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### **Statement from the Metropolitan Washington Airports Authority**

The Metropolitan Washington Airports Authority (Airports Authority) is delighted that the Federal Transit Administration (FTA) has elected to move the Dulles Corridor Metrorail extension into final design. The notification FTA sent to Congress today is very good news for the project. The Airports Authority deeply appreciates the work of Governor Kaine, the members of the Virginia Congressional Delegation, Transportation Secretary Peters and FTA Administrator Simpson to ensure that this important step will be taken to move forward to the final design of the Rail to Dulles Project.

The Airports Authority will continue to work with the Washington Metropolitan Area Transit Authority (WMATA), Fairfax County, Loudoun County and the Commonwealth of Virginia to ensure the timely completion of rail in the Dulles Corridor.