# Aviation Update for Metropolitan Washington Council Of Governments



**October 8, 2014** 

# Reagan and Dulles are an Economic Engine for the Region

- 2012 Economic Impact Study finds that MWAA supports the metropolitan Washington region:
  - 4.5 percent of regional GDP
  - 387,000 jobs
  - \$15 billion labor income
  - \$3 billion taxes
  - \$21 billion business revenue
- One example an international traveler will spend \$3,300 per person, per trip to the region

### **Original Plan: A Balanced Airport System**

- Reagan and Dulles Airports federal airports turned over in 1987
  "Transfer Act" to MWAA to manage as "a unit". Rationale:
  - Capital investments in the two airports needed
  - Access to the bond markets critical





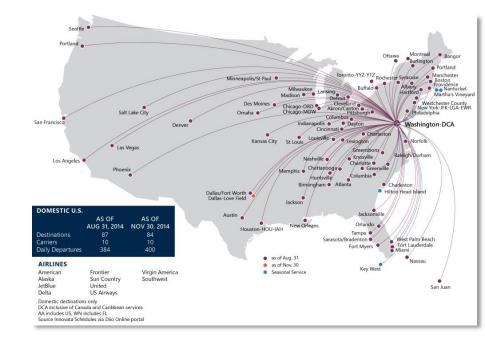
# **Dulles as the Growth Airport**



Source: Innovata Schedules, Diio, CY 2014 as of March 31, 2014

# Dulles:

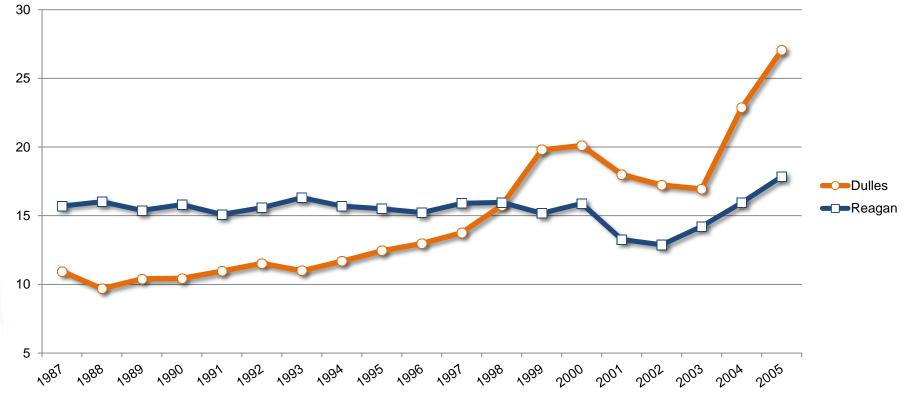
- Long-haul
- International



# Reagan:

- Perimeter constrained: Short-haul
- Origin / Destination





# **Dulles: \$5 Billion Invested for Growth**



Updated baggage system



AeroTrain System

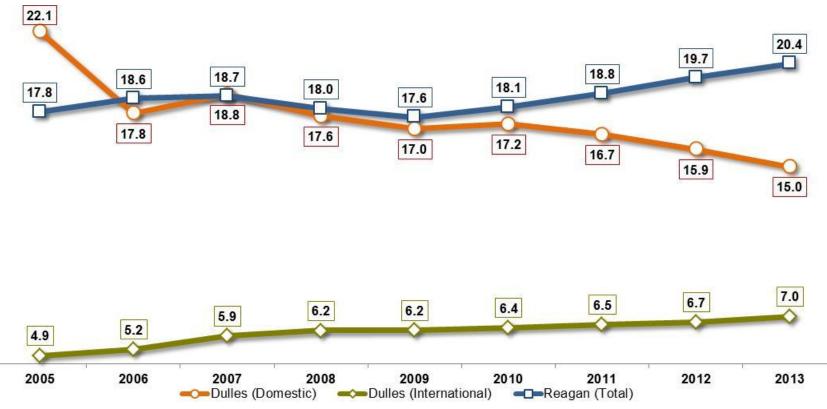


#### Expanded International Arrivals Building



4<sup>th</sup> Runway

# Result: Reagan Surpassing Dulles Domestic Traffic (In Millions)



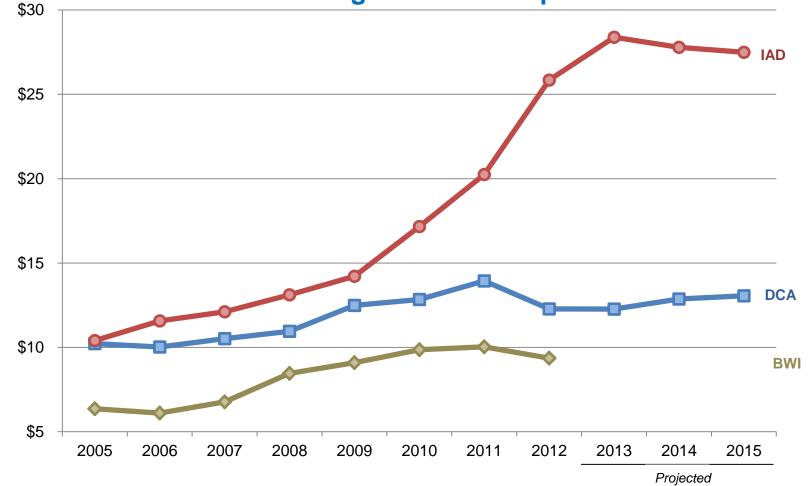
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#### **Result: Cost Per Enplanement**

- Steady international growth and strong domestic passenger growth at the turn of the century resulted in \$5 billion capital investment in Dulles infrastructure (can handle ~ 40 million passengers with today's configuration)
- To pay for debt, and loss of airline passengers, landing fees and terminal rents have risen significantly
- As a result, average Airline Cost per Enplaned Passenger (CPE) at Dulles has been rising, which negatively impacts the airport's competitive position

CPE	=	Total airport charges (\$) to Airlines
		Number (#) of Enplaned Passengers

#### Mature Capital Program and Limited Activity Growth Has Increased Average Cost Per Enplanement at IAD



# Reagan Poised to Overtake Dulles, BWI Enplanements

- Reagan National had an all-time record 20.4 million passengers in 2013
- As many as 2 million additional passengers expected annually by 2015
  - Result of US Airways / American Airlines merger



# **The Changing Face of Reagan National**

- Now a hub, intended to be origin/destination airport:
  - More connecting passengers
  - Must exit security and be re-screened, or take a bus
    - Causes a problem if connection is closely timed
    - An imperfect "solution"
- More passengers per flight
- Facility at capacity additional capital investments must be made:
  - Commuter Gates
  - Holdrooms
  - Passenger Screening
  - Parking



# **Current and Ongoing Priorities**

# **Restore Balance in the Two Airport System**

- Priorities:
  - Maintaining Slots / Perimeter Rules
  - Funding infrastructure to accommodate growth Increase PFC from \$4.50 to \$8.50, with inflation index
- FAA Authorization expires September 30, 2015
  - Seeking support from MWCOG and Stakeholders

# Ground Access and Interconnectivity Critical to Region's Airports

- Silver Line open to Wiehle Ave
  - Express bus from Wiehle Ave to IAD
  - Phase 2 to Airport and Loudoun forecasted for 2018 completion
  - TIFIA loan secured; Dulles Toll Road rates frozen through 2018
- Beltway Congestion Must be Addressed
- Road Access to Dulles Airport
  - South and West
  - East



# **Processing Challenges at International Ports of Entry**

- POTUS directives
  - May 2012: Achieve 100 million visitors by 2021
  - May 2014: Enhance international arrivals process
- Facilities & Technology
  - Global Entry
  - Coming soon: Automated Passport Control
  - December 2015: Mobile Entry App for smartphone
- Staffing
  - 2014 DHS Appropriations bill: 40 more CBP officers at Dulles
  - Need for more queue management staffing



