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## **PUBLIC MEETING FOR COLUMBIA PIKE TRANSIT**

Arlington County and Fairfax County are conducting a special public meeting that will focus on the role of public transportation in shaping livable communities and provide an update on transit investments along Columbia Pike.

**Monday, March 20, 2006 – 6:30 to 9:00 PM**  
**Sheraton National Hotel**  
**900 South Orme Street, Arlington, VA**  
**(Off Columbia Pike, just west of the Pentagon.**  
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The meeting will review the preferred “modified streetcar” alternative—an initial streetcar line with supporting bus service—as recommended in the Columbia Pike Transit Alternatives Analysis. The preferred alternative will be considered on subsequent dates by the Arlington County Board and the Fairfax County Board of Supervisors.

Registration and open house begin at 6:30, followed by a presentation beginning promptly at 7:00. After the presentation, a panel of local and national officials will talk about their experiences with similar transit systems and how public transportation and urban design enhancements helped improve the quality of life in their communities. The panel will take questions from the audience.

Spanish translation services will be available at the meeting. If you require auxiliary aid and services as addressed in the Americans with Disabilities Act, please call (703) 892-2776.

### **Background:**

Arlington and Fairfax Counties have been engaged in a long-term program to improve the quality of life for residents, businesses, and visitors to the Columbia Pike corridor. Revitalization areas have been designated, special zoning provisions have been approved, and supporting utilities and transportation improvements are underway.

Last April, the two counties held public meetings to explain the results of the Columbia Pike Transit Alternatives Analysis. The current dialogue builds on these results and showcases some of the noteworthy changes that are taking place across the nation, where communities are becoming more livable through good urban planning and meaningful investments in public transportation.

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