



Groundbreaking for Potomac Shores VRE Station to Spur New Development

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On Thursday, July 31, 2014, members of the Board of County Supervisors participated in the groundbreaking for the new Virginia Railway Express (VRE) station, which is being built by SunCal as a public-private partnership with the Commonwealth of Virginia to provide necessary transportation infrastructure and a key amenity to SunCal's Potomac Shores community. The VRE station will provide 550 commuter parking spaces and is scheduled to open in 2017.

Prince William Supervisors Maureen S. Caddigan, Martin E. Nohe, John D. Jenkins and W.S. "Wally" Covington III, along with Virginia Governor Terry McAuliffe, broke ground at the site for the future Potomac Shores Town Center, which is located on the Cherry Hill Peninsula off of Route 1.

Caddigan noted that the project is critical to the future of the community. "The station will help establish the town center, position the development as a transit-oriented hub and take thousands of commuters off the road."

McAuliffe echoed Caddigan's remarks at the groundbreaking ceremony and said the new station would serve to "unlock" the region's traffic gridlock and spur economic development opportunities in Prince William County. "You cannot grow an economy if your transportation system doesn't work. Today's groundbreaking is a key part of my transportation package, and the new Potomac Shores VRE station will be a vital link to the region's network."

The Potomac Shores development, which is home to a public Jack Nicklaus Signature golf course, will also include a resort hotel and conference center, a new elementary and middle school, 3.7 million square feet of new retail space, new sports fields and a 100-slip marina among other amenities.

This project reflects the quality of development that is being produced in Prince William County, Caddigan said.

“This development will act as catalyst to spur the economic engine for the county and the region for years and years to come,” said Caddigan. “As the community matures, families and businesses move in, and life takes hold in the town center and the surrounding community, VRE and other transportation options will continue to make Potomac Shores a destination of choice for people and businesses. It will bring a new lifestyle to the shores of the Potomac River in Prince William County and all of Northern Virginia. This is a great day for Prince William County.”

