



Washington Airports Task Force

**WATF Priorities for 2012**

- 1) Work with the Metropolitan Washington Airports Authority to regain its reputation as one of the region's most effective transportation agencies.**
  
- 2) Position Washington Dulles for international expansion to support the region's evolution as a growing global business center:**
  - a. Support competitive and affordable air service improvements.
  - b. Work to stimulate support for the early development of Tier 2, a modern international connecting complex to replace the "temporary" C/D gates.
  - c. Encourage federal legislative change to permit the Airports Authority to operate Dulles and National as a single business entity.
  - d. Sustain the perimeter statute at National Airport.
  - e. Work with Customs, the airlines and the Airports Authority to reduce passport inspection queue times and reduce the time it takes a passenger to clear the entire arrivals process, from deplaning to international arrivals exit.
  - f. Sustain efforts to improve air traffic control, including introduction of a ground management systems to improve service quality and reduce operational costs at Washington Dulles.
  - g. Continue to seek federal international aviation policies which eliminate barriers to new service at Washington Dulles, and work for an Open Skies format that includes resolution of the Customs, curfew, visa and other doing business issues which currently inhibit cities from receiving the full economic benefit of Open Skies.
  - h. Sustain work on Dulles' fifth runway and encourage an increase in length to the maximum possible without impacting the noise contours provided to local government for land use planning purposes.
  - i. Support compatible land use policies around Dulles and National Airports.
  
- 3) Work to help position Washington Dulles as a major cargo gateway and multi-modal freight center.**
  - Support the tactical initiatives of the Airports Authority and Loudoun County to attract logistics operations.
  - Explore the potential for international aviation initiatives which would position Dulles as an attractive cargo connecting point, (i.e. as has been achieved by Alaska for Anchorage).

- Continue to seek synergies with Virginia’s sea and inland ports.
- Develop an understanding of supply chain and related economics.

**4) Work for improved ground access to Washington Dulles, from the south, west and north, including:**

- Planning right-of-way preservation and implementation of north-south improvements in the new Virginia North-South Corridor of Statewide Significance.
- Dulles Loop improvements.

**5) Work for rail and road improvements in the Dulles Corridor, including improvements to I-66 inside the Beltway.**

**6) Education**

- Through the above activity and by direct means when appropriate, improve understanding among regional opinion leaders and decision makers of the role air transportation plays in the region’s economic health.

**7) Celebrate WATF’s 30 years of achievement.** Use the regional changes since 1982 to highlight the potential for the next 30 years.

**8) Renewable Energy**

- Leverage Dulles’s global reach, the region’s research base, and aviation’s greenhouse gas goals to:
  - 1) Enable economic development organizations to make the region an attractive business location for the renewable energy industry; and
  - 2) Raise the region’s visibility with the world’s airlines.
- Support the Airports Authority and other local initiatives to reduce energy costs and improve energy efficiency. The initial steps likely will involve public policy, science, and the region’s existing business strengths.