Find out about an operations analysis assessing the traffic and safety impacts and benefits of converting the I-395 and Seminary Road Ramp in the City of Alexandria from a High Occupancy Vehicle (HOV)-only ramp to a High Occupancy Toll (HOT) ramp. This south-facing reversible ramp at Seminary Road falls within the limits of and provides access to the newly-opened I-395 Express Lanes facility and currently operates as an HOV and transit-only ramp. Transurban, VDOT’s private operator of the 395 Express Lanes, has proposed converting this ramp from HOV to a HOT lanes ramp. The ramp would continue to provide access to the 395 Express Lanes, but would be available to vehicles with fewer than three occupants who pay a toll, and for free to vehicles with three or more occupants.

In compliance with the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) and 23 CFR 771, VDOT has received guidance from the Federal Highway Administration that if the modification was to proceed, no additional environmental documentation would be required for converting the I-395/Seminary Road Ramp from an HOV-only ramp to an HOT-ramp. The findings documented in past Environmental Assessments (EA) and subsequent Findings of No Significant Impacts (FONSI) from Federal Highway Administration, remain valid.

There are no property or right of way impacts as a result of converting the I-395/Seminary Road ramp from HOV-only to a HOT ramp.

Stop by between 6:30 p.m. and 8:30 p.m. to view displays and learn about the project. A presentation will begin at 7 p.m. Project staff from VDOT and Transurban will be available to answer questions.

Review project information at the VDOT website (www.virginiadot.org/395expresslanes), at the information meeting, or during business hours at VDOT’s Northern Virginia District Office at 4975 Alliance Drive in Fairfax. Please call ahead at 703-259-2381 or TTY/TDD 711 to ensure appropriate personnel are available to answer your questions.

Give your written comments at the meeting, or submit them by December 31, 2019 to Mr. Abi Lerner, Virginia Department of Transportation, 4975 Alliance Drive, Fairfax, VA 22030, or email 395expresslanes@VDOT.virginia.gov. Please reference “I-395/Seminary Road HOV Ramp” in the subject line.

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