

Access for All Advisory Committee Comments on the 2006 Long-Range Transportation Plan



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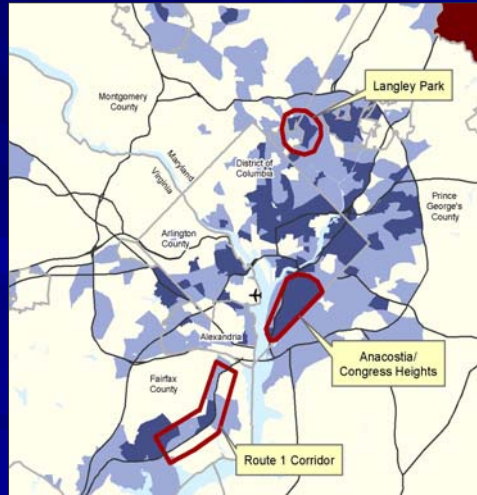
Background

- The Access for All Advisory Committee advises the TPB on issues and projects important to low-income communities, minority communities and persons with disabilities
- Each year the AFA comments on the long-range plan
- Many comments are continuing concerns

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1. Improve Transit Information and Pedestrian Access

- Make specific bus stop improvements to three pilot areas identified by AFA Subcommittee:
 - Langley Park
 - Anacostia
 - Route 1 Corridor



WMATA and Local Transit Agencies Should:

- Improve the accessibility of bus stops and rail stations
- Expand transit service for workers whose jobs do not follow traditional nine-to-five hours
- Increase access to the rail and bus systems for limited English speakers



2. Improve MetroAccess Materials and Service

WMATA should:

- Widely distribute the Customer Guide and provide it in multiple, accessible formats, including a Spanish version
- Provide clear and concise public information about changes to the eligibility process
- Move to a door-to-door service and use customer appointment times in the booking process



3. Concerns about the New Long-Range Plan



Anacostia Streetcar Project

- The AFA is troubled that the streetcar will replace a more extensive and frequent bus service
- The AFA supports maintaining community-oriented bus service

East-West Divide

- The committee continues to be concerned about the imbalance of economic development and transportation improvements between the eastern and western sides of the region

