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Imagine the Possibilities

On July 1, the Virginia Department of Transportation (VDOT) and Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) began a study on how best to ease congestion and keep traffic moving during emergencies on Interstate 66 westbound between the Rosslyn Tunnel and the Dulles Airport Access Road, in Arlington and Fairfax Counties. The purpose of this study is to gather data and evaluate concepts that decision makers can consider in deciding whether to pursue the implementation of any improvements. As this is a preliminary study, it is not regulated by the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA).

As requested by Governor Mark Warner, a community-based planning process will be used in considering a realistic, affordable, and effective transportation solution that stays within the existing right-of-way throughout the 6.5-mile corridor of I-66 westbound. An open and inclusive process will involve communities, businesses, and other stakeholders. The study will begin with four initial concepts:

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- **No-Build Concept**

Possible No-Build Concepts could include promoting teleworking, carpooling and/or minor maintenance activities on I-66 westbound.

- **HOV / HOT Concepts**

Concepts for High Occupancy Vehicle (HOV) and High Occupancy Toll (HOT) lanes could include modifications of HOV from two persons to three persons, modifications to the hours of HOV operation and/or modifications to the type of vehicles permitted during the morning peak. Possible HOT lane concepts could include tolling single occupant vehicles on I-66 westbound during peak times.

- **Transit Concepts**

Possible Transit Concepts could include Bus Rapid Transit (BRT), express bus service, and/or additional Metrorail or light rail.

- **Roadway Widening Concepts**

Concepts for roadway widening could include adding a lane in the westbound direction and/or modifications to the ramps entering and exiting I-66 westbound.

The concepts listed above are just a few of the ideas that may be explored. We want to hear your ideas. Are there other concepts you would like to see studied on I-66 westbound?

Anyone who travels I-66 between the Rosslyn Tunnel and the Dulles Airport Access Road has undoubtedly experienced congestion-

related delays. In fact, the effects of congestion are not only limited to I-66, but also affect many of the adjacent roadways in the densely developed corridor.

To this end, VDOT and FHWA have identified several preliminary "needs" that the study will address:

- Easing congestion on I-66 westbound;
- Reducing congestion on parallel local roadways;
- Improving access to, and economic vitality of, regional activity centers (i.e., Ballston, Falls Church, and Tysons Corner); and,
- Providing quicker emergency evacuations from Washington, DC.

VDOT and the FHWA are undertaking the study to address concerns from Congress and the State over continued growing congestion in the I-66 corridor and the impact congestion has on the corridor's ability to serve as an evacuation route for a natural disaster or terrorist incident.

PUBLIC WORKSHOPS

Tuesday October 26, 2004 &
Wednesday October 27, 2004
(7:00 - 8:30 p.m.)

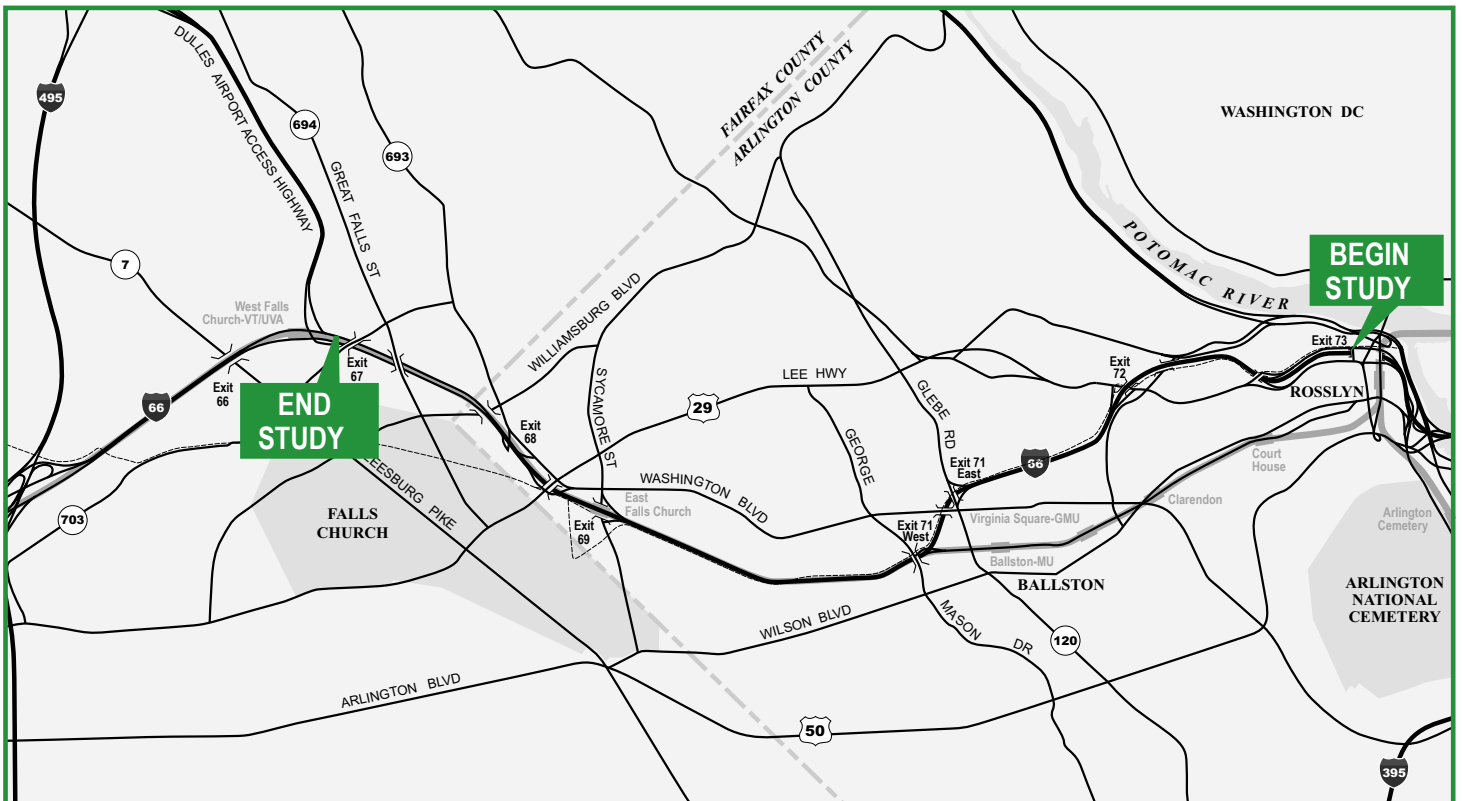
OPEN HOUSE

Wednesday, November 3, 2004
(7:00 - 8:30 p.m.)

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Idea-66 Location Map

The study corridor is 6.5 miles in Arlington and Fairfax Counties.



How Will This Study Differ From Any Other Transportation Study?

Idea-66 differs in that it will utilize a “context sensitive solutions” approach to address the traffic and congestion issue in an open and inclusive process. The community will directly assist in formulating the problem statement, developing design concepts, and identifying evaluation criteria. This community-based planning approach allows for the understanding and appreciation of community values and strives to incorporate these values as the study evolves.

Using a context sensitive solutions approach is designed to ensure a collaborative, interdisciplinary approach involving all parties affected. It emphasizes early participation and direct communication with all stakeholders, including people who reside, work,



and/or travel in the I-66 corridor, as well as representatives from transit providers, jurisdictions, government agencies, and special interest groups. This approach ensures that the transportation project is in harmony with the historic, economic, and cultural environment while maintaining safety and mobility.

For Idea-66, it means that the responsibility for developing a publicly acceptable and technically sound solution to traffic problems and congestion in the corridor will be a shared responsibility of the community and the public agencies that serve them.

Get Involved! Interviews, Workshops, and a Public Open House

Idea-66 is unique because of the extensive outreach efforts being employed to involve the communities that have a stake in the future of I-66. An ongoing series of stakeholder interviews is underway to obtain valuable early input and to assist with development of the communications plan. During October, a series of community dialogues will be held to gather concepts that could alleviate the traffic and congestion problems identified in the I-66 corridor. Two public workshops, in Arlington and Falls Church, are scheduled to refine and prioritize the concepts identified during the community dialogues.

During these meetings, the public will help determine which of the previously identified criteria will be used to evaluate the concepts. A public open house will be held in November to share the results gleaned from these many meetings. These public involvement activities will be scheduled to ensure that public input is received before any technical work is undertaken.

● PUBLIC WORKSHOPS ●

Two public workshops on Idea-66 will be held October 26 and 27, 2004. The workshops will be held in two different locations to maximize public access and ensure that enough time is available for all interested community members and stakeholders to participate.

Tuesday, October 26, 2004 – 7:00 p.m. - 8:30 p.m.

George Mason High School (Cafeteria)

7124 Leesburg Pike, Falls Church, VA

The school is located on Route 7 adjacent to the Falls Church West Metro Station and the UVA/Virginia Tech Center.

Wednesday, October 27, 2004 – 7:00 p.m. - 8:30 p.m.

Washington-Lee High School (Little Theater)

1300 N. Quincy Street, Arlington, VA

The school is located on the corner of Washington Boulevard and N. Quincy Street. The nearest metro station is Ballston-MU.

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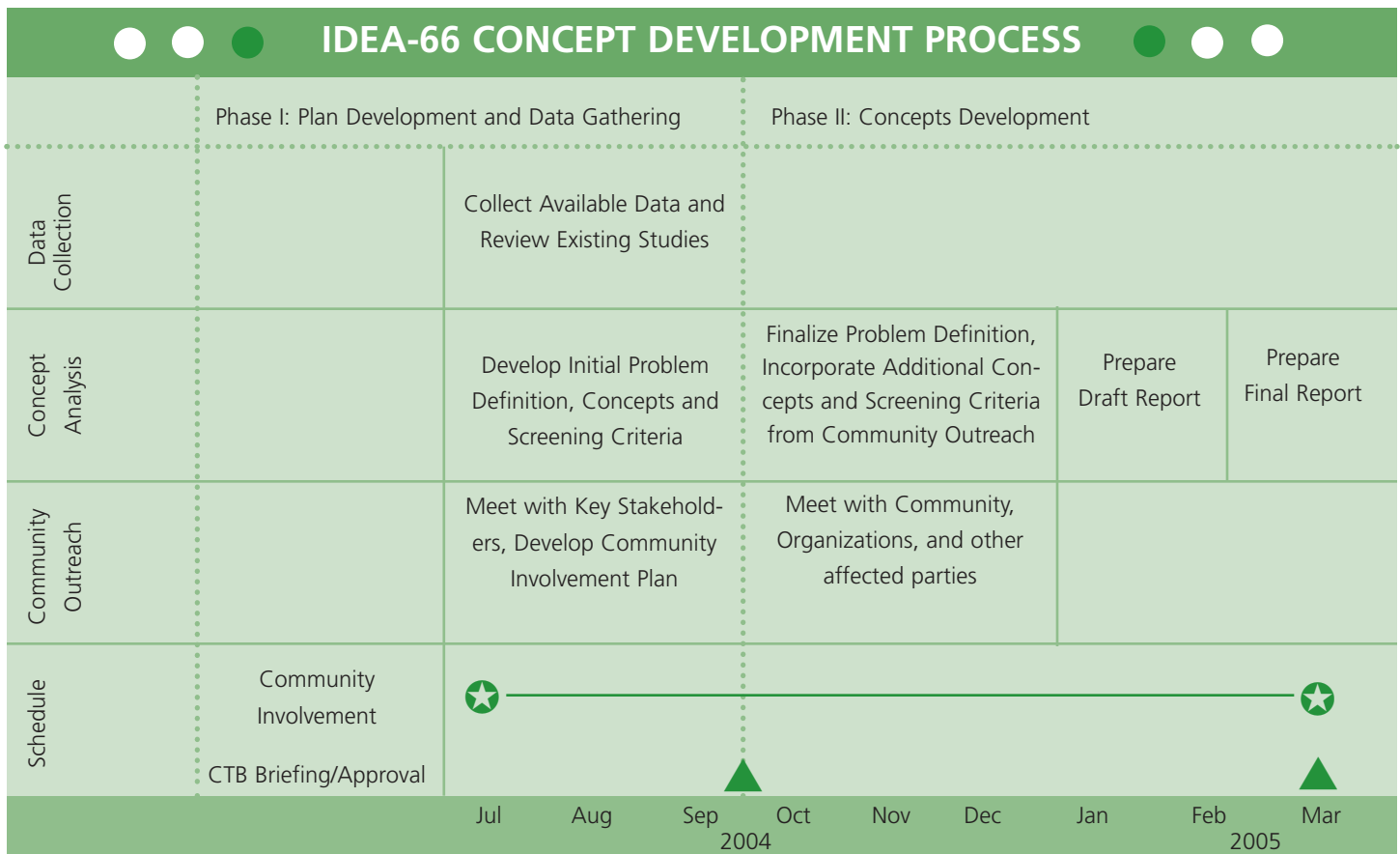
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Idea-66 Schedule

The study was initiated July 1, 2004 and will be completed by March 2005. Before proceeding to the next phase, funding would be needed for conducting any environmental work, design, or construction.



What is the Coleman Decision and is it Still in Effect?

After years of controversy, on January 4, 1977, Secretary of Transportation William T. Coleman, Jr., approved Federal-aid for construction of I-66 from the Capital Beltway to the District of Columbia. I-66 was approved as a four lane, limited access highway with the median reserved for Metrorail. Heavy-duty trucks were prohibited, and during peak hours, traffic in the peak direction was limited to buses, vehicles with four occupants, emergency vehicles, and traffic to and from Dulles Airport.

Section 361 of the 1999 DOT Appropriations Act (PL105-277) overturned the requirements of the Coleman Decision, except for the conditions related to allowing Dulles airport traffic during HOV periods and a ban on heavy trucks. Except for these two restrictions, I-66 inside the Beltway is now treated as any other section of interstate in Virginia and is subject to all existing federal laws and requirements.

Idea-66 Contact Information

We encourage your questions and comments on Idea-66. Your participation is important to us. If you need additional information or wish to provide comments, you can reach the study team in the following ways.

- Visit the Idea-66 Web site at www.idea66.com for current information. One feature of the project Web site is the "Question of the Week." Here, everyone has the opportunity to respond to questions that will help provide guidance to the study. Residents are encouraged to participate in this interactive forum.
- Send an e-mail message to info@idea66.com. E-mail alerts will be sent to residents requesting they be advised of new or changing information about the study.
- Call the Toll-free INFO Line (1-866-816-4466)
- Send written correspondence to:
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