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Statements from U.S. Secretary of Transportation Mary E. Peters and Virginia Governor Tim Kaine Regarding Final Design Approval Notification to Congress Regarding the Metrorail Extension Through Tysons Corner

"Governor Tim Kaine deserves much credit for his overwhelming commitment to this proposal and for spearheading the changes necessary to move it forward. I'd also like to thank the members of Virginia's Congressional delegation for their steadfast support," Secretary Peters said.

"Everyone involved in this proposal has worked hard to make the good faith changes needed. Indeed, it is a much better project today than it was in January. Today's action is the first step toward final approval, but it should by no means be seen as a guarantee of full funding."

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"I want to express my appreciation to Secretary Peters and her staff for dedicating the time and attention that has led to this affirmative decision regarding Final Design Approval for the Dulles Rail project. I look forward to continuing our productive working relationship on this project and the others in the future," said Governor Tim Kaine.

"The joint work of our professional staff and partners since February will serve as a model of how complex transportation projects must be developed and evaluated. I especially want to recognize the hard work of Senators Warner and Webb and Congressmen Wolf, Davis, and Moran. This project could not have moved forward without their dedication. Much work remains to be done, but we will commit the necessary resources to keep this project moving forward."

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Click here for Federal Transit Administrator James Simpson's statement dated April 30, 2008

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