

## 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.

Project information shared at this meeting will be available online at

**www.virginiadot.org/projects** and at VDOT's Northern Virginia Office.

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Public Hearing

## Route 7 and Chestnut Street Median Closure Fairfax County

**Wednesday, Oct. 17, 2018**

6:30 p.m. to 8:30 p.m.

Presentation starts at 7 p.m.

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

### Public Hearing

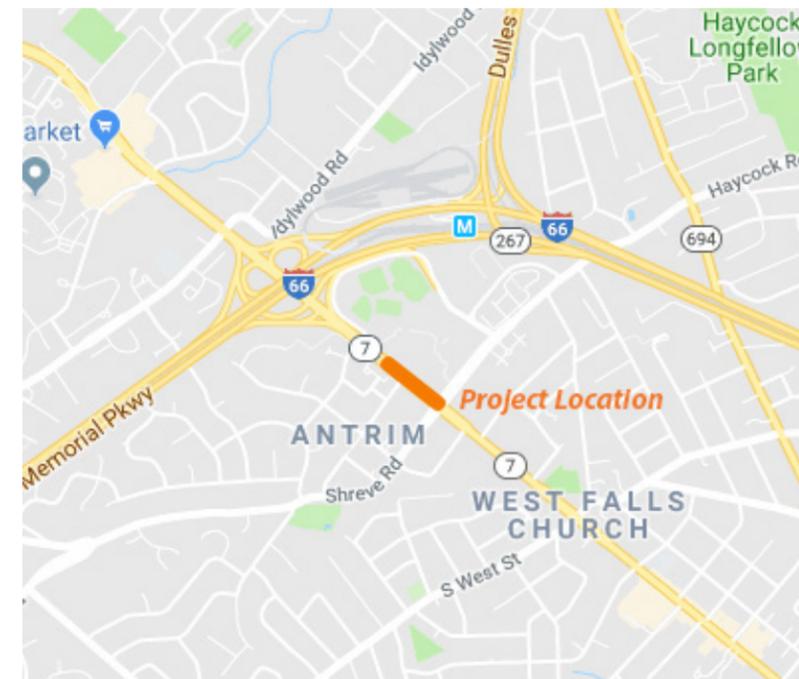
**Welcome to the Virginia Department of Transportation's (VDOT) public hearing on proposed improvements to Route 7 and Chestnut Street. We look forward to your active participation.**

This public hearing is being held to provide an opportunity for citizens and organizations to give VDOT 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 representatives are present to discuss the project and answer your questions. A comment sheet is included in this brochure and your input is encouraged. All written comments received on this project will be reviewed by the design team.

## Project Overview



### Purpose:

Improve safety by eliminating left-turn crashes

### Project Length:

Just west of Chestnut Street to Haycock Road

### Improvements:

Improve safety by closing the median at Route 7 (Leesburg Pike) and Chestnut Street. The project will also extend the left-turn lane from eastbound Route 7 to Haycock Road (Route 703) to improve operations.

## Project Description

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 Graphic



## Estimated Project Cost

Engineering Design: **\$75,000**

Construction: **\$311,000**

Total Cost: **\$386,000**

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

## Anticipated Schedule

Public Hearing

**Oct. 17, 2018**

Comment Period Ends

**Oct. 29, 2018**

Begin Construction

**Spring 2019**

## 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.

## 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.

## 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.



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Median Closure**  
Fairfax County

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**COMMENT SHEET**

State Project: 0007-029-370, P101, M501, UPC: 111549, Federal: HSIP-5A01 (878), HSIP-5A01 (961)

**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 \_\_\_\_\_

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MEDIAN CLOSURE  
FAIRFAX COUNTY**

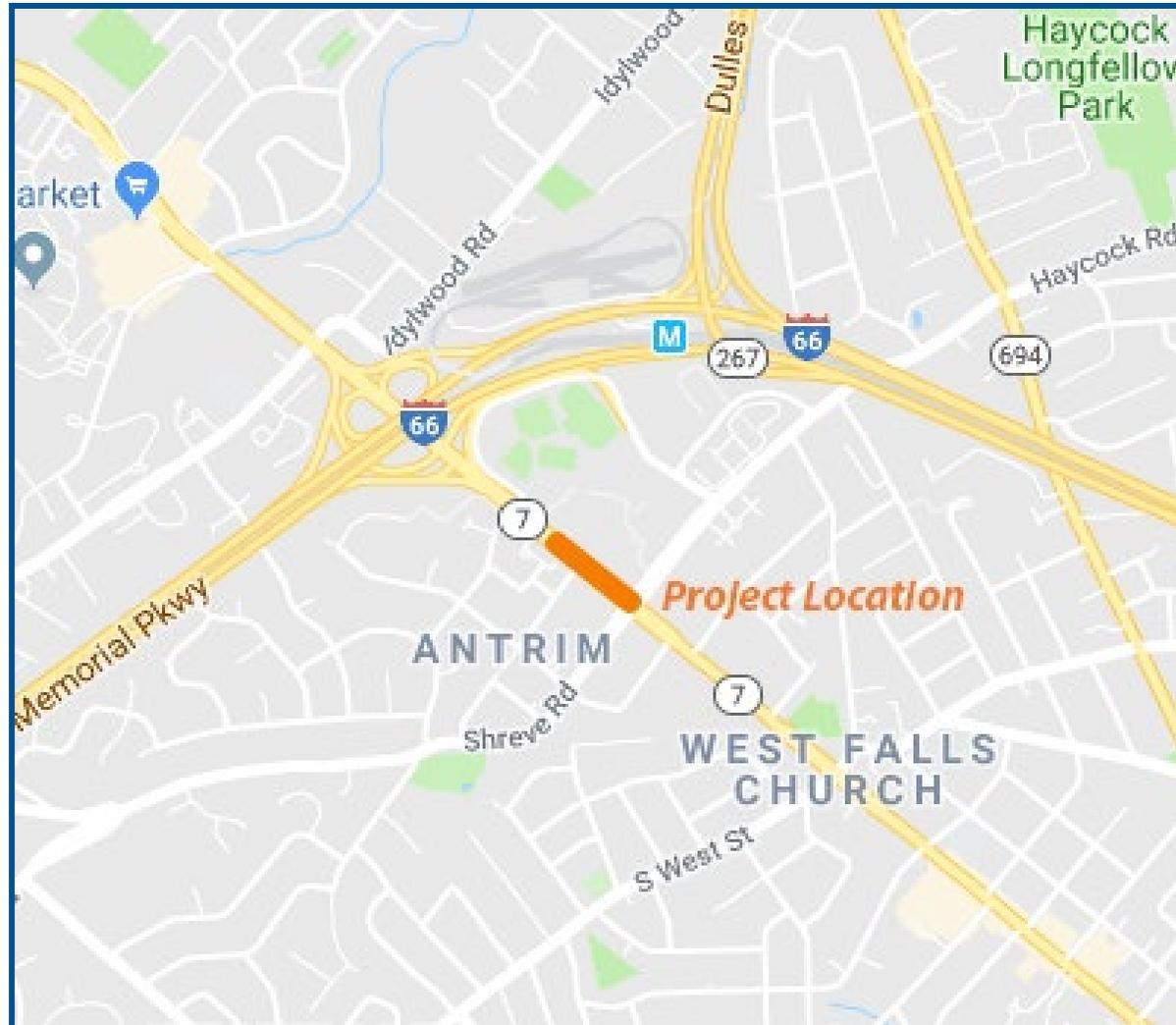
**PUBLIC HEARING**

**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



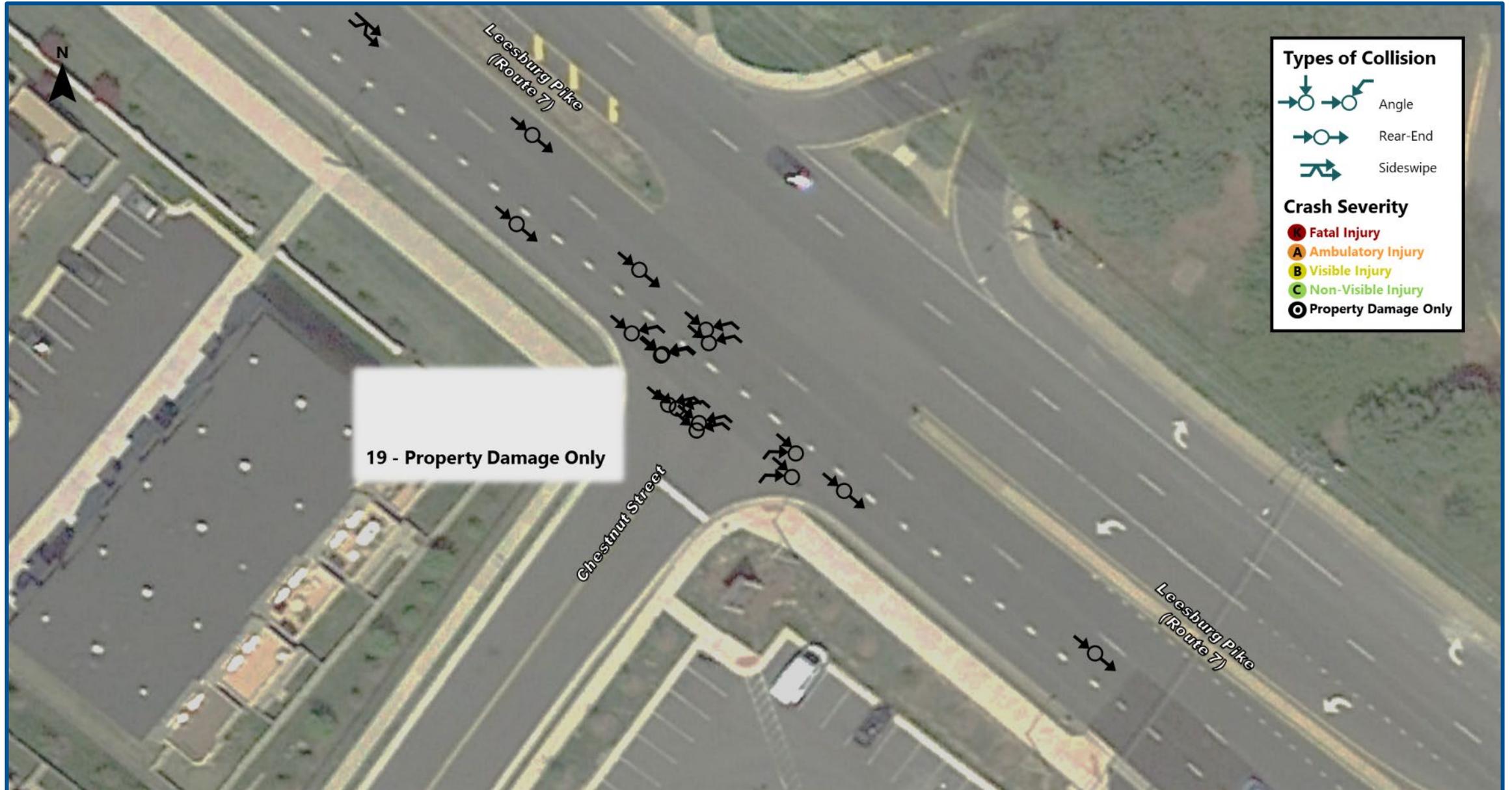
# Project Purpose & Description

- 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

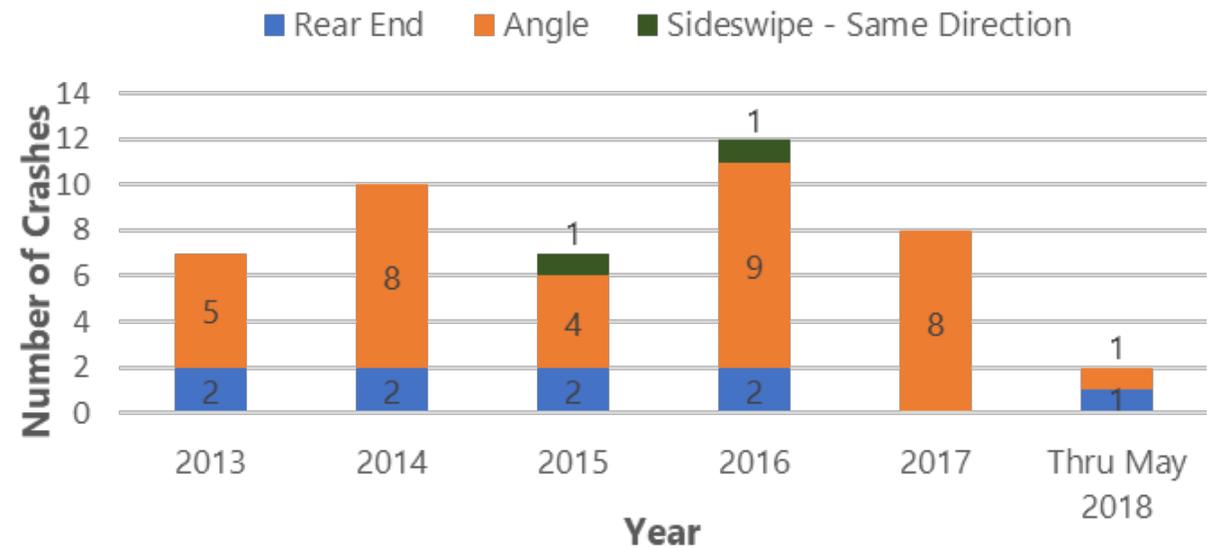
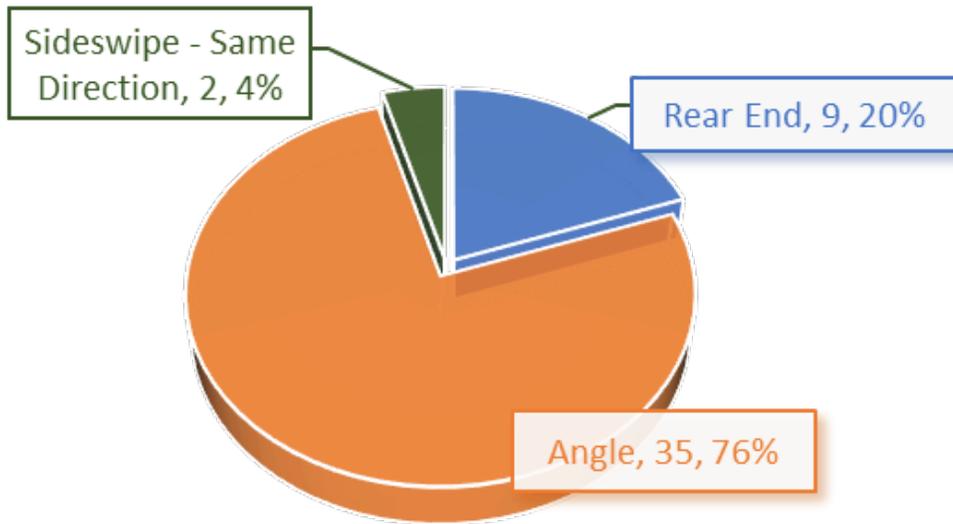
# Crash Data (January 2013 – May 2018)



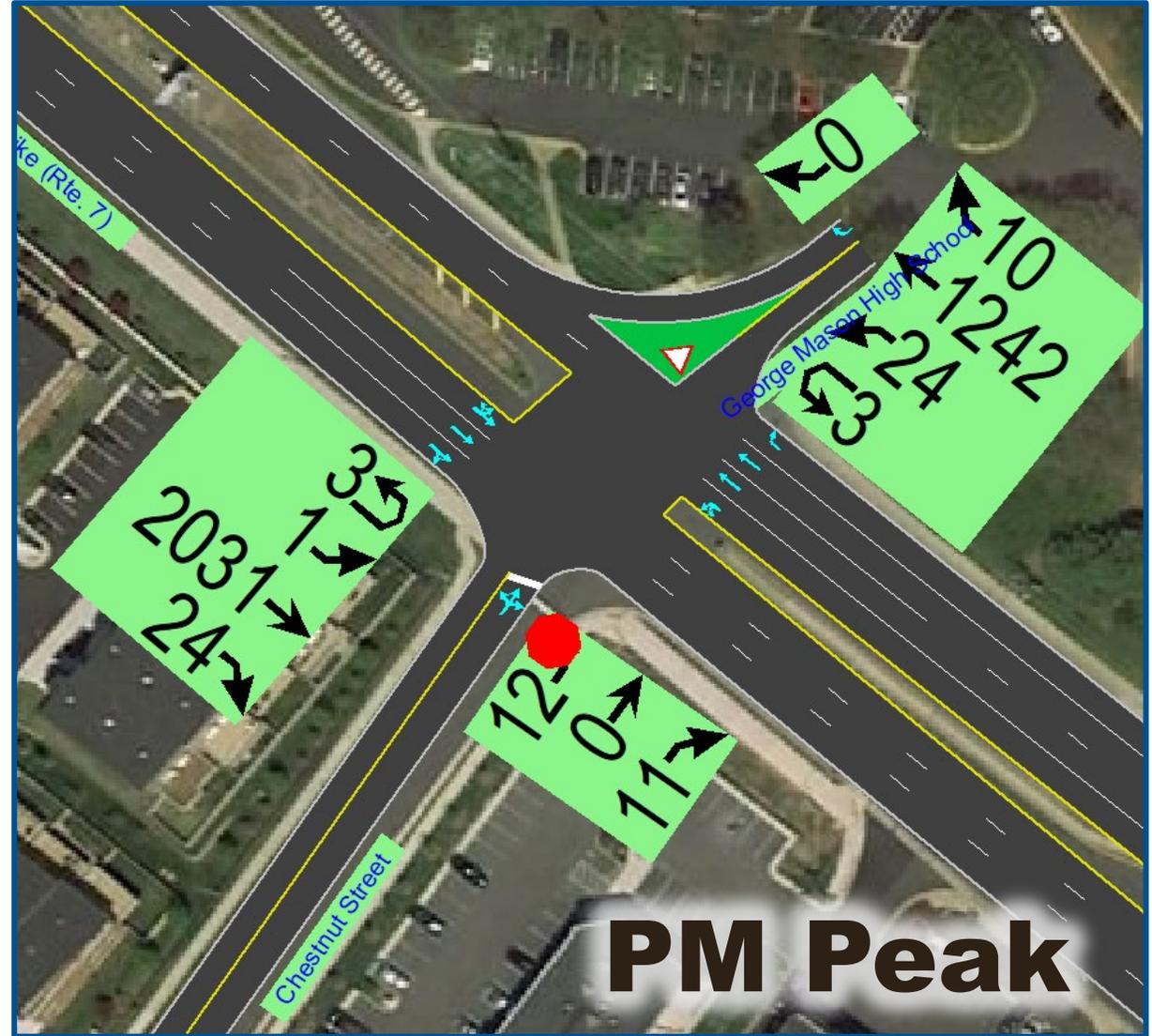
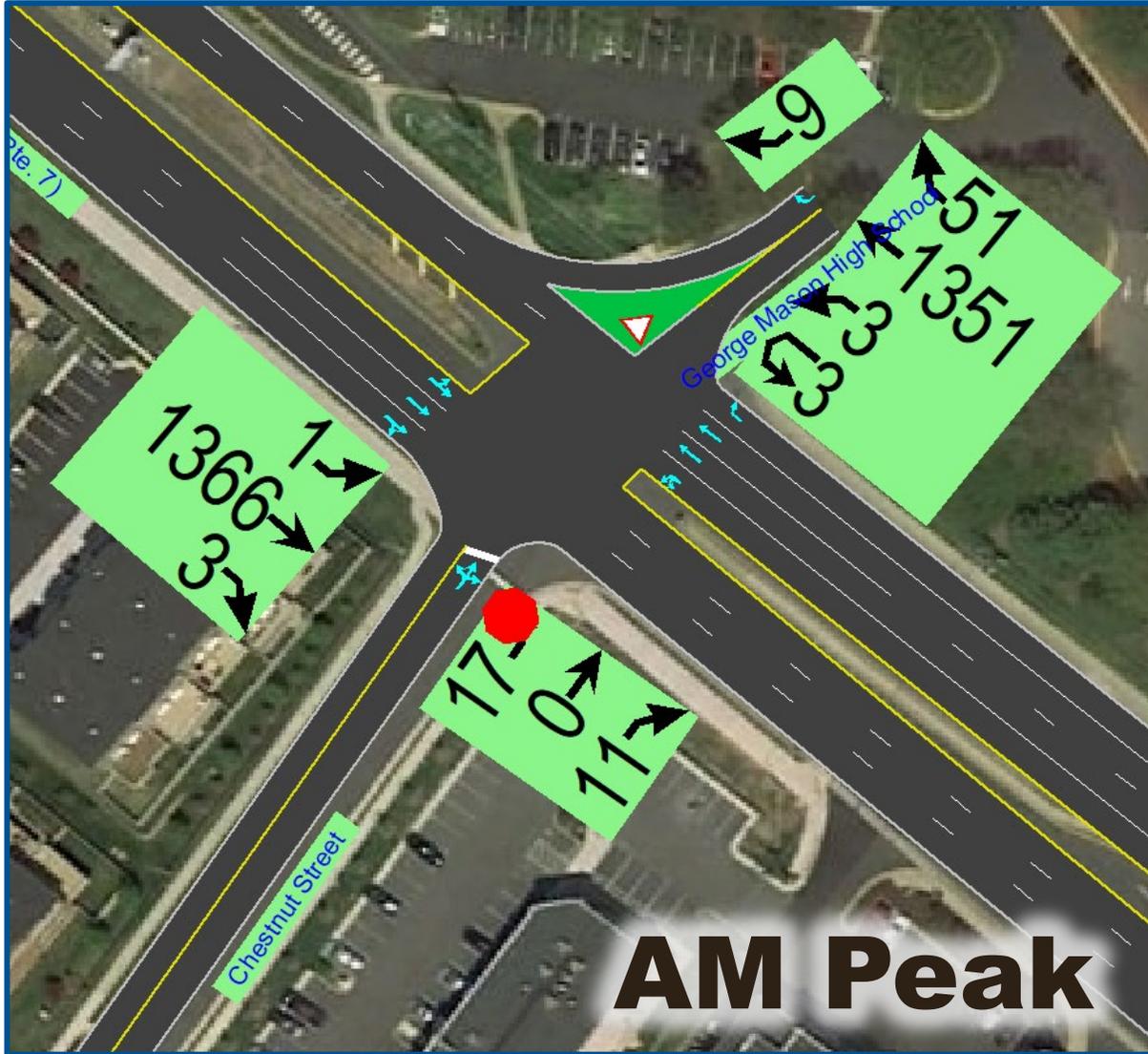
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# Crash Summary (January 2013 – May 2018)



# Vehicle Turning Movement Counts



Collected on Wednesday, Sept 12, 2018

# Community Suggested Alternatives

Alternative	Outcome
Install traffic signal	Current conditions do not meet federal and state requirements for signal control
Install speed cameras for eastbound Route 7	Speed cameras are not permitted per the Code of Virginia § 46.2-882
Prohibit left turns from Chestnut Street and allow left turns from westbound Route 7	Angle crashes involve vehicles turning left from westbound Route 7 onto Chestnut Street; would not address safety problem
Prohibit left turns from westbound Route 7 onto Chestnut St during the afternoon peak period	Risk that drivers will not obey restriction signs without a physical barrier, and continuous police enforcement is not feasible

# Proposed Improvements



# Estimated Cost

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# Project Schedule

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<b>Public Hearing Comment Deadline</b>	<b>Oct. 29, 2018</b>
<b>Anticipated Construction Start</b>	<b>Spring 2019</b>

***“Safety is Job One!”***

**VDOT Commissioner  
Stephen C. Brich, PE**

# Questions?

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