**Get Involved**

VDOT representatives will review and evaluate information received as a result of this meeting. Please fill out the comment sheet provided in this brochure if you have any comments or questions. 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 **Oct. 29, 2018.**

Mail comments to Mr. Anwar Ansari, P.E. at the address below or email meetingcomments@vdot.virginia.gov. Please include “Route 7 and Chestnut Street Median Closure” in the subject line.

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TTY/TDD Dial 711
This project will close the median at Route 7 (Leesburg Pike) and Chestnut Street to improve safety by eliminating left turn crashes, and extend the left turn lane from eastbound Route 7 to Haycock Road (Route 703) to improve operations.

Route 7 in the project area averages 31,000 vehicles per day, Chestnut Street averages just under 1,000 vehicles per day and Haycock Road averages 10,000 vehicles per day.

Tonight’s meeting is being held to obtain feedback from the community about the project.

### Project Description

#### Engineering Design:
- $75,000

#### Construction:
- $311,000

#### Total Cost:
- $386,000

This project is being financed with federal Highway Safety Improvement Program funds.

#### Right of Way

Preliminary right of way impacts presented on the displays are conceptual in nature and may change as the design is refined. 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: Guide for Property Owners and Tenants.” Copies of this brochure are available here from VDOT personnel. After this meeting, information regarding right of way may be obtained from the right of way contact listed on the back of this brochure.

#### Civil Rights

VDOT ensures nondiscrimination and equal employment in all programs and activities in accordance with Title VI and Title VII of the Civil Rights Act of 1964. If you need more information or special assistance for persons with disabilities or limited English proficiency, contact Mr. Anwar Ansari at 703-334-0204 or TTY/TDD 711.

### Estimated Project Cost

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### Environmental Review

Pursuant with the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) and 23 CFR 771, a Programmatic Categorical Exclusion (PCE) was prepared under agreement with the Federal Highway Administration. The PCE documents that there are no significant impacts to the environment through resource database and field reviews as well as coordination with Federal, state, and local agencies. In compliance with the National Historic Preservation Act, Section 106 and 36 CFR Part 800, information concerning the potential effects of the proposed median closure on properties listed in or eligible for listing in the National Register of Historic Places is included with the environmental document.
Public Hearing

Route 7 and Chestnut Street Median Closure
Fairfax County

Wednesday, Oct. 17, 2018
6:30 to 8:30 p.m.
Presentation starts 7 p.m.

George Mason High School
7124 Leesburg Pike
Falls Church, VA 22043

www.VirginiaDOT.org

COMMENT SHEET


All comments are subject to public disclosure.

Name (optional): ____________________________________________________________

Address (optional): ________________________________________________________

Email (optional): __________________________________________________________

1. What are your major concerns that you would like to see incorporated into this project?

2. Please provide us with any additional information or suggestions that will assist VDOT in completing this project.

3. How did you hear about this meeting?

  _____ Newspaper  _____ Social Media  _____ Website  _____ Other ________________________________

Please leave this comment sheet at the designated location, mail your comments (postmarked by Oct. 29, 2018) to the addressee on the reverse side, or email them to meetingcomments@vdot.virginia.gov. Please include “Route 7 and Chestnut Street Median Closure” in the email subject line.
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ROUTE 7 AND CHESTNUT STREET MEDIAN CLOSURE
FAIRFAX COUNTY

PUBLIC HEARING
WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 17, 2018
Presentation Agenda

• Introduction
  • Andrew Beacher (VDOT)
• Project Location, Purpose & Description
  • Anwar Ansari (VDOT)
• Background and Data
  • Michelle Cavucci (VHB)
• Alternatives and Proposed Improvements
  • Michelle Cavucci (VHB)
• Project Cost and Schedule
  • Anwar Ansari (VDOT)
• Questions and Answers
  • Andrew Beacher (VDOT)
Project Location
Project Purpose & Description

- Improve safety at the Route 7 and Chestnut Street by closing the median, thereby eliminating the left-turn movements
Project Background

- Ranked 1st on the VDOT Northern Virginia (NOVA) District Priority List based upon an investigation of crash severity, crash types, crash frequency, and the potential for improvement

- Between Jan 2013 and May 2018:
  - 46 relevant angle, rear-end and side-swipe crashes
  - 33 out of 35 angle crashes involving vehicles turning left from westbound Route 7 onto Chestnut Street
Crash Summary (January 2013 – May 2018)

- **Rear End, 9, 20%**
- **Angle, 35, 76%**
- **Sideswipe - Same Direction, 2, 4%**

![Pie chart showing crash types](chart.png)

![Bar chart showing number of crashes by year](bar_chart.png)
Vehicle Turning Movement Counts

AM Peak

PM Peak

Collected on Wednesday, Sept 12, 2018
Community Suggested Alternatives

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Total  $386,000

This project is being funded with federal Highway Safety Improvement Program (HSIP) funds
Project Schedule

Public Hearing Oct. 17, 2018

Public Hearing Comment Deadline Oct. 29, 2018

Anticipated Construction Start Spring 2019
“Safety is Job One!”

VDOT Commissioner
Stephen C. Brich, PE
Questions?

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