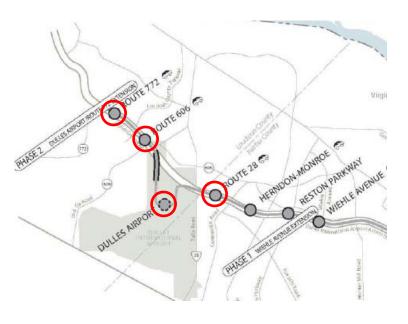
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## BACKGROUND AND OBJECTIVES

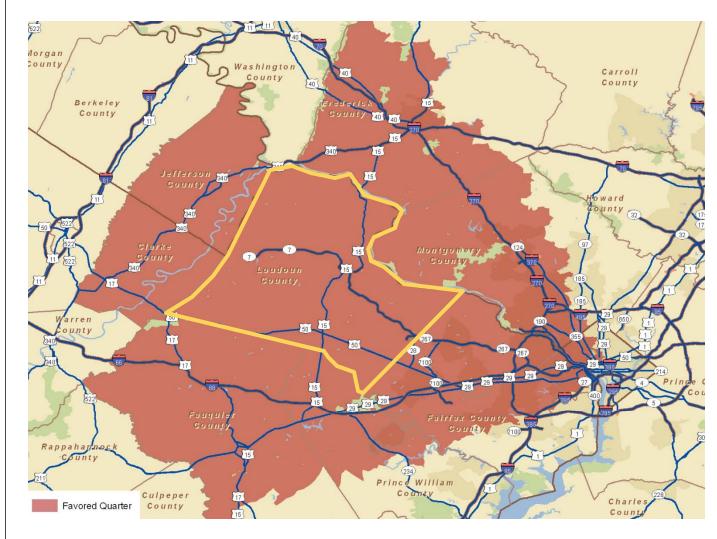
- RCLCO (Robert Charles Lesser & Co.) is a national real estate advisory firm based in Bethesda
- Loudoun County selected RCLCO to analyze development and fiscal impact of proposed Phase 2 Metrorail extension
- Original study completed in April 2011 and now updated
- Major tasks included:
  - 30-year forecasts of commercial and residential development at countywide, subcounty, and rail station area levels under 2 scenarios:
    - "Baseline" assumes completion of the Phase 1 Extension
    - "Phase 2 Extension" assumes completion of the Phase 2 Extension
  - Fiscal impact analysis of development at each station area and countywide, under each scenario



- Based on the scope of work with Loudoun County, this study does not address or account for:
  - Infrastructure or operating costs associated with the Phase 2 Extension
  - Potential environmental and traffic benefits associated with the Phase 2 Extension



## LOUDOUN WILL GROW WITH OR WITHOUT PHASE 2 COUNTY IS IN THE CENTER OF THE "FAVORED QUARTER"



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- Higher-end housing and office development concentrated in Favored Quarter
- Greater economic activity makes
  Favored Quarter an attractive location for development

 COG projects 44% of household growth and 48% of job growth will occur in Favored Quarter over next 20 years

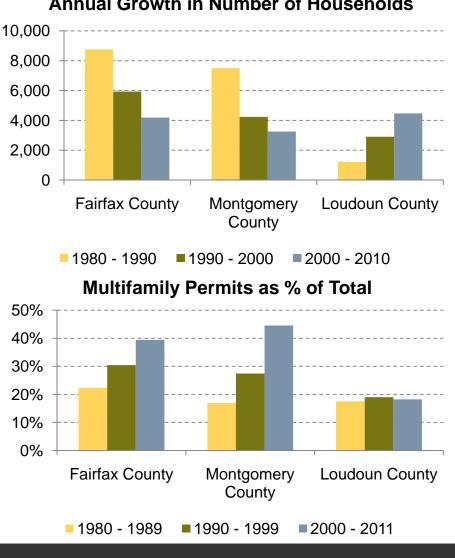
## BUT RAIL EXTENSION WILL HAVE AN IMPACT RAIL REDISTRIBUTES DEVELOPMENT WITHIN A REGION

- Rail extensions do not cause net new development in a metro region
- Rail service does affect development locations within and between counties
- Station areas are attractive sites for development
  - Proximity to rail improves accessibility for residents and employees
  - Higher gas prices and traffic congestion make transit accessibility even more valuable
- Development concentrates around station areas and occurs faster than elsewhere—particularly within ½ mile
- Denser and higher value development is likely around transit stations
- Property values and rents are higher near Metro stations—studies indicate a range of 5%-20%



## AS COUNTIES MATURE, GROWTH SLOWS NEW DEVELOPMENT BECOMES MORE URBAN

- Growth in the region will result in Loudoun following patterns of closer-in counties such as Fairfax
  - Continued rapid growth, but decreasing share of metro area total
  - Increasingly urban
  - Increasing % of housing units will be multifamily
  - Increasing % of employment growth will be in office



#### Annual Growth in Number of Households



## FISCAL IMPACT MODEL

- Includes all revenues and non-capital expenditures associated with real estate development
  - Does not include capital costs or Metro operating costs, which County staff is evaluating separately
- Analyzed impact of development at each station area under Baseline and Phase 2 scenarios
- Also analyzed difference in fiscal impact between Baseline and Phase 2 scenarios countywide
  - Only counts "net new" development in Loudoun County due to Phase 2 Extension
- Model takes account of changes in amount of development, property values, rents, and sales due to the Phase 2 Extension
- Results presented in both 2011 constant dollars and with inflation



# MAJOR CHANGES SINCE 2011 REPORT

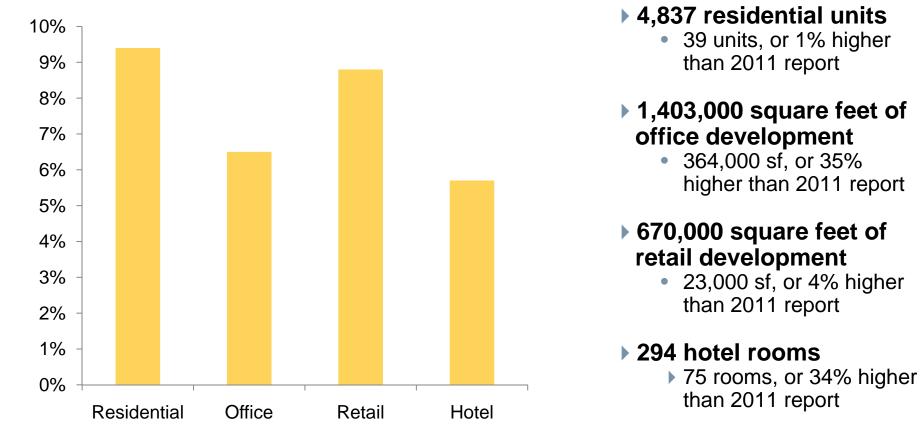
- Adjusted development capacity assumptions to account for rezoning approval of Dulles Town Center and the "Central" Mixed-Use Office Center allowed under the Route 28 CPAM
- Accounted for development potential on airport property near the Route 606 station (the previous version assumed no development would occur on airport property)
- Updated historical data and third party forecasts to the latest available, including 2011 data where possible; 2010 Census data, unavailable last year, have been incorporated into the analysis
- Assumptions in the fiscal model now based on Loudoun County's 2011 Comprehensive Annual Financial Report and the 2011 property tax rate of \$1.285 per \$100 of assessed value
- Adjusted office methodology to project gross square footage rather than net rentable area and better account for vacancy
- Report now includes results with inflation in addition to constant dollars



## TOTAL COUNTYWIDE IMPACT OF PHASE 2 EXTENSION ON DEVELOPMENT QUANTITY

Percent Difference in Development by Product Type Due to Phase 2 Extension 2012-2040

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## RESIDENTIAL DEVELOPMENT FORECAST

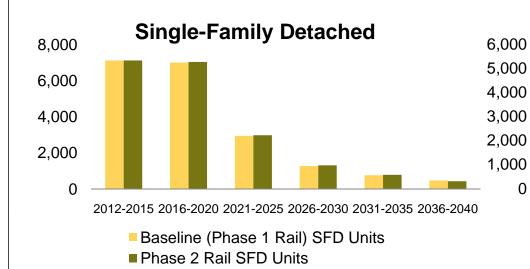
#### New Residential Development Forecast by Planning Subarea and Station Area, 2012-2040

| Subarea          | Baseline | Phase 2 | Difference |
|------------------|----------|---------|------------|
| Ashburn          | 16,019   | 19,510  | 22%        |
| Rt. 606 Station  | 0        | 0       | 0%         |
| Rt. 772 Station  | 4,949    | 8,440   | 71%        |
| Dulles           | 18,141   | 18,141  | 0%         |
| Leesburg         | 4,587    | 4,587   | 0%         |
| Northwest        | 1,731    | 1,760   | 2%         |
| Potomac          | 658      | 658     | 0%         |
| Route 15 North   | 1,169    | 1,190   | 0%         |
| Route 15 South   | 857      | 874     | 2%         |
| Route 7 West     | 4,262    | 4,262   | 0%         |
| Southwest        | 867      | 883     | 2%         |
| Sterling         | 3,354    | 4,619   | 37%        |
| Route 28 Station | 0        | 1,265   | N/A        |
| Countywide       | 51,646   | 56,483  | 9%         |
| Station Areas    | 4,949    | 9,705   | 96%        |

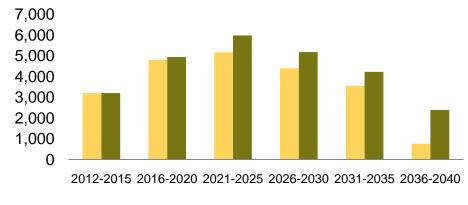
- Phase 2 Extension increases housing forecast by 9% (4,837 units) countywide
- Residential demand is limited by capacity constraints
- 98% of added housing units projected to be near Metro stations, due to density bonuses
- Multifamily units within ½ mile of Metro projected to receive a 10%-15% value premium and generate less school enrollment



## **RESIDENTIAL DEVELOPMENT FORECAST**

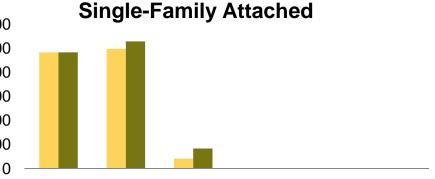


Multifamily



Baseline (Phase 1 Rail) MF Units Phase 2 Rail MF Units

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#### 2012-2015 2016-2020 2021-2025 2026-2030 2031-2035 2036-2040

Baseline (Phase 1 Rail) SFA Units

Phase 2 Rail SFA Units

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## OFFICE DEVELOPMENT FORECAST

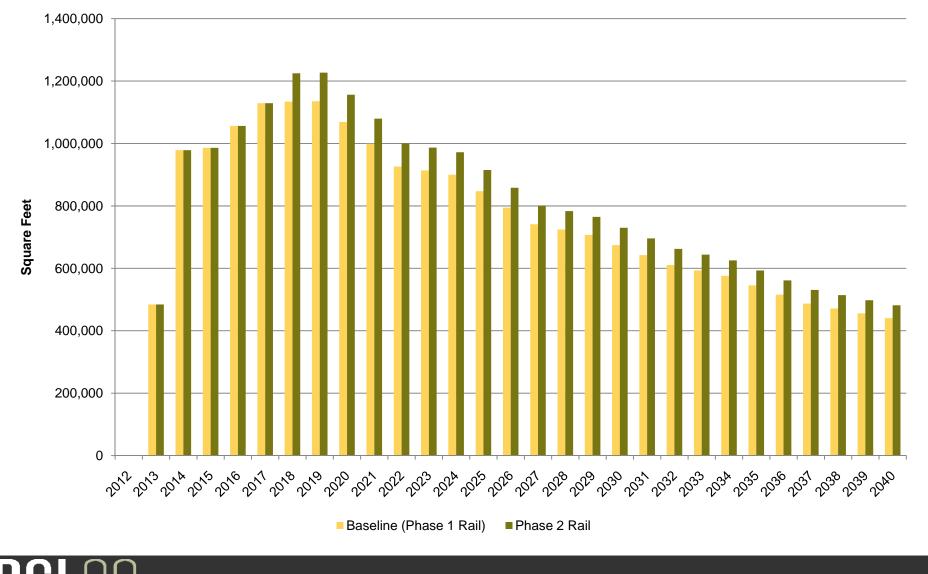
#### Office Development Forecast by Corridor and Station Area, 2012-2040 (Square Feet)

| Corridor               | Baseline   | Phase 2    | Difference |
|------------------------|------------|------------|------------|
| Route 7                | 5,495,000  | 4,227,000  | -23%       |
| Route 28               | 5,384,000  | 6,367,000  | 18%        |
| Station Area           | 2,153,000  | 3,348,000  | 56%        |
| Route 50               | 646,000    | 646,000    | 0%         |
| Route 267              | 3,417,000  | 4,822,000  | 41%        |
| Route 772 Station Area | 1,880,000  | 3,270,000  | 74%        |
| Route 606              | 1,694,000  | 2,398,000  | 42%        |
| Station Area           | 1,101,000  | 1,845,000  | 68%        |
| Route 625              | 2,849,000  | 2,426,000  | -15%       |
| Other                  | 2,052,000  | 2,052,000  | 0%         |
| County Total           | 21,537,000 | 22,940,000 | 7%         |
| Station Areas Total    | 5,134,000  | 8,462,000  | 65%        |

- Phase 2 Extension increases office development forecast by 7% (1.403M sq. ft.) countywide
- Impact at station areas (65%) much greater due to redistribution of office development within county
- 10%-15% value and rent premium within ½ mile of Metro

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## OFFICE DEVELOPMENT FORECAST





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## RETAIL DEVELOPMENT FORECAST

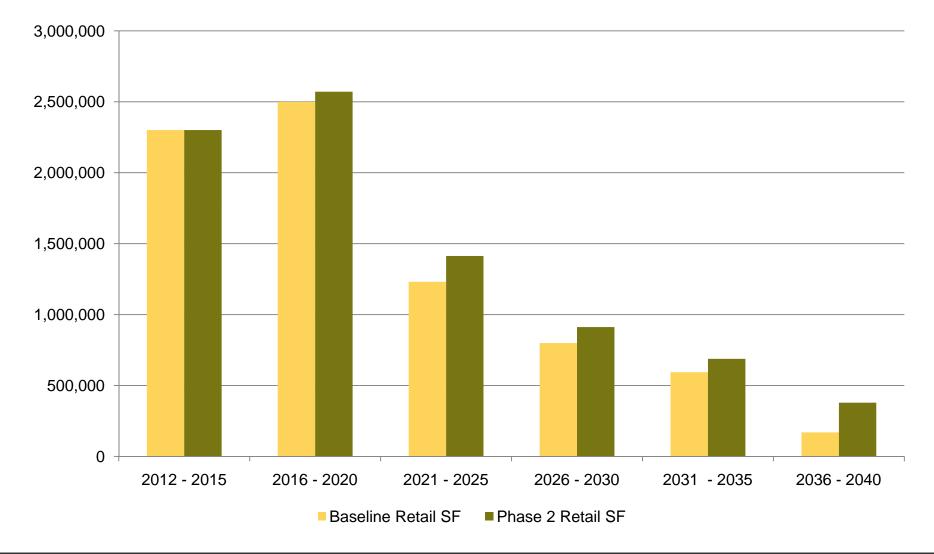
#### Retail Development Forecast by Planning Subarea and Station Area, 2012-2040 (Square Feet)

| Subarea                | Baseline  | Phase 2   | Difference |
|------------------------|-----------|-----------|------------|
| Ashburn                | 2,566,000 | 2,828,000 | 10%        |
| Route 606 Station Area | 51,000    | 85,000    | 67%        |
| Route 772 Station Area | 103,000   | 198,000   | 92%        |
| Dulles                 | 2,585,000 | 2,777,000 | 7%         |
| Leesburg               | 591,000   | 626,000   | 6%         |
| Northwest              | 0         | 0         | 0%         |
| Potomac                | 76,000    | 83,000    | 9%         |
| Route 15 North         | 76,000    | 83,000    | 9%         |
| Route 15 South         | 76,000    | 83,000    | 9%         |
| Route 7 West           | 268,000   | 278,000   | 4%         |
| Southwest              | 0         | 0         | 0%         |
| Sterling               | 1,357,000 | 1,508,000 | 11%        |
| Route 28 Station Area  | 176,000   | 226,000   | 28%        |
| County Total           | 7,594,000 | 8,264,000 | 9%         |
| Station Area Total     | 330,000   | 509,000   | 54%        |

- Phase 2 Extension increases retail development forecast by 9% (670,000 sq. ft.) countywide
- Retail development is tied to household growth
- Retail in station areas projected to be primarily town center retail
- 0%-4% value, rent and sales premium within ½ mile of Metro



## RETAIL DEVELOPMENT FORECAST





## HOTEL DEVELOPMENT FORECAST

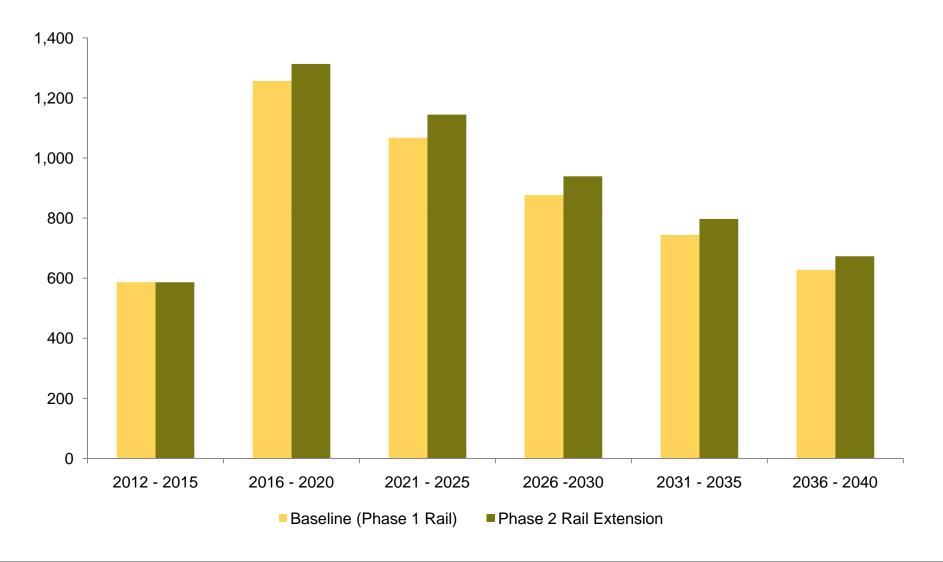
#### Hotel Development Forecast by Planning Subarea and Station Area, 2012-2040 (No. of Rooms)

| Corridor               | Baseline | Phase 2 | Difference |
|------------------------|----------|---------|------------|
| Route 7                | 516      | 436     | -16%       |
| Route 28               | 2,064    | 1,745   | -16%       |
| Station Area           | 619      | 960     | 55%        |
| Route 50               | 258      | 273     | 6%         |
| Route 267              | 774      | 1,091   | 41%        |
| Route 772 Station Area | 503      | 818     | 63%        |
| Route 606              | 774      | 1,091   | 41%        |
| Station Area           | 464      | 763     | 64%        |
| Route 625              | 258      | 273     | 6%         |
| Other                  | 515      | 545     | 6%         |
| County Total           | 5,159    | 5,453   | 6%         |
|                        |          |         |            |
| Station Areas          | 1,586    | 2,541   | 60%        |

- Phase 2 Extension increases hotel development forecast by 6% (294 rooms) countywide
- Hotel development driven primarily by office development
- Hotel development will concentrate near Metro stations
- 5%-10% value and room rate premium within ½ mile of Metro

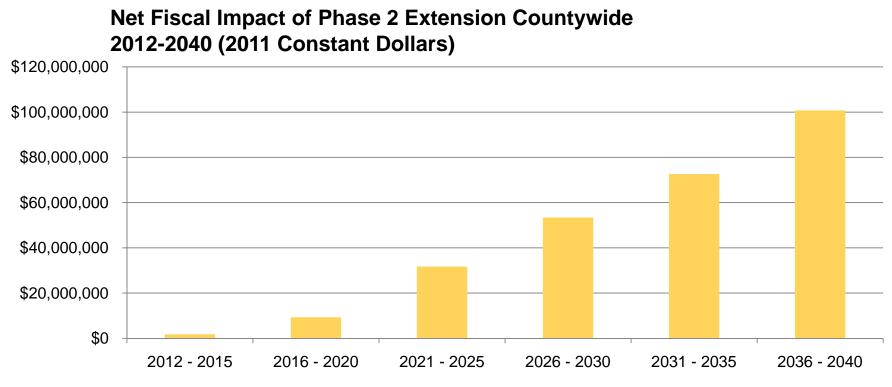


## HOTEL DEVELOPMENT FORECAST





# COUNTYWIDE NET FISCAL IMPACT OF PH. 2 RAIL COUNTS ONLY "NET NEW" DEVELOPMENT



▶ Total revenues associated with net new development: \$563,199,000

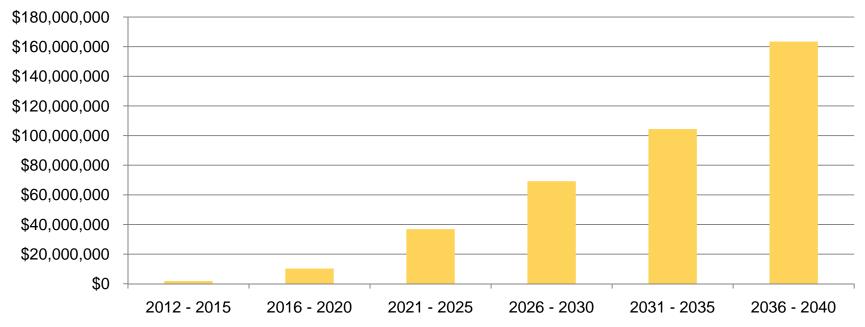
► Total expenditures associated with net new development: \$293,671,000

- ▶ Total net fiscal impact estimated to be \$269,528,000 in 2011 dollars
- Average annual net fiscal impact is \$9,294,000



# COUNTYWIDE NET FISCAL IMPACT OF PH. 2 RAIL COUNTS ONLY "NET NEW" DEVELOPMENT

# Net Fiscal Impact of Phase 2 Extension Countywide 2012 - 2040 (with Inflation)



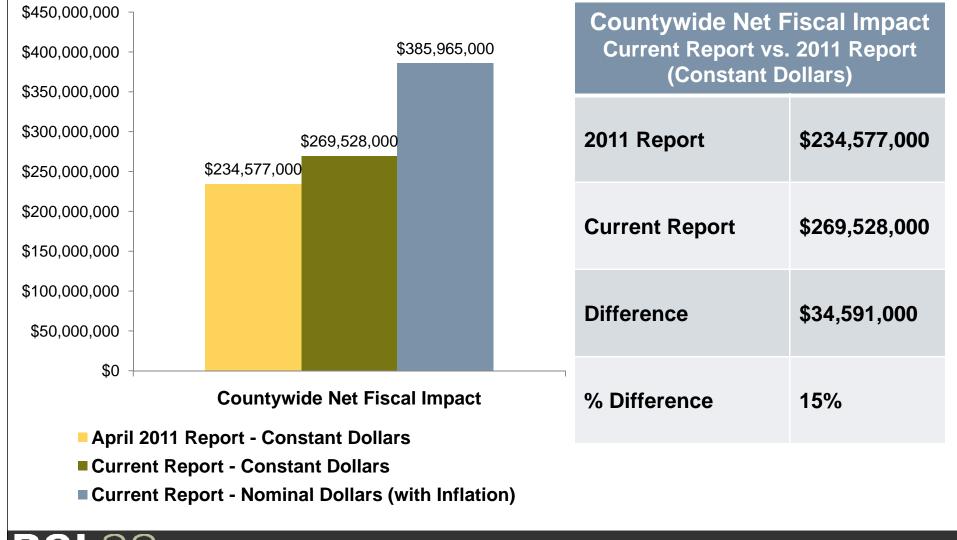
▶ Total revenues associated with net new development: \$863,003,000

► Total expenditures associated with net new development: \$477,038,000

- ▶ Total net fiscal impact estimated to be \$385,965,000
- Average annual net fiscal impact is \$13,309,000

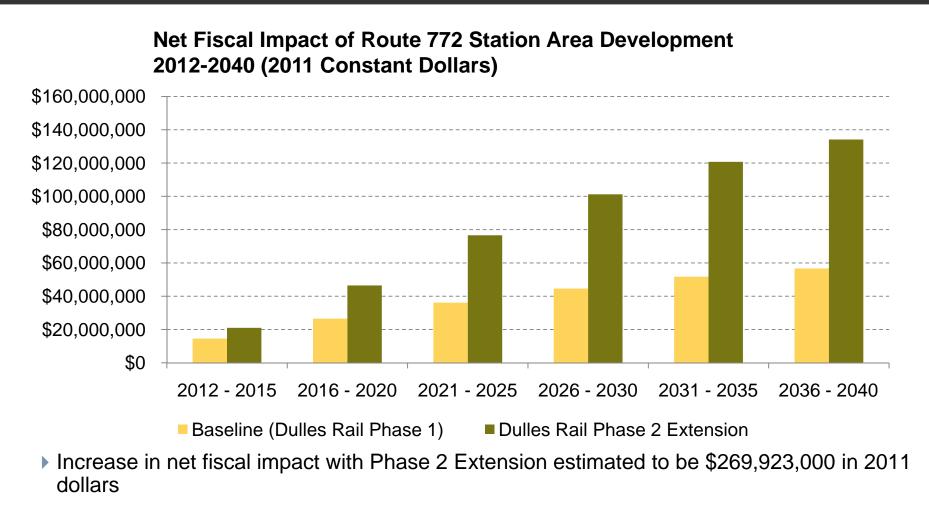


## CURRENT ESTIMATE OF NET FISCAL IMPACT 15% HIGHER THAN 2011 REPORT





## ROUTE 772 STATION AREA

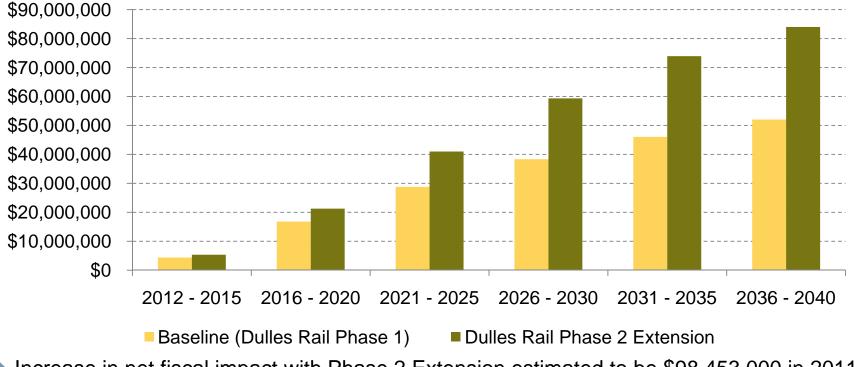


 Increase in net fiscal impact with Phase 2 Extension estimated to be \$399,720,000 in nominal dollars (with inflation)



# **ROUTE 28 STATION AREA**

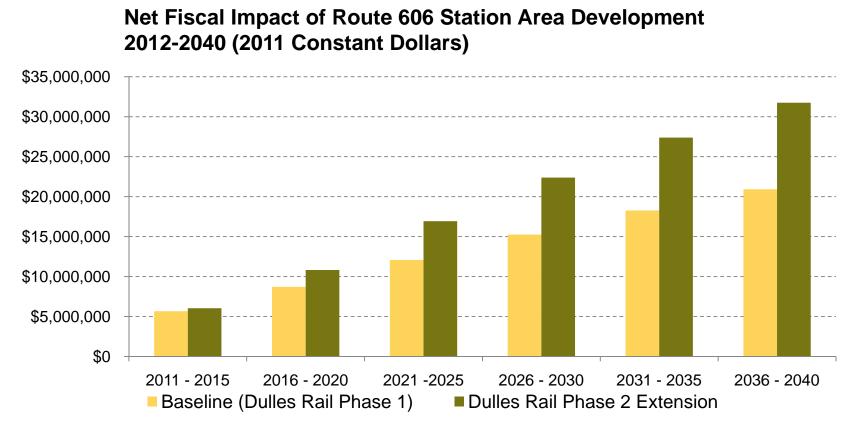
# Net Fiscal Impact of Route 28 Station Area Development 2012-2040 (2011 Constant Dollars)



- Increase in net fiscal impact with Phase 2 Extension estimated to be \$98,453,000 in 2011 dollars
- Increase in net fiscal impact with Phase 2 Extension estimated to be \$152,714,000 in nominal dollars (with inflation)



## ROUTE 606 STATION AREA



Increase in net fiscal impact with Phase 2 Extension estimated to be \$57,126,000 in 2011 dollars

 Increase in net fiscal impact with Phase 2 Extension estimated to be \$89,374,000 in nominal dollars (with inflation)



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