



DESIGN PUBLIC HEARING MEETING  
**I-395 Southbound Additional Through Lane**  
**Fairfax County / City of Alexandria**

Thursday April 14, 2016, 6:30pm to 8:30pm

Bren Mar Park Elementary School, 6344 Beryl Rd  
Alexandria, VA 22312

## FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

State Project No. (FO) 0395-029-015 / UPC 103316

### Sound Barrier Walls

- Why am I not getting a sound wall?

*The preliminary noise study is still underway and will determine if a wall is or isn't warranted at specific locations within the project limits. The exhibits illustrate our current, best estimate regarding potential wall locations which may be subject to change based on study results. At some locations, sound wall may not be warranted because noise levels aren't predicted to be high enough, a wall won't work in reducing noise levels, or a wall won't be cost effective.*

- How high will the wall(s) be? What will the wall(s) look like?

*The preliminary noise study is still underway, which will determine required wall heights. Sound barrier wall heights typically range from 10-30 feet in high. VDOT has several standard texture/finish patterns which will be considered for any potential sound walls.*

### Roadway Design

- The highway is already wide enough. Why add another lane?

*Widening Southbound I-395 will address severe congestion under existing conditions, enhance safety, and accommodate future traffic volumes. The proposed widening to four southbound lanes is identified in the MWCOG Constrained Long-Range Plan and VDOT's Six Year Improvement Program.*

- Why are there no sidewalk or bike improvements on Edsall Road or Duke Street?

*A City of Alexandria project is underway to provide sidewalk along the north side of Duke Street, just west of the interchange. The I-395 project is compatible with the City project. Fairfax County has programmed but has not yet started a project to improve pedestrian and bike facilities along Edsall Road through the interchange. The I-395 project does not preclude the County project from moving forward with these improvements.*

### Traffic Signals

- Why are you removing the free-flow ramp from Edsall to SB I-395?

*Traffic will enter the ramp from the signalized intersection at a lesser rate than traffic using the existing free-flow ramp. The free-flow ramp is being removed to eliminate conflicts/operational issues resulting from the traffic merging into the single entrance ramp lane.*

- What is being planned to coordinate signal operations on the arterial roadways like Edsall Road and Duke Street?

*The proposed new signal along Duke Street at the interchange ramp will be owned and operated by VDOT. This new signal will be coordinated with the two existing signals to the west at Oasis Drive and North Beauregard Street.*

*The proposed new signal on Edsall Road will be owned and operated by VDOT. This signal will be integrated into the existing signal system that coordinates operations at Industrial Drive, Cherokee Avenue, Bren Mar Drive, and Bloomfield Drive.*

### Landscaping

- Will you save the existing trees?

*The design retains as many trees as possible on embankments adjacent to I-395. Some trees may be removed to construct retaining walls, sound walls, or repair eroded slopes.*

- Will the project include landscaping?

*VDOT is considering the issue. If you have strong feelings about the issue, please submit a written comment.*