

# Interstate 66 Tier 1 Environmental Impact Statement

## AGENCY SCOPING MEETING June 7, 2011

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# Purpose of this Agency Scoping Meeting

- Background Information
- Study Process
- Study Schedule
- Agency and Public Involvement
- Solicit Input

# Background Information

- 25-mile Multimodal Corridor extending from I-495 (Capital Beltway) in Fairfax County to Route 15 in Prince William County
- Serving the fastest growing region in Virginia
- History of studies and debate
- Numerous other projects in the corridor
- Decision to proceed with Tiered NEPA process

# Study Process

- Management / Roles and Responsibilities
  - FHWA: Sponsoring Agency
  - VDOT and DRPT: Lead State Agencies
  - Consultant Team: Parsons Transportation Group
  - Cooperating / Participating Agencies
  - Commonwealth Transportation Board

# Study Process

- Tier 1 EIS will focus on broad issues
  - Purpose and need
  - General location of proposed improvements
  - Mode / Technology choice
- Tier 2 analysis will focus on site-specific details
  - Impacts
  - Costs
  - Mitigation

# Study Process

- Decisions at completion of Tier 1
  - Concepts to be advanced including transit, TDM and/or roadway improvements
  - General location for studying future highway and transit improvements in the Tier 2 NEPA document(s)
  - Identification of projects with independent utility to be evaluated in Tier 2 NEPA document(s) and evaluated pursuant to other environmental laws
  - Advancing tolling for subsequent study in Tier 2 NEPA document(s)

# Study Schedule



# Agency and Public Outreach Opportunities

- Citizen Information Meetings
  - Wednesday, June 8<sup>th</sup>, 5:00 to 8:00 pm  
Four Points by Sheraton, Manassas
  - Thursday, June 9<sup>th</sup>, 5:00 to 8:00 pm  
VDOT Northern Virginia District Office, Fairfax

# Agency and Public Outreach Opportunities

- Series of Citizen Information Meetings
- Series of Participating Agency Meetings
- Public Hearing
- Press Releases
- Website: [www.virginiadot.org/projects/northernvirginia/i66eis.asp](http://www.virginiadot.org/projects/northernvirginia/i66eis.asp)
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# Your Thoughts and Input

- What are the transportation problems and needs in the corridor?
- What should be considered to address these needs in the corridor?
- What are the key environmental considerations in the corridor?

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