

Dulles Metrorail Station

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A Second Class Station for a First Class Airport?

- The North Garage alignment is approximately 600 feet beyond the Modified Locally Preferred (MLP) option.
- Service is inferior:
 - Station Platform is outdoors, interrupted by escalator and elevator shafts.
 - Inadequately protected from the elements.
 - More appropriate for a suburban commuter station.
- Location is tight, it will not be possible to expand significantly

- The walk through the tunnels is not attractive or efficient.
 - There are large gaps between moving sidewalks.
 - Moving sidewalks are not conducive for luggage, carts or wheeled baggage.
 - The entire tunnel is drab, cheaply finished and quite frankly depressing.
- Arriving at the North Garage station is <u>not</u> <u>arrival</u> at the airport – it is yet another trek at an airport that has too many treks.

- It is clear that the Department of Historic Resources does not like this alternative; how much they object and what they will seek in mitigation is not known.
- MWAA already has a track record for use of a mislocated rail station: the station at Reagan National Airport started with a long hike (outdoors) to the old main terminal; when the new terminal opened, adjacent to the rail station, air passenger ridership more than doubled.

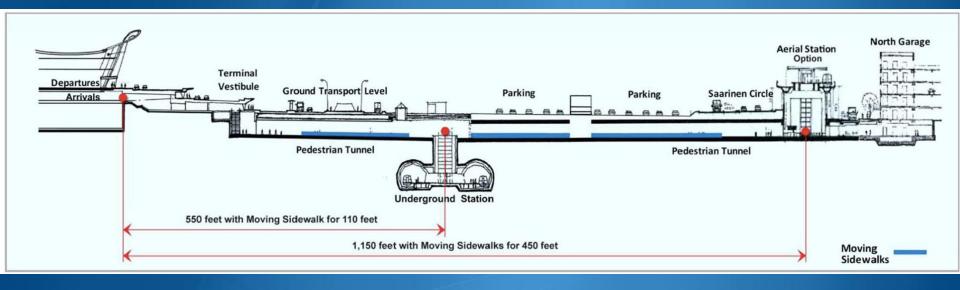
Locally Preferred Alternative

Although not at the front door, passengers will already have a sense that they are at the airport; they will come up from the Metro to a tunnel area that splits east and west, with a pair of moving sidewalks in each direction, both of which head towards an elevator bank and escalator that go into the main terminal.

Locally Preferred Alternative

- It goes without saying, a tunnel sits well with the Dept. of Historic Resources – there will be no need for mitigation which also reduces construction schedule risk.
- The station of course provides all-weather protection, you will not need a coat when you are on a train – no dash to the escalator to get out of the weather.

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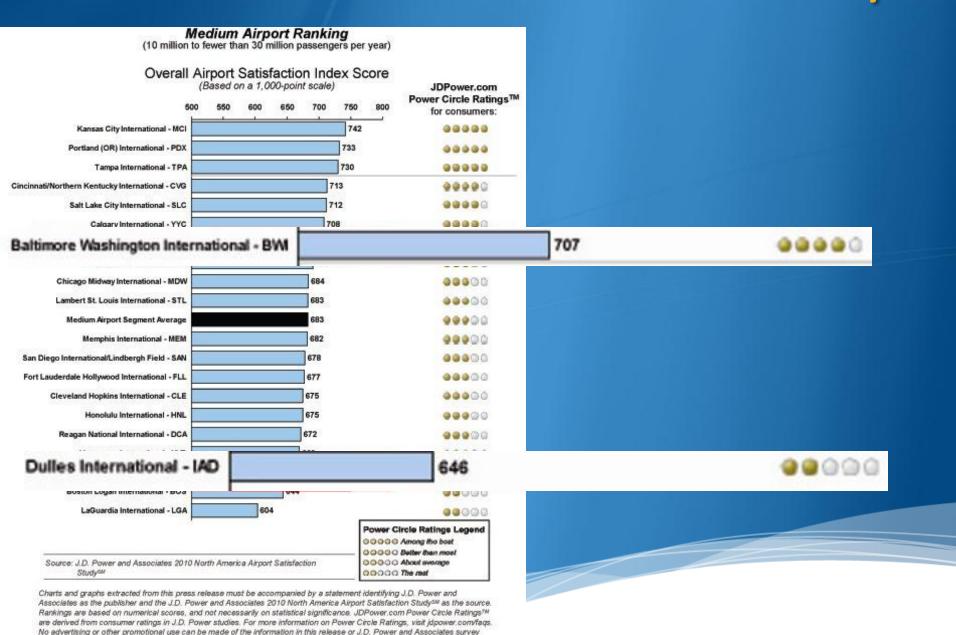
Unlike the North Garage alignment which is 1150 ft to the terminal, this option is less than half of the distance (550ft); thereby making it more convenient for airport passengers and employees who work at the terminal; also improving regional transit ridership; and reducing regional highway congestion.

Metro Ridership

- Currently, there are more than 18,000,000 nonconnecting passengers at Dulles.
- By our own estimates (on our website), we expect Dulles to grow to 42 million non-connecting passengers a year.
- The potential at the low-end is for Metro to Dulles to service 10% of all non-connecting passengers in addition to employees who work at Dulles Airport. We will be starting with more than 1.8 million people a year or at least 5,000 people per day using Metro.

That's taking a lot of cars off the road!

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