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The Silver Line, Reston, & Tysons: A New Chapter

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Decades in the making, Phase 1 of the Silver Line has arrived in Fairfax County and new buildings are appearing at the Wiehle-Reston East and Tysons Metro stations. We have a rare opportunity to witness a new phase of the county and the region as old suburbs are retrofitted and new walkable, urban, and sustainable destinations emerge.

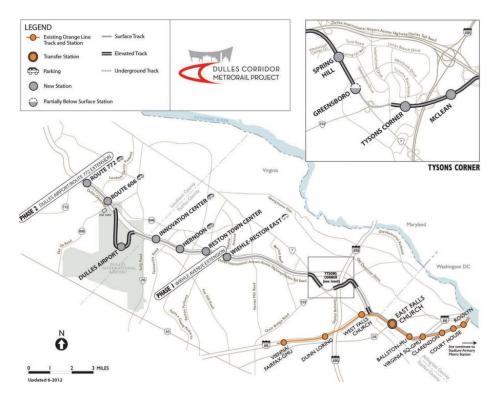


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New amenities will cater to new and old residents alike.

Tysons Corner's future urbanism will be guided by a denser, more connected street grid (conceptualized below) that favors pedestrians and joins communities rather than the super-blocks and car dependant arterial roads of today (facing page).



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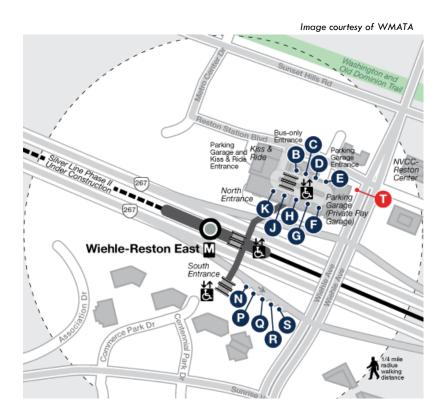
Wiehle-Reston East



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Transit connections are integral to the Reston Station project. A combination of Metro, bus, and bikes provides opportunities for all modes to feed into one another.



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Tysons Corner

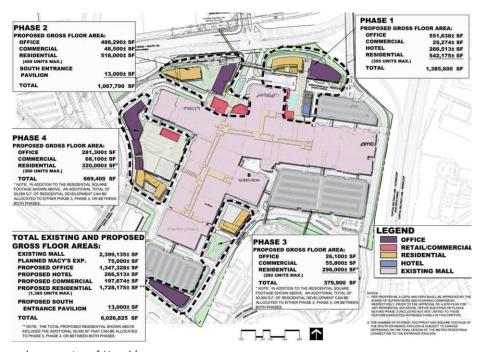


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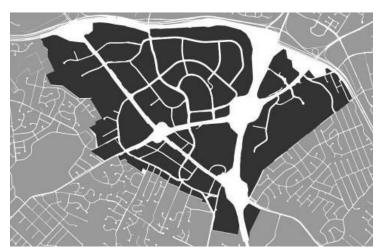


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It's hard to overstate how revolutionary it is that one can reach Tysons by Metrorail from DC or that Reston residents can ride the train to work, museums, and ballgames. But we also need to ensure good, safe pedestrian and bicycle access to the transit stations and within these new urban communities to realize the full potential of the Silver Line and to create the livable and sustainable places that are key to Fairfax's future. Wiehle-Reston East Station (above) and Tysons street cross section (below).

