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Public Hearing Comments Accepted Until June 26, 2014
The public comment period will close 15 days after this public hearing. VDOT will review and evaluate any input or information received as a result of this public hearing.

All interested citizens can submit written or oral comments about the proposed improvements at the public hearing. Written comments may be submitted to Mr. Paul Nishimoto, VDOT Project Manager, via email at: meeting_comments@vdot.virginia.gov or by mail to: Paul Nishimoto, 4975 Alliance Drive, Fairfax, VA 22030. Please reference "I-495 Bicycle-Pedestrian Trail Improvements" in the subject line of all correspondence.

All comments must be postmarked, emailed or delivered to VDOT by June 26, 2014 in order to be included in the design public hearing record.

Project information shared at the public hearing, including a summary of comments received during the comment period, will be available www.virginiadot.org/projects and at VDOT's Northern Virginia District Office located at 4975 Alliance Drive, Fairfax, Virginia 22030.

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Design Public Hearing

Bicycle and Pedestrian Improvements on Idylwood Road (Route 695) and Chain Bridge Road (Route 123) Near I-495 in Fairfax County



Wednesday, June 11, 2014, 6:30-8:30 p.m.
Brief presentation at 7:00 p.m.

Fairhill Elementary School
3001 Chichester Lane
Fairfax, VA 22031

Public Meeting

The Virginia Department of Transportation (VDOT) welcomes you to a design public hearing on improving bicycle and pedestrian facilities on Idylwood Road (Route 695) and Chain Bridge Road (Route 123), near I-495 in Fairfax County, Virginia. We look forward to your active participation.

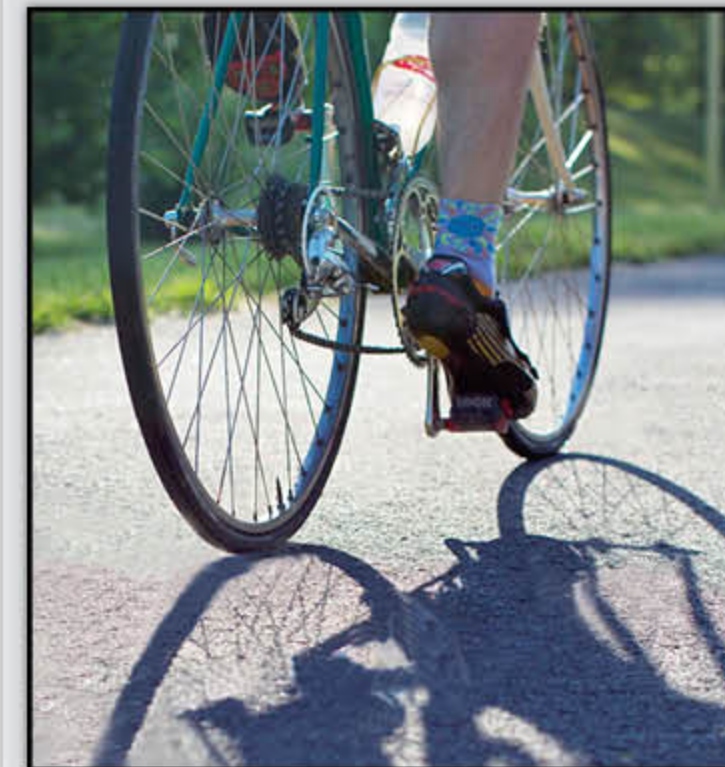
This meeting is being held to provide an opportunity for citizens and organizations to give VDOT comments and/or suggestions on the proposed project. VDOT strives to ensure that all members of the community have the opportunity to participate in public decisions on transportation projects and programs 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. All oral and written comments received on this project will be included in a transcript for review by VDOT personnel, citizens and other interested parties.

VDOT staff will address questions and concerns raised as a result of this meeting before the project is presented to VDOT's Chief Engineer for consideration.

Project Overview



Purpose: The Bicycle and Pedestrian Improvements project will provide a pedestrian extension and connections along Idylwood Road (Route 695) and a pedestrian and bicycle connection on Chain Bridge Road (Route 123) near I-495 Beltway in Fairfax County. This project enhances bicycle and pedestrian improvements that were recently completed on the I-495 Express Lanes project.

Location: **Idylwood Road (Route 695):** The pedestrian improvements will be located on the south side of Idylwood Road, connecting with the sidewalk on the east and west sides of the bridge across I-495.
Chain Bridge Road (Route 123): The bicycle and pedestrian shared-use path will be located on the south side of Chain Bridge Road, underneath I-495, between Tysons Boulevard and Old Meadow Road.

Total Length:
Idylwood Road Sidewalk: 0.19 miles
Chain Bridge Road Path: 0.64 miles

Improvements: On Idylwood Road, the improvements include standard five-foot wide sidewalks, at each end of the sidewalk on the bridge crossing I-495. On Chain Bridge Road, the improvements include a standard 10-foot wide shared-use path, along the south side underneath I-495.

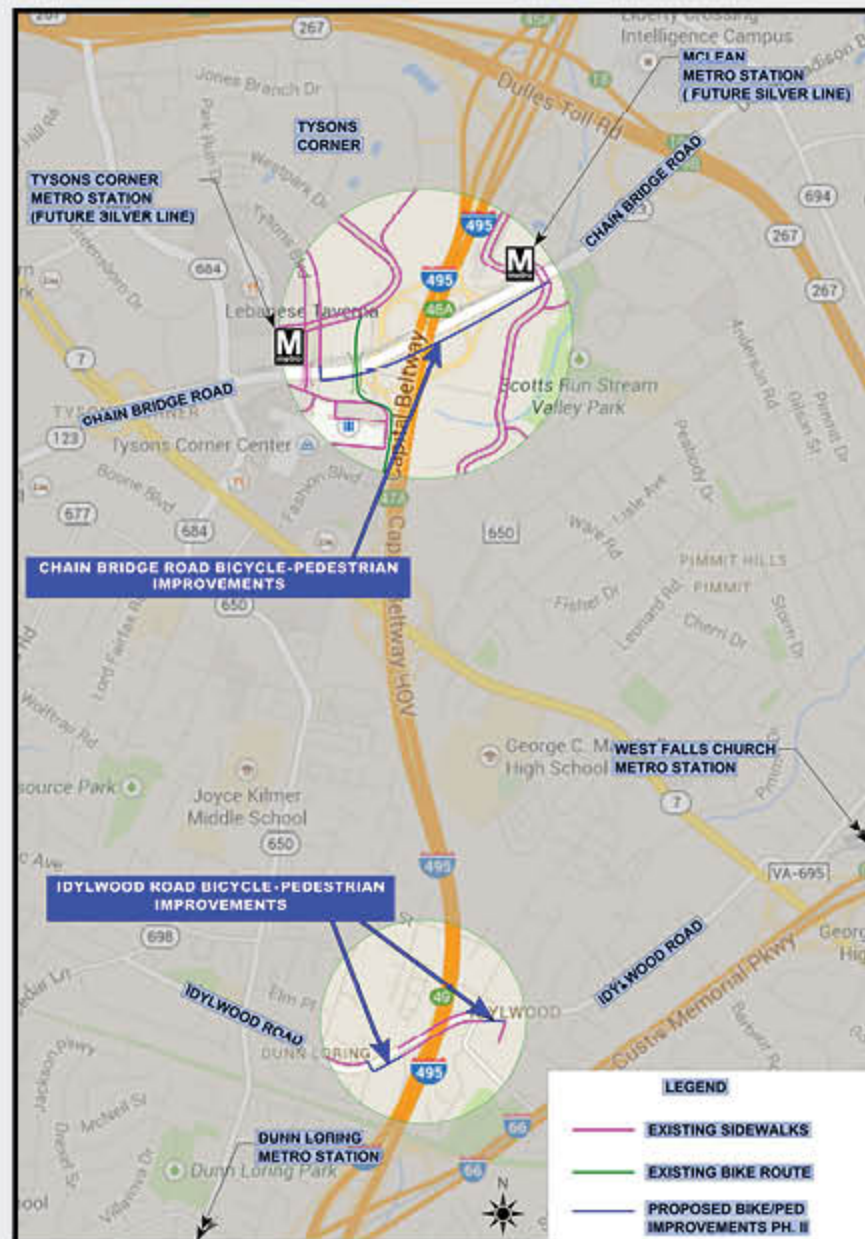
Project Description

The Bicycle and Pedestrian Improvement project will provide enhanced and safer pedestrian and bicycle connections along Idylwood Road (Route 695) and Chain Bridge Road (Route 123) near I-495 in Fairfax County. This project completes bicycle and pedestrian connections that were recently constructed on the I-495 Express Lanes project.

On Idylwood Road, a standard five-foot wide sidewalk will be constructed on the south side of Idylwood Road, connecting to both ends of the sidewalk on the bridge across I-495. The new sidewalks will feature gradual slopes and ADA-accessible ramps at the intersections of Spring Street, Virginia Lane and Whitestone Hill Court. The sidewalk on the west side of Idylwood Road will provide an ADA-accessible ramp, which connects to an existing path.

On Chain Bridge Road, a 10-foot wide shared-use path will be built on the south side of Chain Bridge Road underneath I-495 between Tysons Boulevard and Old Meadow Road. The path will be separated from the three general purpose roadway lanes on Chain Bridge Road by an eight-foot buffer strip. In addition, the current plans include widening the far right lanes on north and southbound Chain Bridge Road by three feet, to provide 14-foot wide lanes to accommodate on-road bicyclists.

Project Graphic



Programmed Cost

Total Cost: \$6,163,820

Preliminary Engineering: \$750,000

Right of Way: \$1,600,000

Construction: \$3,813,820

Costs to be revised as project progresses into final design.

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 regard 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

Based on the preliminary design of the Bicycle and Pedestrian Improvement project at Idylwood Road (Route 695) and Chain Bridge Road (Route 123) near I-495 in Fairfax County, there are no displacements of residences, businesses or non-profit organizations. At present, it appears that the proposed construction of the new sidewalk on Idylwood Road could require narrow strips of right of way to be taken on three residential properties on Idylwood Road. Construction easements from several other residential properties on Idylwood Road also would be required for the proposed project. There are no anticipated right of way impacts on Chain Bridge Road, related to construction of the proposed shared-use path.

All potentially affected property owners were informed of the proposed project and potential right of way impacts, and were provided details on how to get additional information. As design of this project is finalized, additional right of way may be required beyond the proposed right of way shown on the public hearing plans. The property owners will be informed of the exact location of the required right of way, during the acquisition process and prior to construction.

Information about right of way purchase is discussed in VDOT's brochure, "Right of Way and Utilities: A Guide for Property Owners and Tenants." Copies of this brochure are available here from a VDOT right of way representative.

Anticipated Schedule

Design Public Hearing: June 11, 2014

Adopt Design: August 2014

Authorize Right of Way Funds: September 2014

Advertisement: Summer 2015

Begin construction: Fall 2015

Completion: Late summer 2016

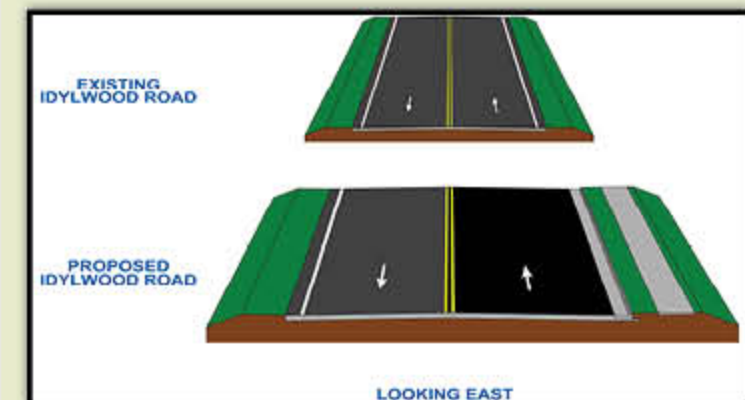
Environmental Review

This is an ancillary project to the I-495 Express Lanes project where an environmental document in the form of a Final Environmental Impact Statement (FEIS) was prepared with a Record of Decision approval in June 2006 to comply with the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) and 23CFR 77. Representatives from VDOT's Environmental Section are available at today's meeting to discuss this information and to answer questions.

Proposed Lane Configuration



Chain Bridge Road



Idylwood Road