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**Tier 1 Environmental Impact Statement (EIS)
and Related Studies**

Interstate 66

**From U.S. Route 15 in Prince William County
to Interstate 495 in Fairfax County**

Welcome

**to the public scoping meeting for the Interstate 66
Tier 1 Environmental Impact Statement (EIS).**

Purpose of the Meeting

The goals of this scoping meeting are to obtain your input and to share information that is available at this very early stage of the study. The study team is seeking to determine the scope of issues to be addressed in the EIS.

Citizen and agency input is an important part of the scoping process. We would like to receive your input to the following questions:

- 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?

This handout, along with the displays you see tonight and the project website provide information on the overall study. Representatives of VDOT and its consultants are available to answer your questions and listen to your thoughts and concerns. We strongly encourage your comments and feedback.

Purpose of the Study

This Tier 1 EIS is being developed by the Virginia Department of Transportation (VDOT), the Federal Highway

Administration (FHWA), and the Virginia Department of Rail and Public Transportation (DRPT) to study potential multimodal improvements that will address existing and future transportation needs in the I-66 Corridor from U.S. Route 15 in Prince William County to I-495 in Fairfax County. The study area encompasses areas both north and south of existing I-66 as it passes through both Prince William and Fairfax Counties between these two endpoints.

Tiered EIS Process

The EIS is being developed as a Tier 1 document. A Tier 1 EIS differs from traditional EIS's in that it focuses on broad issues such as purpose and need; travel mode (bus, carpool, rail transit, car, etc.), technology choices; and the general location of proposed improvements. Several key aspects of the tiering process include:

- The process will help VDOT, FHWA, and DRPT to focus on the issues which are ripe for decision.
- The process will provide the long-term vision for the corridor.
- The process will allow improvements to continue to be made that will not preclude the implementation of the long-term vision for the corridor.
- Subsequent Tier 2 analyses will focus on site-specific details, including specific project impacts, costs and mitigation.

Scoping/Citizen Information Meetings

Wednesday, June 8, 2011

Four Points Sheraton
Washington Room
10800 Vandor Lane
Manassas, VA 20109
5:00 PM – 8:00 PM

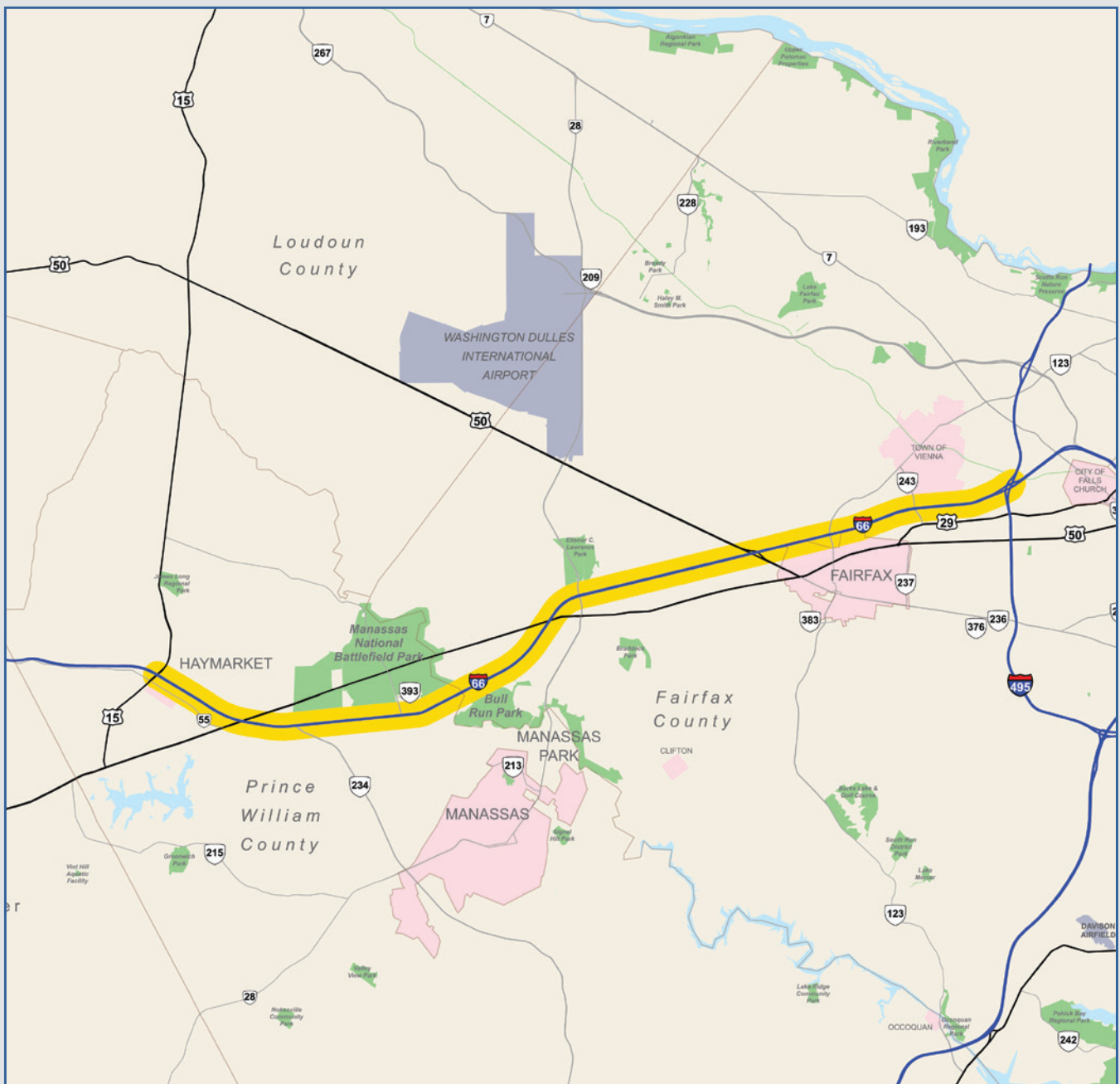
Thursday, June 9, 2011

Virginia Department of Transportation
Northern Virginia District Office
4975 Alliance Drive
Fairfax, VA 22030
5:00 PM – 8:00 PM

Schedule



Study Area Map



Background

This study will build upon previous analyses performed in this critical transportation corridor. Most recently, DRPT led the development of the comprehensive I-66 Transit/TDM Study that was completed in late 2009. Previous study analyses will be supplemented in this effort through additional data collection and travel demand forecasting. This additional effort will update current data sets and forecasts using the most current forecasting data and tools. This study will be coordinated with other projects and studies in the corridor.

Study Elements

Purpose And Need

Before improvement concepts can be developed, the study team will collect information to fully define the existing and future transportation needs of the I-66 corridor. As noted above, some of this information has been developed through previous studies. The purpose and need component of the study serves as the basis for the development and comparison of potential transportation solutions.

Concept Development

The study will identify and explore a range of transportation improvements that address the purpose and need. Using a systematic approach, the study team will then refine and screen a full range of improvement options. This Tier 1 EIS will evaluate corridor-wide concepts. Subsequent Tier 2 analyses will address site-specific improvements in the corridor.

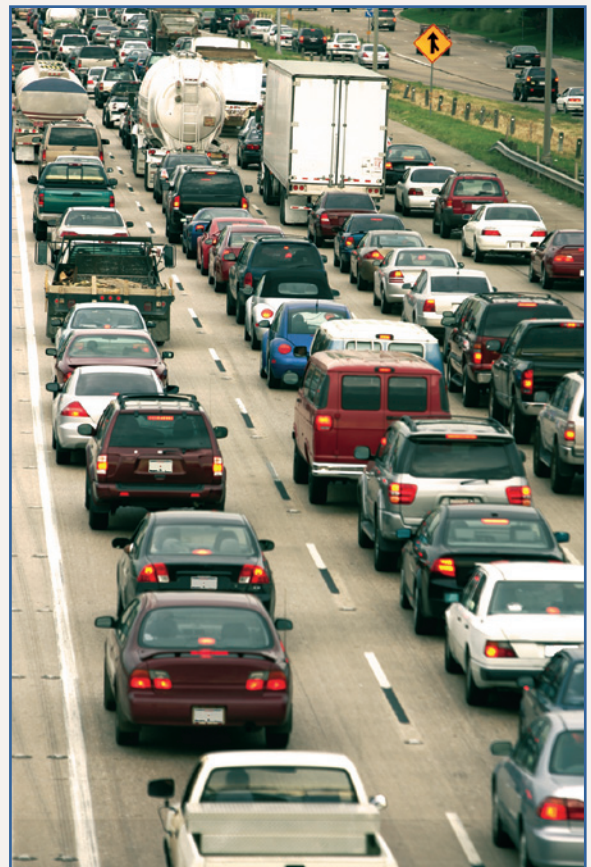
Environmental Resources

The study will identify and collect basic information on the environmental resources along the I-66 corridor including the natural and human environment. At the Tier 1 level, the identification of these features is performed at a broad level. More detailed identification and analyses are performed in subsequent Tier 2 studies.

Decisions

The following decisions will be made at the completion of the Tier 1 study:

- The concepts to be advanced for the I-66 Corridor, including transit improvements, transportation demand management strategies, and/or roadway improvements. Within these concepts, consideration will be given to managed lanes and tolling;
- The general location for studying future highway and transit improvements in the Tier 2 National Environmental Policy Act (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, and;
- Advancing tolling for subsequent study in Tier 2 NEPA document(s).



Thank You. Your Feedback Is Important!

To assist us as we begin this important study, please provide us with your thoughts and comments in one of the following ways:

- Complete and submit your comment forms to us today or provide your oral comments to the verbatim recorder.
- Mail your comment form to our consultant at the following address before July 15, 2011:

Parsons Transportation Group
3926 Pender Drive, Suite 100
Fairfax, Virginia 22030

- Email your comments or information to:

Stephen.C.Walter@Parsons.com
or
CG.Collins@VDOT.Virginia.gov

Please reference "I-66 Tier 1 EIS: CIM Comments" in the subject line.

Keep up-to-date with the study's progress by visiting the project website:

www.virginiadot.org/projects/northernvirginia/i66eis.asp



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