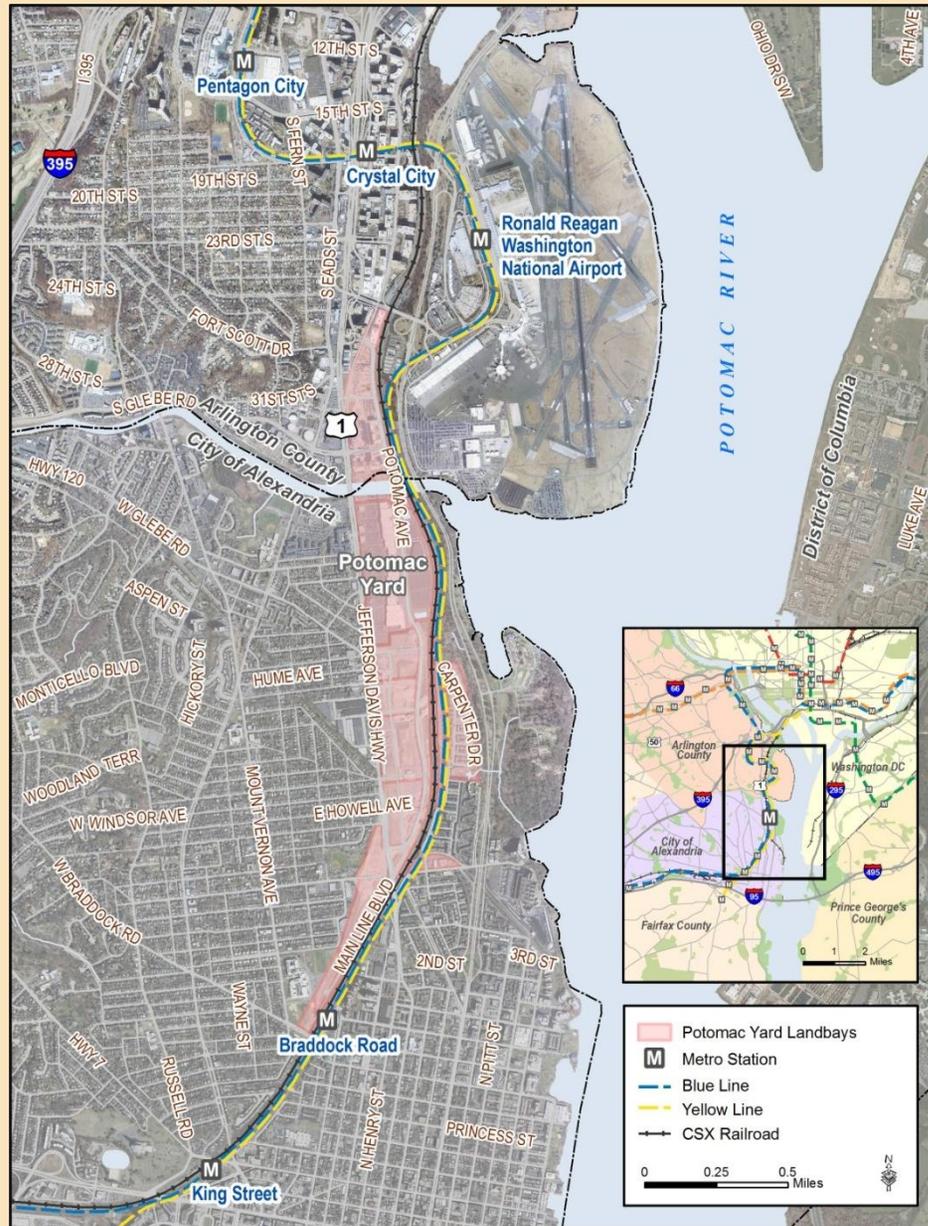
Purpose of Scoping

Scoping takes place at the start of the process to notify agencies, organizations, and the public that an EIS is being prepared for the project.

- Solicits input from the public
- Helps guide the direction of the EIS
- Ensures that agencies and the public understand what the EIS is about and how it is being prepared

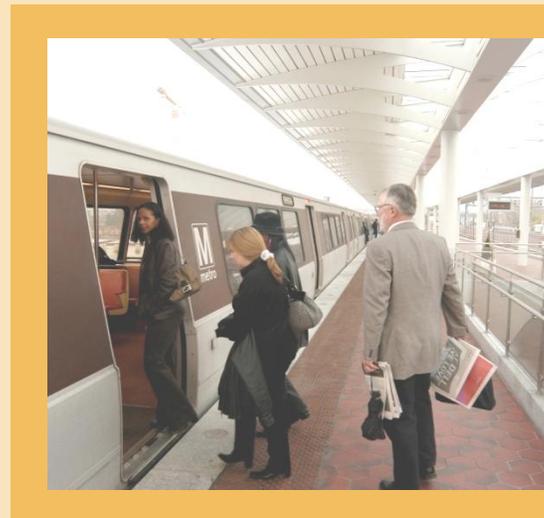


Study Area

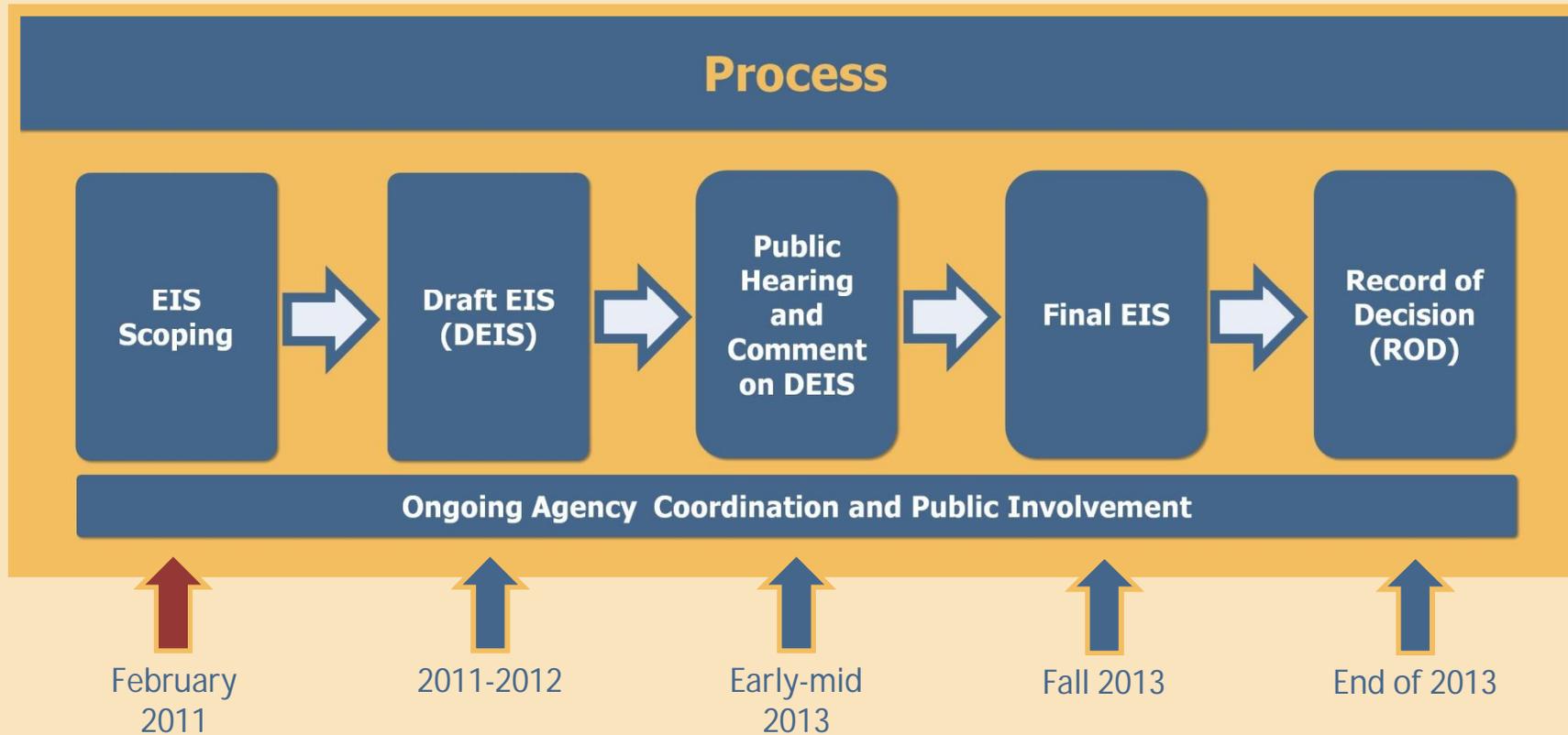


Purpose and Need

- Improve access to regional Metrorail system
- Accommodate current and future population, employment, and travel demand
- Increase transit ridership and mode share
- Provide infrastructure improvements that are cost-effective and financially feasible
- Enhance safety for transit riders and pedestrians



EIS Process



No Build Alternative

- 1) Existing transportation network plus committed transportation improvements through 2016
- 2) Crystal City/Potomac Yard Transitway
- 3) Citywide transportation improvements



Bus Stops , ADA Access, and Bus Shelter Replacement

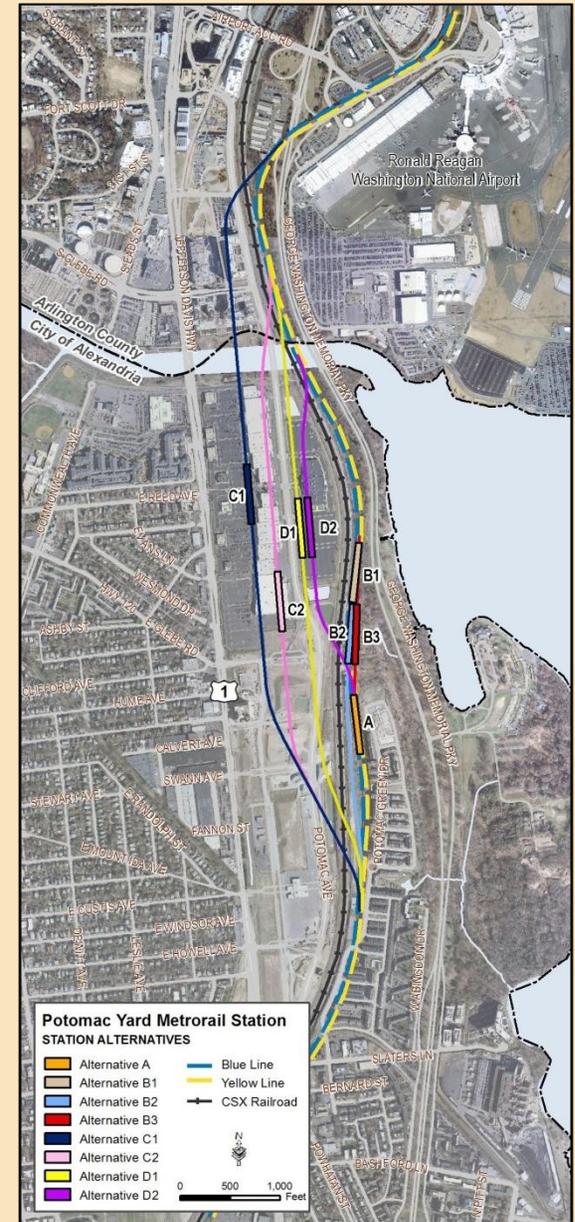
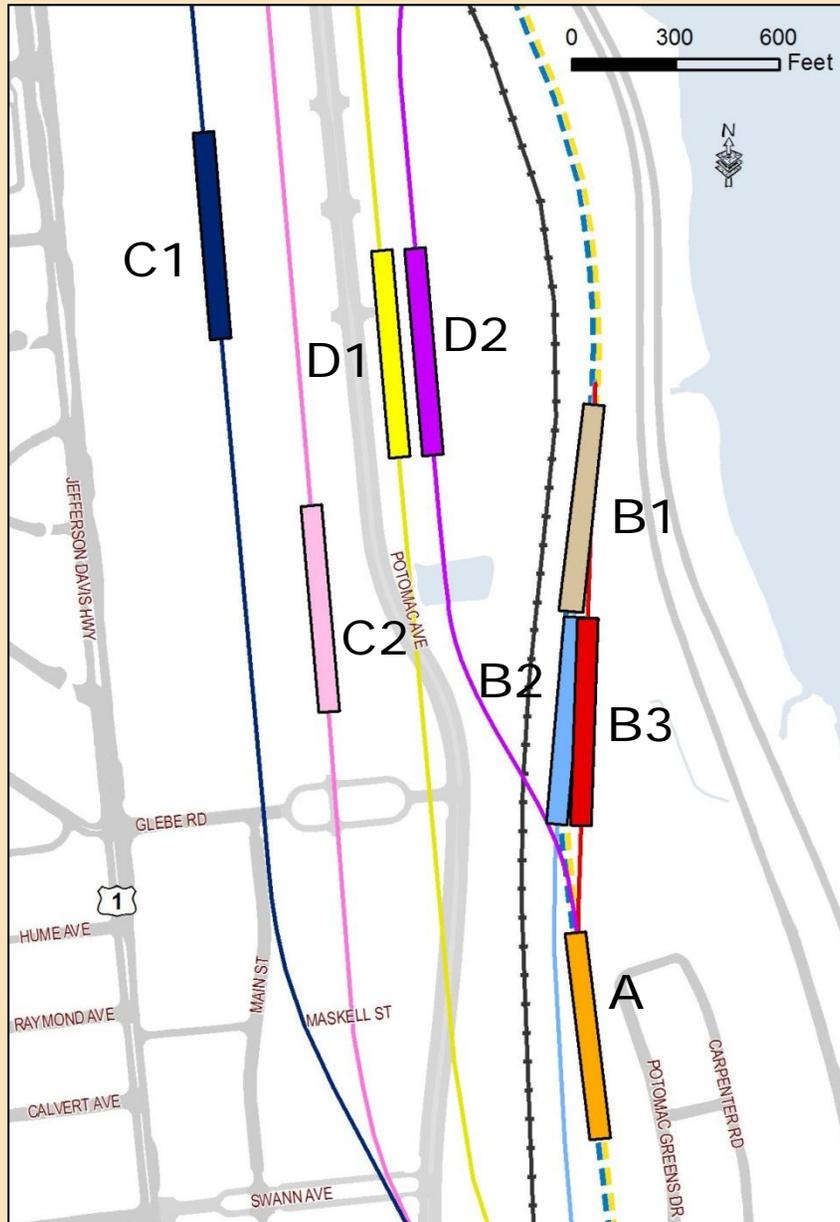


Bicycle Facilities and Safety Enhancements



Pedestrian Accommodations

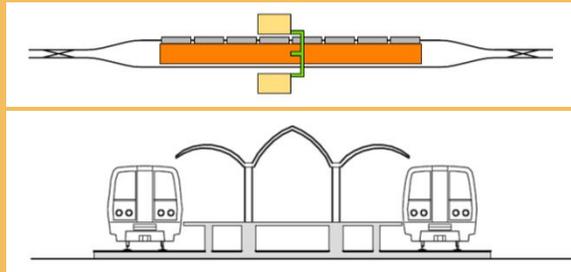
Build Alternatives



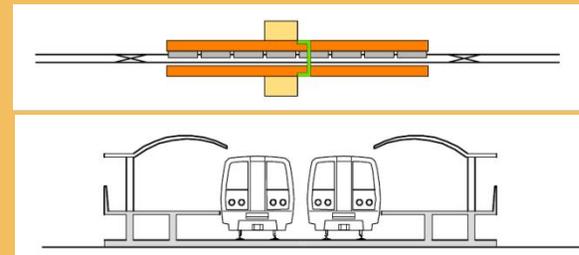
Typical Station Layouts



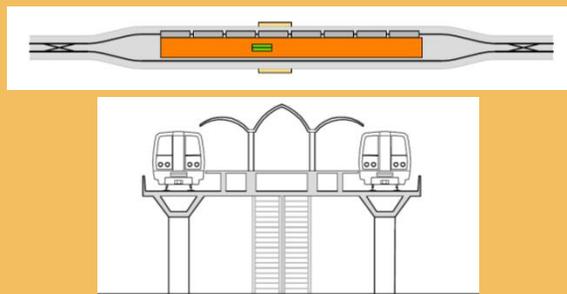
Ground Level: Center Platform



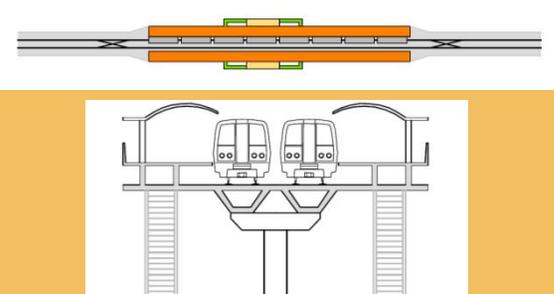
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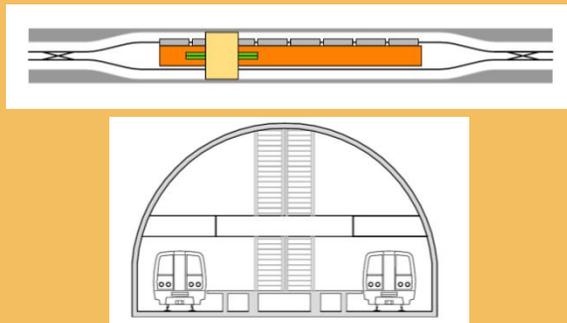
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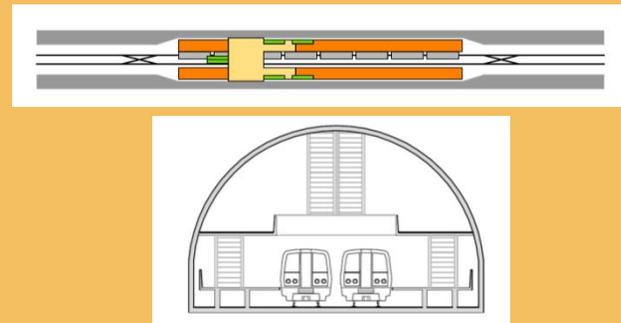
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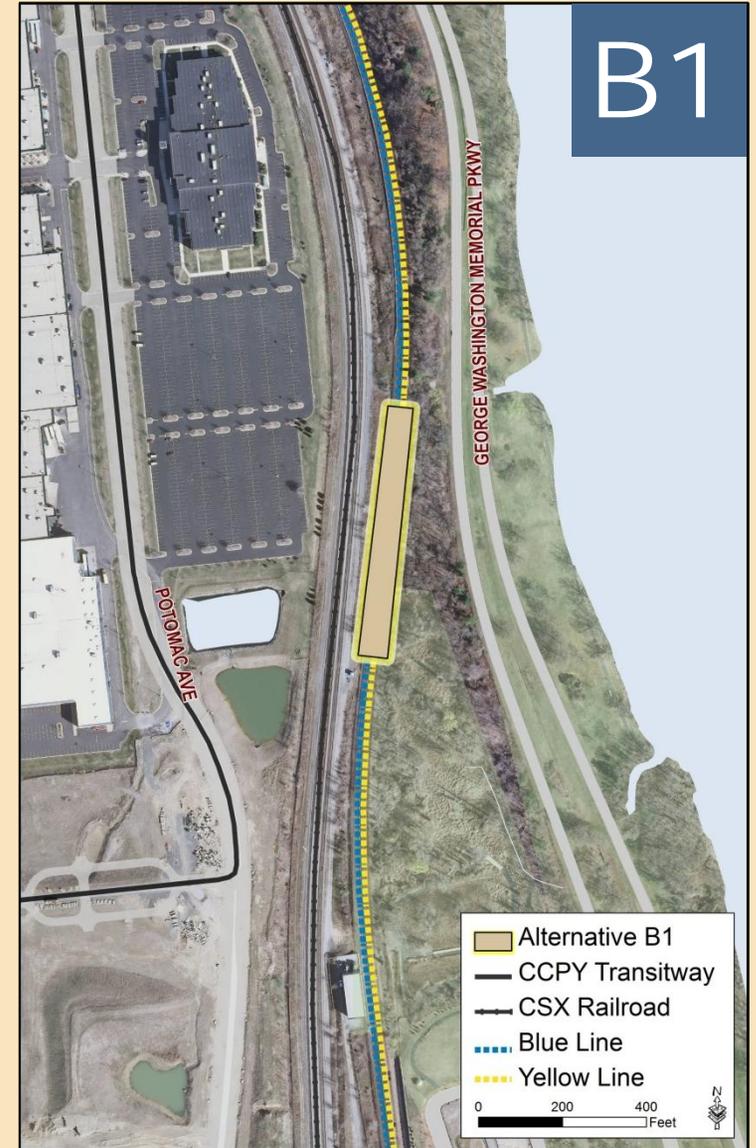
Tunnel: Center Platform



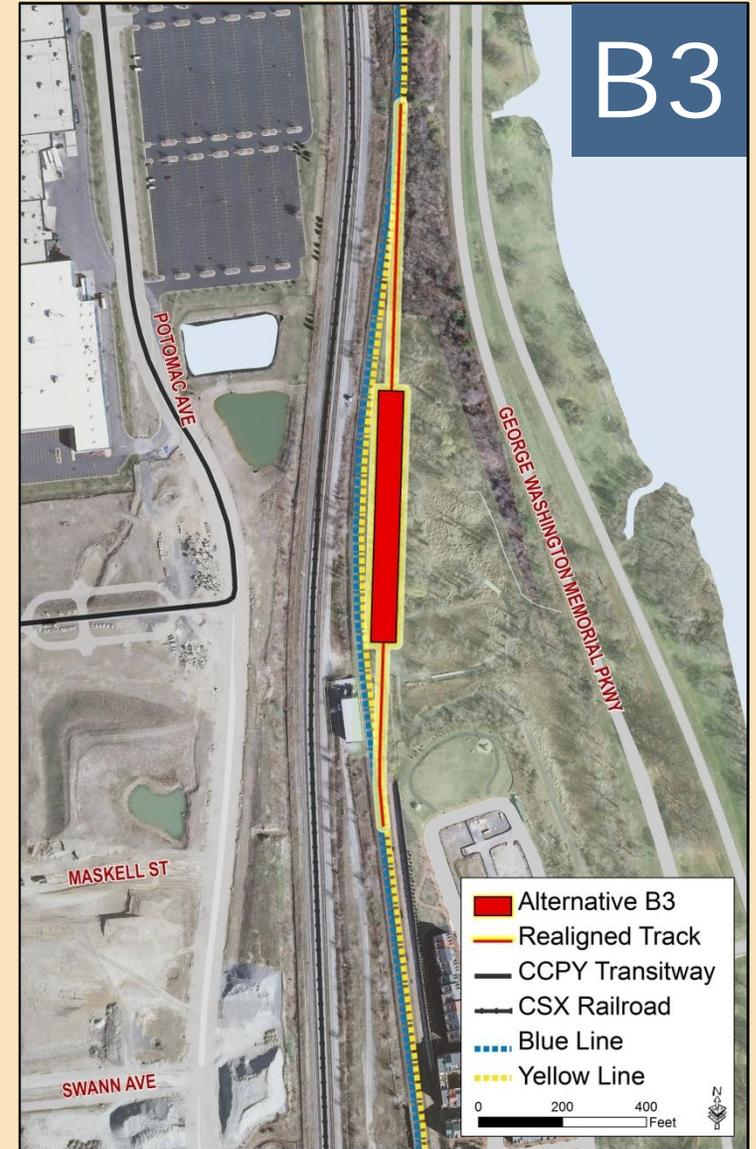
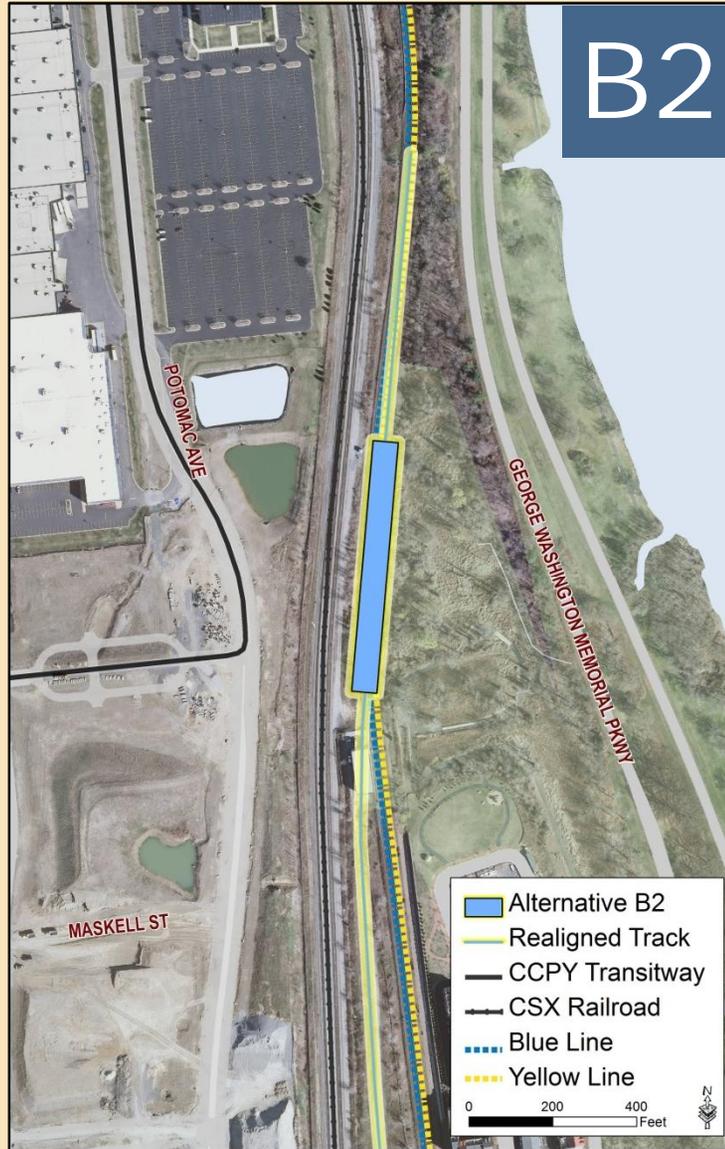
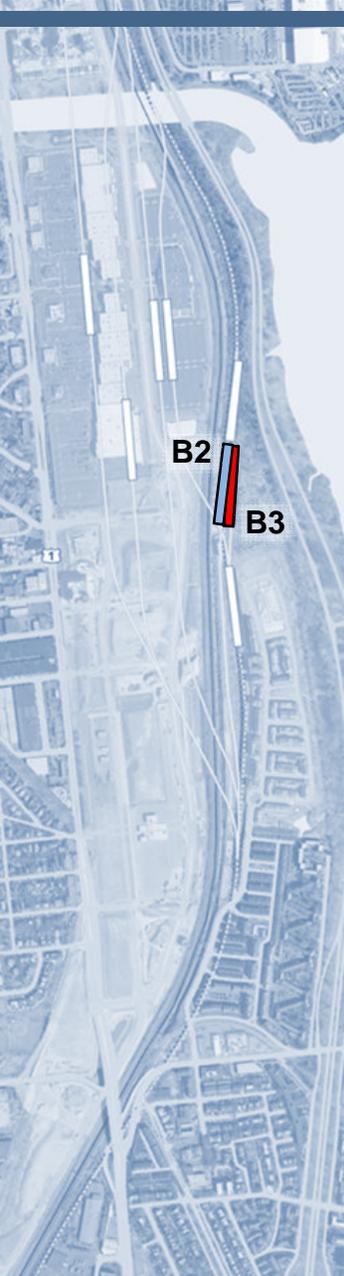
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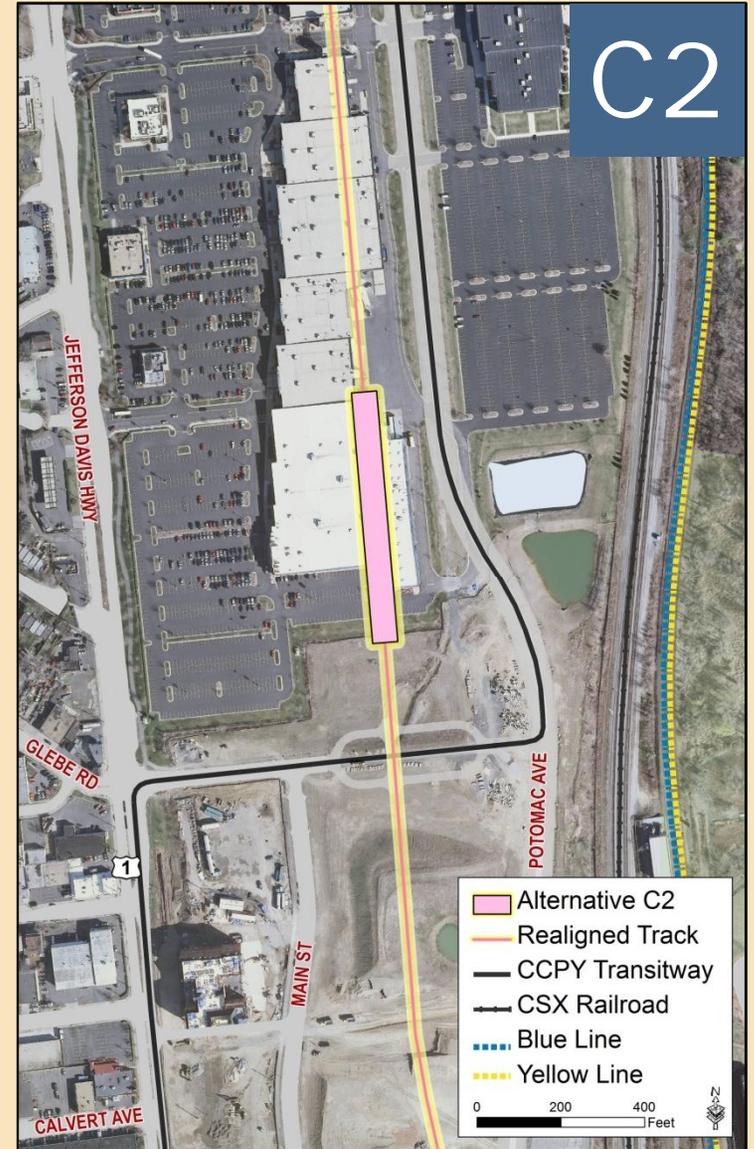
Station Alternatives A and B1



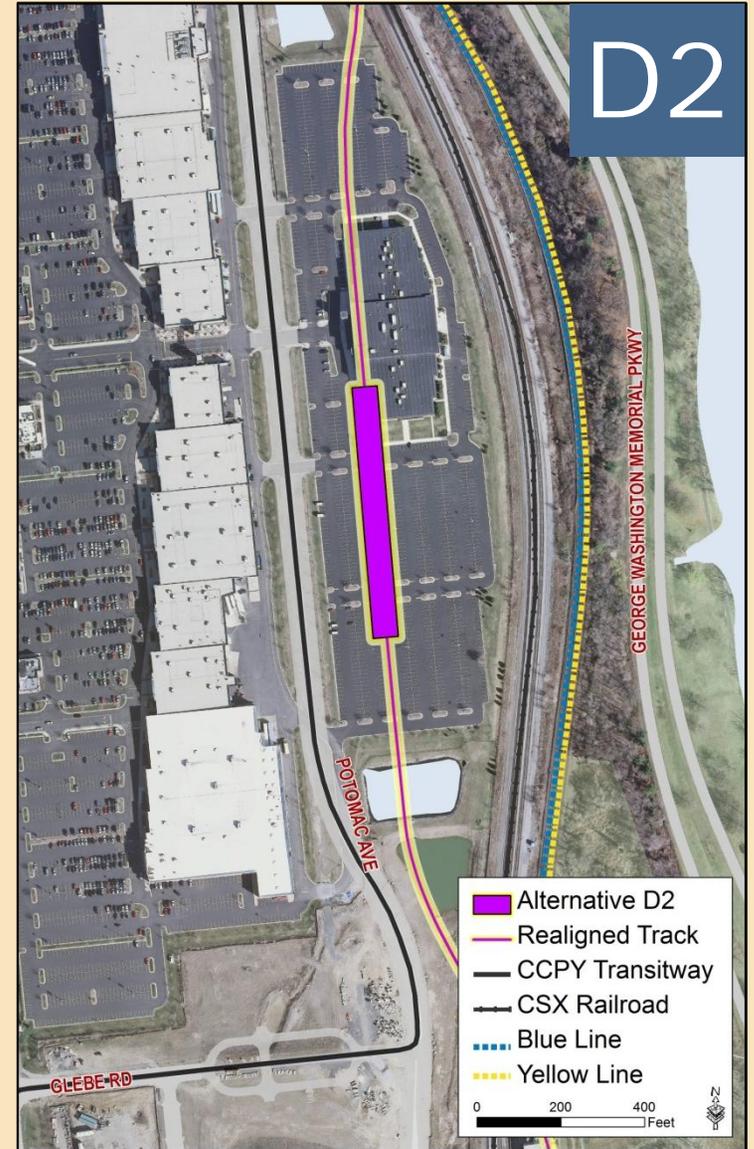
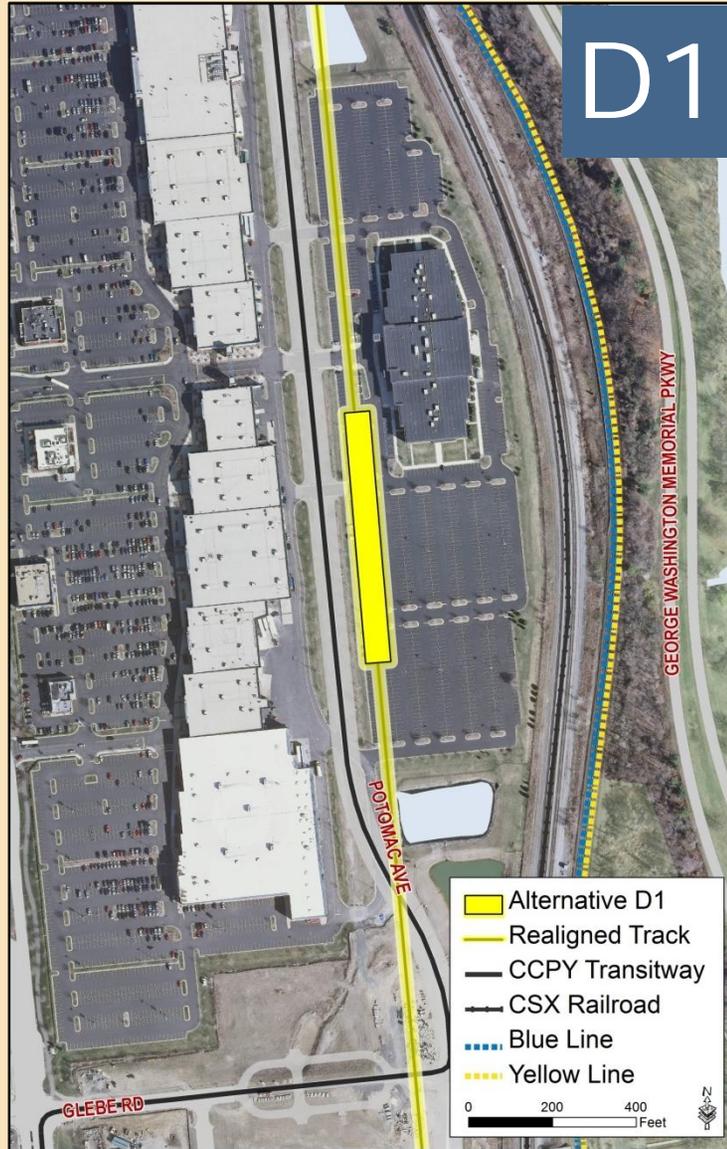
Station Alternatives B2 and B3



Station Alternatives C1 and C2



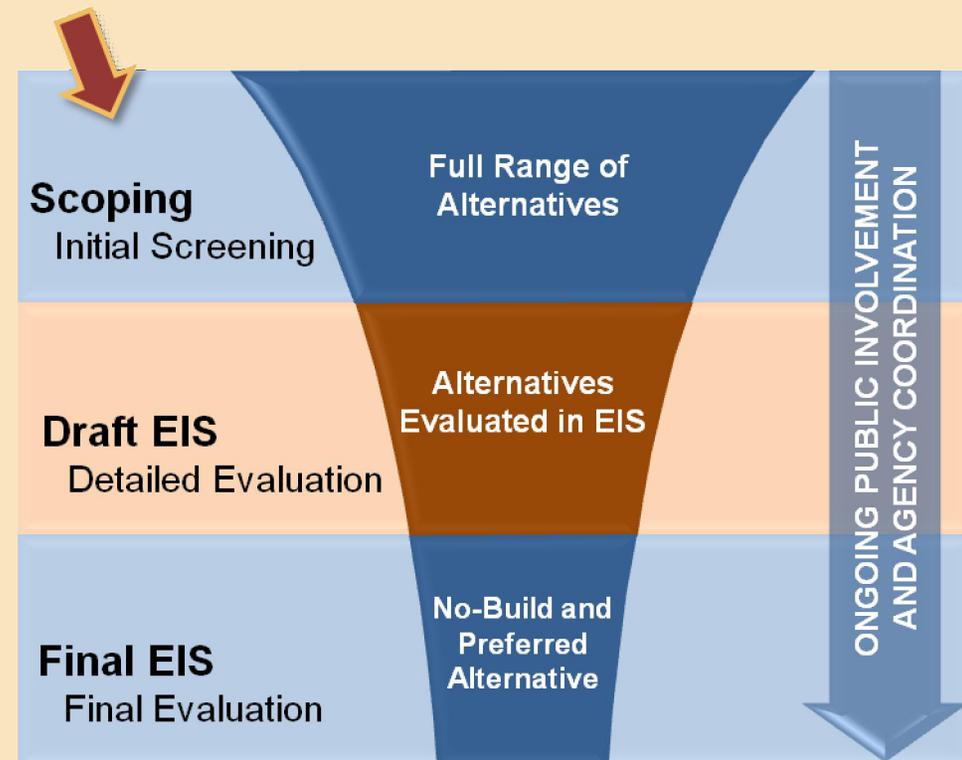
Station Alternatives D1 and D2



Initial Screening of Alternatives

Potential screening criteria include:

- Technically or economically feasible?
- Meets project purpose, need, goals, and objectives?
- General consistency with land use and development plans?
- Potential adverse environmental effects permitted by regulatory agencies?
- Potential environmental mitigation requirements?



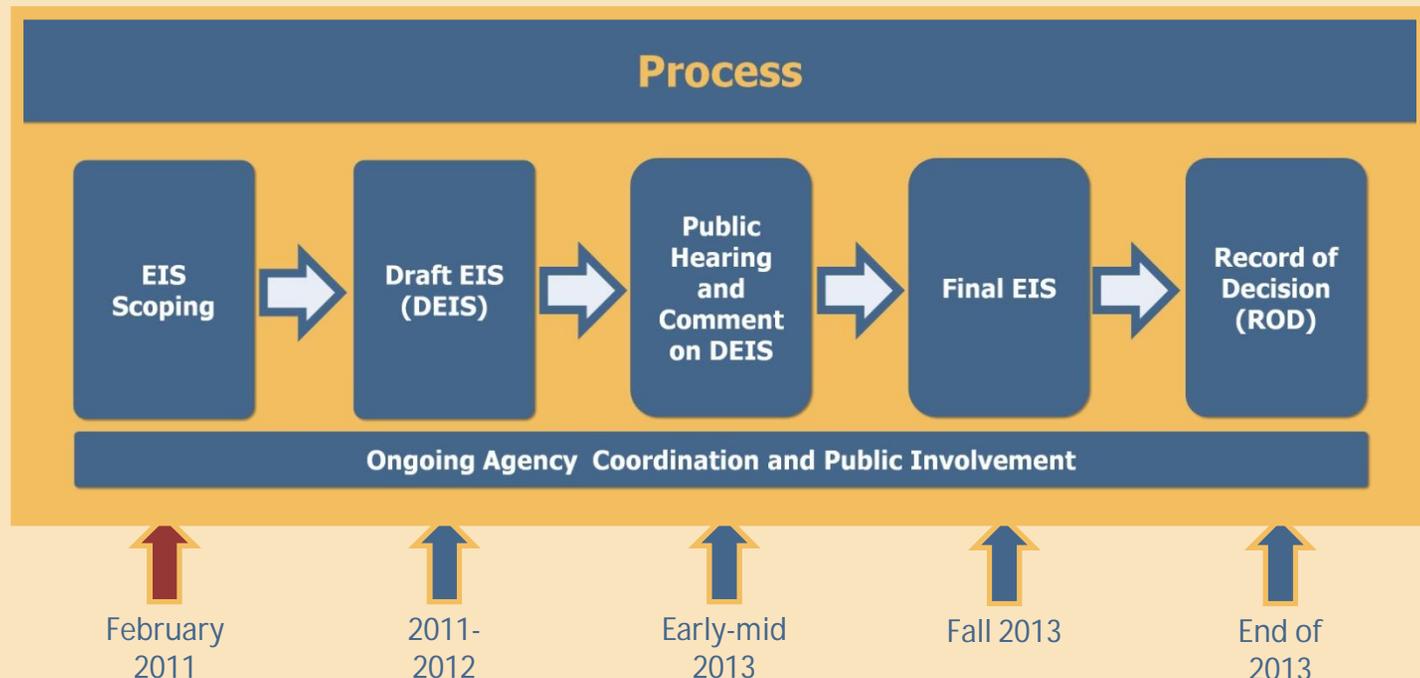
Key Environmental Considerations

- Neighborhood and community resources
- Noise and vibration
- Historic and cultural resources
- Parks and parklands
- Water resources, wetlands, habitats, and climate change
- Air quality (including greenhouse gases)
- Real estate acquisitions and displacements



Next Steps

1. Continue receiving scoping comments until **March 15, 2011**
2. Document results of the scoping process
3. Determine alternatives to be considered in the EIS
4. Initiate EIS analysis and documentation
5. Continue public involvement and agency coordination



How Can You Participate?

Today's Meeting:

- Review the information on the display boards and handouts.
- Provide written comments on the large tablets or comment cards.
- Provide comments verbally to the court reporter.

Additional Opportunities:

- Visit the project website at www.potomacyardmetro.com
- E-mail comments to:
comments@potomacyardmetro.com
- Mail comments to:
Potomac Yard Metrorail Station EIS
P.O. Box 25132
Alexandria, VA 22313

**Deadline to submit Scoping
comments: March 15, 2011**

Lead Agency: Federal Transit Administration

Project Sponsor: City of Alexandria

Cooperating Agencies:

Washington Metropolitan Area Transit Authority
National Park Service



Comments at Today's Meeting

If you would like to speak at today's meeting:

- Please sign-up at the reception table or see staff with sign-up sheets.
- Limit your comments to 3 minutes maximum. The moderator will indicate when your time has expired.
- Elected officials may have up to 5 minutes to speak.
- Your comments will be recorded by a court reporter who will prepare a transcript of the meeting. The transcript will be included in the Scoping Document.
- You may also provide comments directly to the court reporter immediately after the comment session if you would prefer not to speak publicly.
- You may also provide written comments on the comment cards and submit them at the reception table or mail them in after the meeting to:

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Thank You For Your Participation!

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