Get Involved

VDOT representatives will review and evaluate any information received as a result of the public hearing. The comment sheet in this brochure is provided to assist in making your comments. You may leave the sheet or any other written comments in the comment box, or mail/email your comments.

Comments must be postmarked, emailed or delivered to VDOT by **November 28, 2016** to be included in the public hearing record.

Mail comments to Mr. Hamid Misaghian at the address below or email **meetingcomments@vdot.virginia.gov**. Please include "East Elden Street Widening" in the subject line.

Project information shared here, including a summary of comments received during the comment period, will be available at **www.virginiadot.org/projects** and at VDOT's Northern Virginia District office.

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Design Public Hearing

East Elden Street Widening
Town of Herndon

Thursday, October 27, 2016, 6:30 p.m. to 8 p.m.

Herndon Senior Center
873 Grace Street, Herndon, VA 20170

Public Meeting

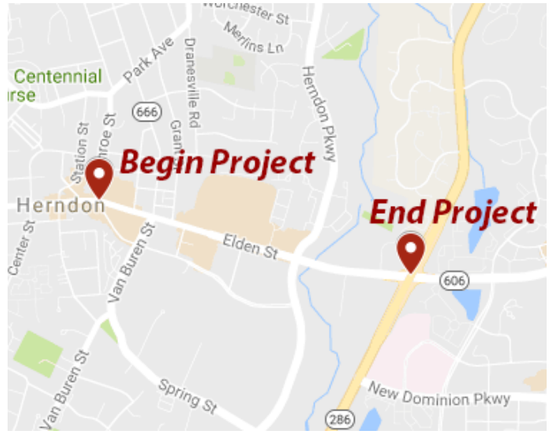
Welcome to the Virginia Department of Transportation's design public hearing on the proposed widening of East Elden Street in the Town of Herndon. We look forward to your participation.

This public hearing is being held to provide an opportunity for citizens and organizations to give VDOT and the Town of Herndon their 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 and Town of Herndon 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 written comments received will be reviewed by VDOT, the Town of Herndon, and the design team. Comments will also be summarized and available on the VDOT project website.

Project Overview



East Elden Street Location Map

Purpose – Reduce traffic congestion, improve access management, and create a multi-modal facility suitable for all users

From – Monroe Street

To – Fairfax County Parkway

Total length – 0.6 miles

Improvements – Widen East Elden Street (Route 606) from four to six lanes between Herndon Parkway and Fairfax County Parkway in the Town of Herndon; add bicycle and pedestrian facilities throughout the project corridor

State Project: U000-235-110,PE-101,RW-201,C-501, Federal Project: HPD-5401 (455) UPC: 50100

PROJECT DESCRIPTION

The purpose of this project is to reduce traffic congestion, enhance access, and create multimodal travel options for many different users.

Currently, much of East Elden Street is a four-lane undivided road from Monroe Street to Herndon Parkway. With few dedicated left-turn lanes, vehicles queue in the through lanes creating backups and traffic congestion.

This project will widen East Elden Street from four to six lanes between Herndon Parkway and Fairfax County Parkway, allowing easier access to businesses and improving traffic flow to and from the future Herndon Metrorail Station.

The existing sidewalks along the corridor have become outdated as non-motorized travel has increased. Proposed multimodal improvements include on road bike lanes and sidewalks between Monroe Street and Herndon Parkway.

The proposed bike lanes will then transition to raised cycle tracks located behind the curb and next to the sidewalk from Herndon Parkway to the Fairfax County Parkway. Crosswalks will be installed at select intersections, and all signals will be modified to accommodate these new facilities.

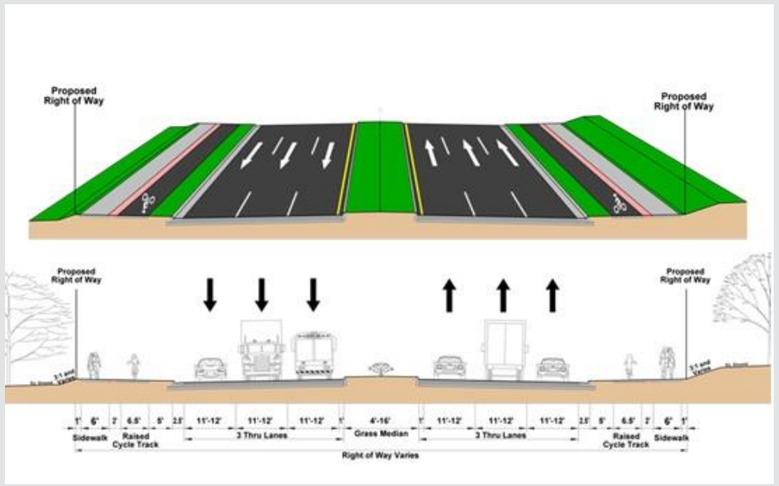
Other improvements include:

- Landscaping and planted medians, where feasible along the corridor
- Undergrounding of aerial utilities between Monroe Street and Fairfax County Parkway
- Replacing the culverts under East Elden Street with a new bridge to provide better flow for Sugarland Run and to reduce potential flooding
- Adding bike lines from Monroe Street to Van Buren Street

These proposed improvements are intended to benefit all users of the corridor including drivers, cyclists, pedestrians and improve traffic operations along East Elden Street within the Town of Herndon.

Project Graphic

Typical Section from Herndon Parkway to Fairfax County Parkway
Six-Lane Divided with Raised Cycle Track



Note: The typical section for the proposed bike lanes from Van Buren Street to Herndon Parkway is also available for review and comment.

Estimated Project Cost

Preliminary Engineering	$3.9 million
Right of Way Acquisition	$9.9 million
Existing Utility Adjustment/Relocation	$1.5 million
Underground Overhead Utilities	$7.6 million
Construction	$20.5 million
Total:	$43.4 million

**Costs are subject to change as the project is further developed*

Civil Rights

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Right of Way

As design of this project is finalized, additional easements 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 easements during the right of way 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 agent.

After this meeting, information regarding right of way may be obtained from the right of way contact listed on the back of this brochure.

Anticipated Schedule

Public Hearing	Oct. 27, 2016
Comment period ends	Nov. 28, 2016
Right of way acquisition	Summer 2018
Final Design	Fall 2021
Project Advertisement	Winter 2021

**Schedule for design, utilities, construction and other phases may be refined as additional funding is identified*

Environmental Review

In compliance with the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) and 23 CFR 771, a Categorical Exclusion was prepared for this project. Pursuant to Section 6009 of the Safe, Accountable, Flexible, Efficient Transportation Equity Act – A Legacy for Users (SAFETEA-LU) and 23 CFR Part 774, the Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) intends to make a Section 4(f) de minimis finding for proposed right-of-way acquisition from parkland. In compliance with the Section 106 provisions of the National Historic Preservation Act and its implementing regulations, 36 CFR 800, information concerning potential effects on properties listed in or eligible for listing in the National Register of Historic Places is also included in the environmental document.

Copies of the document are available for review here tonight or can be viewed online at **www.virginiadot.org/projects**.