Potomac Yard Metrorail Station Update & DC2RVA Update

Park and Recreation Commission

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Potomac Yard Metrorail Station

- The Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) Process took place from 2011-2016 and concluded in 2016 with the signing of the Federal Transit Administration and National Park Service Records of Decision (ROD)

- City Council approved the Development Special Use Permits for the Metrorail Station in June 2016
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• WMATA issued its Request for Proposal (RFP) November 2016

• Proposals were received in March 2017

• Forecasted Contract Award would be in Spring 2018
DC2RVA – Project Overview

• DC to Richmond – Southeast High Speed Rail Project
• Draft EIS for passenger rail improvements between Richmond and Arlington
• Part of a larger high speed rail project to Raleigh and Charlotte
• Increase capacity for passenger (VRE, Amtrak) and freight services
DC2RVA – Project Overview

- City of Alexandria Portion - Part of Area 2: Northern Virginia
  - 4th track from Arlington (Long Bridge) to Telegraph Road
  - The existing three rail lines will remain between Telegraph Road and the border with Fairfax County
  - Adjustments to the track alignment and curvature
  - The improvements are within the existing rail right-of-way for the most part
DC2RVA – High Level Concerns/Issues

- Shift of existing tracks one to two feet closer to residential areas
- Vibration during construction and operations
- Noise during construction and operations
- Union Station Parking
- Potential Impacts to Natural Resources
- Property Acquisition
- Walls
DC2RVA – High Level Concerns/Issues

- Property Acquisition / Park Impacts
  - Carlyle Dog Park
  - Small area identified along the north boundary with the tracks
  - DRPT has verbally committed to removing this impact through final design
DC2RVA – High Level Concerns/Issues

• Walls
  • Walls are proposed along most of the corridor through Alexandria
  • DRPT has clarified that these are retaining walls less than 10 feet high
DC2RVA – Next Steps

• DEIS is open for public comment through November 7, 2017

• Finishing public hearings this week

• Final Environmental Impact Statement Process / Record of Decision is anticipated to be complete in winter 2018/2019

• Final Design and construction for the project may proceed in phases
Questions?