



Potomac Yard Metrorail Station: Selection of the Preferred Alternative

City Council

May 12, 2015



Overview

- Background & Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) Process
- Staff Recommendation
- Next Steps
 - Public Comment Period
 - Public Hearing (May 16)
 - Council Consideration (May 20)

Potomac Yard





Staff Recommendation

- Schedule a Public Hearing on May 16, 2015
- Schedule a special meeting on May 20, 2015 for selection of a Locally Preferred Alternative for the Potomac Yard Metrorail Station:
 - Alternative B as the preferred alternative for the Potomac Yard Metrorail Station to best support the high-density mix of uses envisioned for North Potomac Yard, to support the adjacent communities, and to realize the transportation, economic development, and fiscal benefits;
 - Option 2 for construction access; and
 - Mitigation framework for impacts to the George Washington Memorial Parkway (GWMP)

Alternative B



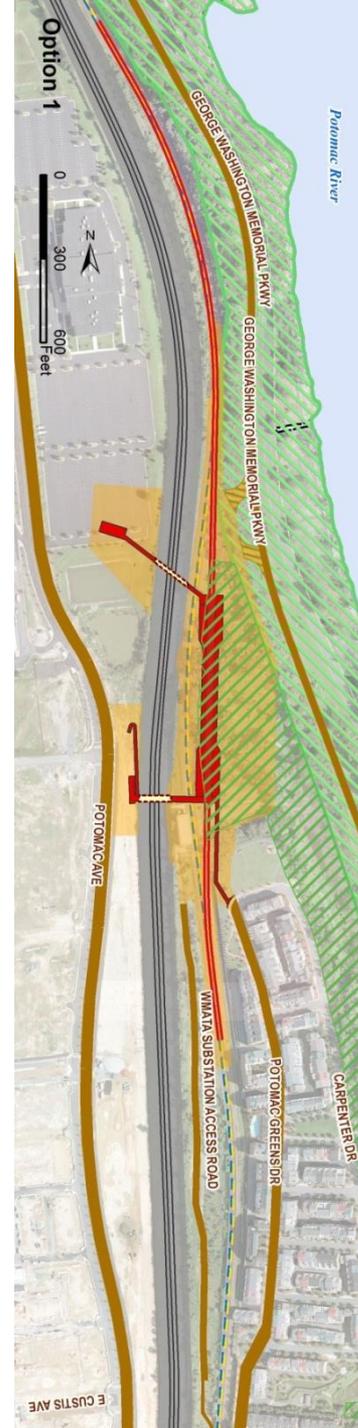
George Washington Memorial Parkway Mitigation



- Framework for a “net benefit agreement” between the City and NPS
 - Landscaping to screen station
 - NPS participation in station design
 - Potomac Yard height, lighting, signage protection
 - Exchange of about 13 acres of Potomac Greens Park for 0.16 acres of NPS land
 - Stormwater management plan and improvements
 - Daingerfield Island master plan and improvements
 - Repairs and improvements to Mount Vernon Trail
 - Other benefits to GWMP

Construction Access

- Two construction access options evaluated:
 - Option 1 **includes** driveways connecting to the GWMP
 - Option 2 **excludes** driveways connecting to the GWMP
- Staff recommends Construction Access Option 2



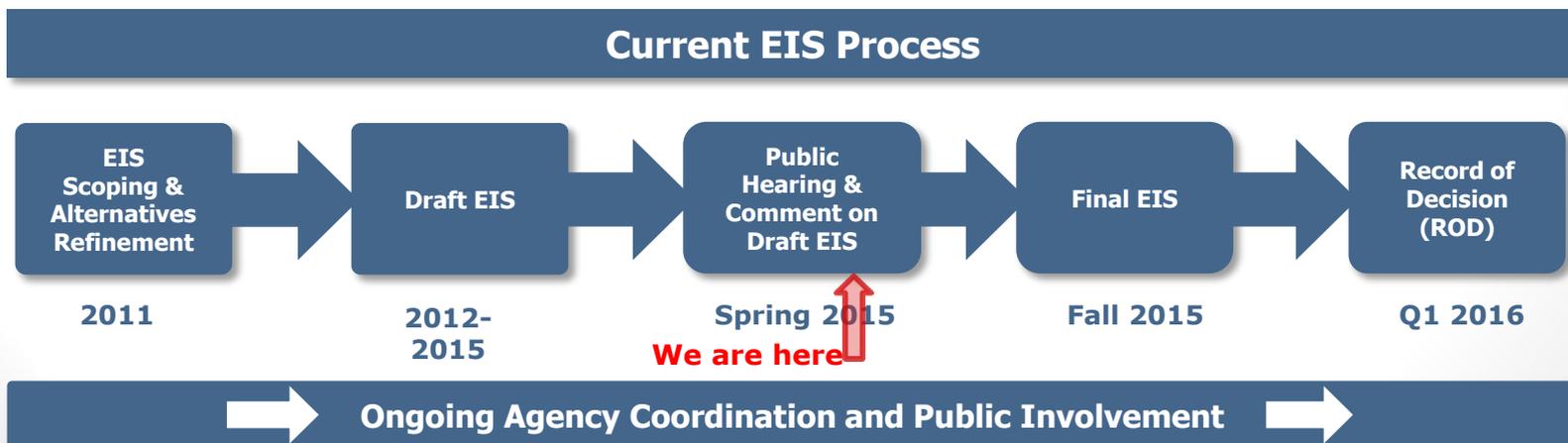


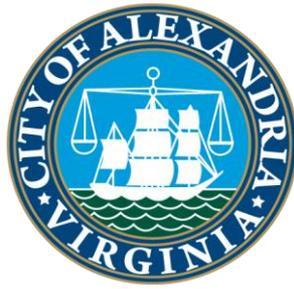
Boards, Commissions, and Committees

- Staff recommendation presented to:
 - Board of Architectural Review
 - Environmental Policy Commission
 - Planning Commission
 - Park and Recreation Commission
- All have expressed support for Alternative B
- Transportation Commission on May 11
- Staff recommendation will be presented to PYMIG on May 13

Next Steps

- Public hearing:
Saturday, May 16, 2015
9:30 a.m.
City Council Chambers
Alexandria City Hall
- DEIS public comment period closes May 18
- Preferred alternative decision by City Council on May 20
- Complete Final EIS (Q4 2015)
- Record of Decision (Q1 2016)
- DSUP and Design-Build Processes





Questions?

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