Responses to Questions

Received at the Project Briefing
Regarding the Development of Air Rights
At the Rosslyn and East Falls Church Metro Station Areas

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Please provide information on the existing tunnel adjacent to the Rosslyn site – particularly the height and width of the existing opening.

More information regarding the existing tunnel site will be researched within VDOT during the procurement phase and after the close of the RFI.

What engineering, if any, has been conducted thus far?

No engineering studies of the sites’ suitability for air rights development have been conducted by VDOT, OTP3, or any other state agencies.

Can VDOT provide topographical plans with elevations of VDOT structure for each site? Have clearance studies been conducted or are clearances available?

More information regarding the existing tunnel site and topography will be researched within VDOT during the procurement phase and after the close of the RFI.

Where do we download the presentation and RFI?

The RFI and presentation from the briefing will be available at www.virginiadot.org/airrights

What provisions will be made in the design of the Rosslyn platform related to the potential widening of I-66? Are there any plans to widen I-66 in the future?

VDOT has no immediate plans to widen I-66 in the Rosslyn area. Design of the platform to accommodate VDOT requirements will be the responsibility of the selected private sector entity, should an RFP and selection for the development occur.

Please comment on the status of discussions with Arlington County regarding zoning, density, mix and uses, and expected timeline for completion of the comp plan and zoning for the Rosslyn site.
Arlington County is aware of the RFI process and will be briefed regularly on its progress and the responses received. The RealizeRosslyn planning effort has also been briefed on the concept of Air Rights in Rosslyn and how it may integrate with their efforts. Details of the RealizeRosslyn plan process can be found on the County’s website for the effort: http://sites.arlingtonva.us/rosslynsector/

Are there any proposed improvements to the East Falls Church Metro Station planned or under development?

WMATA currently has no plans to make any physical improvements to the East Falls Church Metro Station. The only exception to that statement would be if bus routes change as a result of re-routing of buses due to the Silver Line stations being put into service, and if any changes in bus service in turn necessitate changes to the bus loop. However, development of the Station site would presumably require the modification or wholesale replacement of the bus loop and surface parking area by the private sector developer in any event.