

Get Involved

VDOT representatives will review and evaluate any information received as a result of this meeting. The comment sheet in this brochure is provided to assist in making your comments. You may leave the sheet or any other written comments in the comment box at the meeting, provide oral comments to the court reporter tonight, or mail/email your comments.

Comments must be postmarked, emailed or delivered to VDOT by **November 16, 2013** to be included in the public hearing record.

Comments may be mailed to Mr. Leonard "Bud" Siegel at the address below or emailed to meeting_comments@vdot.virginia.gov. Please include "Route 7 Widening - Reston Avenue to Jarrett Valley Drive" in the email subject line.

Project information shared here, including a summary of comments received during the comment period, will be available at www.virginiadot.org/projects and at VDOT's Northern Virginia District Office. Project information is also available on Fairfax County's project site at <http://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/fcdot/rt7>.

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Public Information Meeting Route 7 Widening Reston Avenue to Jarrett Valley Drive

Wednesday, November 6, 2013, 6-8:30 p.m.
Colvin Run Elementary School
1400 Trap Road, Vienna, VA 22182

Public Meeting

The Virginia Department of Transportation welcomes you to the public information meeting for widening Route 7 from Reston Avenue to Jarrett Valley Drive in Fairfax County. We look forward to your active participation.

This meeting is being held to provide an opportunity for citizens and organizations to give VDOT comments and/or suggestions on the proposed project. VDOT strives to ensure that all members of the community have the opportunity to participate in public decisions on transportation projects and programs affecting them.

VDOT representatives are present to discuss the project and answer your questions.

A comment sheet is included in the handouts for this meeting, and your input is encouraged. Comments may also be emailed to the address on the back of this brochure. All written comments received regarding this project will be included in a summary for review by VDOT personnel, citizens and other interested parties.

Comments received as a result of tonight's meeting will be taken into consideration as the project design is developed.

Project Overview



Leesburg Pike (Route 7) looking toward Tysons Corner.

Purpose – Increase capacity, safety and mobility.

From – Reston Avenue

To – Jarrett Valley Drive

Total length – 6.9 miles

Improvements – Widen Route 7 from four to six lanes between Reston Avenue and Jarrett Valley Drive, improve intersections and add bicycle and pedestrian facilities.

State Project Number: 0007-029-128,P102,R202,C502 UPC: 52328

PROJECT DESCRIPTION

This project proposes to widen a 6.9-mile segment of Route 7 from four to six lanes between Reston Avenue and Jarrett Valley Drive, to increase capacity, decrease congestion and improve safety in conformity with the Fairfax County Comprehensive Plan (<http://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/dpz/comprehensiveplan>).

The project would also include intersection improvements, as well as a 10-foot shared-use path on both sides of the road to increase mobility for cyclists and pedestrians.

As of 2011, this section of Route 7 carried between 46,000 and 54,000 vehicles a day, and is expected to carry 73,000 to 86,000 vehicles a day by 2040.

Widening this high-volume route has been part of Fairfax County's Comprehensive Plan for many years, and is an important improvement to the corridor that will link northern and western Fairfax with the county's planned revitalization of the busy Tysons Corner area.

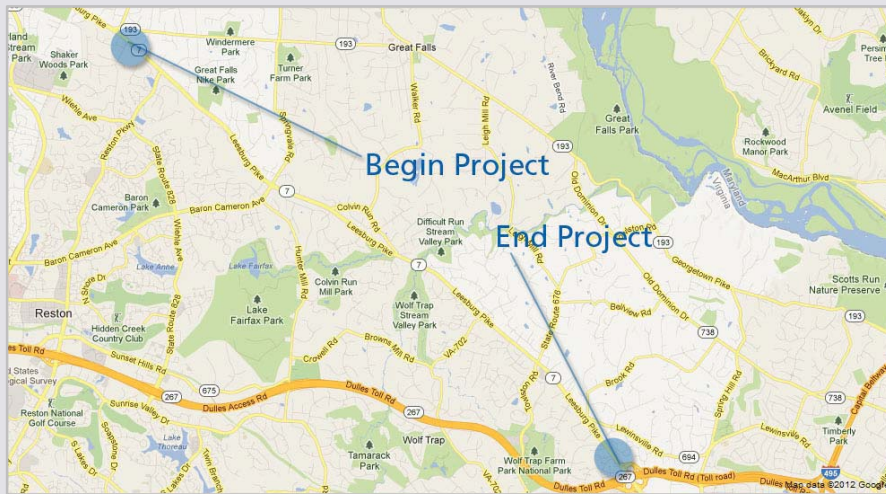
WORKING GROUP

Early in 2012, the Route 7 Widening Working Group was established with representatives from communities adjacent to the corridor, VDOT, Fairfax County, district supervisors, and the design team. The group aims to develop a partnering relationship between the community and designers, and gather input to help shape the project's design.

Over the past 21 months, the team has met nine times and discussed topics including environmental impacts, land development along the corridor, bicycle and pedestrian needs, innovative intersection designs, high occupancy vehicle (HOV) lane feasibility, mass transit and bus service, and preliminary storm water management needs.

The working group will continue to meet, as needed, to discuss any relevant issues related to the preliminary design. The minutes for these meetings can be found on the Fairfax County website at <http://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/fcdot/rt7>.

Project Location



Project Limits: Reston Avenue to Jarrett Valley Drive

Estimated Project Cost

Total Estimated Cost:

\$300 million

Design Engineering of Roadway Plans:

\$30 million*

Right of Way Acquisition and Utility Relocation:

\$50 million**

Construction:

\$220 million**

*There is currently only partial funding for preliminary design.

**There is currently no funding for right of way or construction.

Civil Rights

VDOT ensures nondiscrimination in all programs and activities in accordance with Title VI and VII of the Civil Rights Act of 1964. If you need more information in regards to your civil rights on this project or special assistance for persons with disabilities or limited English proficiency, contact the project manager listed in this brochure.

Right of Way

Should additional land rights be needed as the project is developed, affected property owners will be informed of the exact location of the land rights needed during the right of way acquisition process and prior to construction.

Representatives from the VDOT Right of Way section are present at tonight's meeting to answer any general questions regarding this process.

Anticipated Schedule

Late 2012 – Begin preliminary design

November 2013 – Public information meeting and comment period

Late 2014 – Design Public Hearing

Timelines for right of way and construction will be determined once funding has been secured for those activities.

Environmental Review

Pursuant to the federal guidelines and the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA), the Department will prepare an Environmental Assessment (EA) to evaluate potential environmental impacts associated with the construction of this project. The public will be provided an opportunity to review and comment on the draft EA after it has been approved by the Federal Highway Administration (FHWA).

In compliance with the National Historic Preservation Act, Section 106 and 36 CFR 800, Information concerning the potential effects of the proposed improvements on properties listed in or eligible for listing in the National Register of Historic Places will be available for review in the project's environmental documentation.