Northern Branch Corridor Citizens Liaison Committee Meeting #2

Thursday, November 29, 2007
Agenda

- Introductions
- Summary of Scoping
- Topic Areas for Discussion
  - Station Layouts
  - Vehicle Technology
  - Engineering Infrastructure
  - Ridership
Introductions
Summary of Scoping

- Scoping Process
  - Comment Period
    - Opened: October 2, 2007 with notice in Federal Register Vol. 72, No. 190
    - Closed: November 7, 2007
  - Scoping Meeting
    - October 24, 2007 in Englewood
    - Two sessions
    - Attended by about 90 people
Summary of Scoping

- Scoping Comments
  - 49 individuals submitted scoping comments either in writing or through testimony
  - 172 comments received and reviewed
  - Summary of comments will be included in an appendix to scoping document
  - Revisions to scoping document will be made pursuant to comments, where appropriate
Summary of Scoping

- Most Common Comments
  - Environmental concerns associated with the use of fossil fuels
  - Noise and vibration
  - Traffic congestion and parking
  - Limits of the project
  - Modal preference (DMU vs. LRT)
Summary of Scoping

- Types of comments requiring review and revision to the Scoping Document
  - Project Description
  - Vehicle Technology
  - Statements regarding THE Tunnel

- Changes will be reflected in the Final Scoping Document.
Summary of Scoping

- Some comments reference issues that are too involved for the Scoping Document
  - Methodologies
  - Traffic
  - Historic Context
  - Noise and Air Quality
  - Operations and Costs

- These issues will be addressed in the DEIS
Summary of Scoping

- Misunderstandings highlighted by comments
  - Sports Complex connection - beyond scope of project but not precluded by this project
  - Track configuration – two tracks will be constructed within the existing right-of-way; one track in Englewood and Tenafly town centers
  - DMU vehicle- “diesel multiple unit” not “dual mode multiple unit.”
Topic Areas

- Station Layouts
- Vehicle Technology
  - Comparison of Vehicle Modes
- Engineering Infrastructure
  - Typical Sections
  - Tonnelle Avenue Connection
  - DMU Yard and LRT VBF
  - 83rd Street closure/opening of 85th Street
  - Substations associated with LRT
Topic Areas (continued)

- Ridership (total per day)
  - DMU to Tenafly – 8,100
  - DMU to Englewood – 5,400
  - LRT to Tenafly – 24,000
  - LRT to Englewood – 20,100
Open Discussion at
Topic Areas