Welcome to the Virginia Department of Transportation’s (VDOT) design public hearing on plans to construct an interchange at the Route 15 Bypass and Edwards Ferry Road and make improvements at the Route 15 Bypass and Fort Evans Road in the Town of Leesburg. This project aims to increase capacity, relieve congestion and improve pedestrian and bicycle access along the Route 15 Bypass corridor. We look forward to your active participation.

This meeting 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 here to discuss the project and answer your questions. We included a comment sheet in this brochure and encourage your input. All written comments received on this project will be reviewed by the design team, summarized and made available on the VDOT project website.

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Design Public Hearing

Purpose: Relieve congestion, increase capacity and improve safety
Location: Just south of Fort Evans Road to just north of Edwards Ferry Road
Improvements: Construct a grade-separated interchange along Route 15 Bypass at Edwards Ferry Road and Fort Evans Road, including pedestrian and bicycle accommodations along the Route 15 Bypass

Project Overview

Federal: STP-SA01 (700), State: 0015-253-306 P101, UPC: 89890
This project will construct a new interchange at the Route 15 Bypass intersections of Edwards Ferry Road and Fort Evans Road, including new crosswalks and sidewalks along the Route 15 Bypass at Edwards Ferry Road and Fort Evans Road, and a new shared-use path along westbound Fort Evans Road. The project aims to relieve congestion, increase capacity and improve safety.

The project area has experienced significant commercial growth in the past 15 to 20 years. As a result, traffic volumes are beyond the capacity of the existing at-grade signalized intersections.

Currently, there is heavy congestion due to high traffic volumes on the Bypass during peak periods, as well as heavy turn movements to and from Edwards Ferry Road and Fort Evans Road. The existing road network lacks continuous sidewalks and existing conditions do not allow bicyclists and pedestrians to safely cross Route 15.

Existing traffic volumes on Route 15 are expected to increase 25 to 30% by the year 2040. Increased traffic demand will result in more congestion, longer peak periods, fewer opportunities for safe pedestrian movements, and increased traffic safety concerns. Design alternatives were evaluated based on criteria established at the first public information meeting held in March 2016 and based on public input received at the second public information meeting held in March 2017. The preferred design alternative is shown below.

Following tonight’s design public hearing and the close of the public comment period, the preferred alternative will be presented to VDOT’s Chief Engineer for design approval.

### Project Description

Preliminary Engineering:
- $6.5 million

Right of Way Acquisition/Utility Relocation:
- $6 million

Construction:
- $97.5 million

Total Cost:
- $110 million

This project is currently funded through preliminary engineering and includes Northern Virginia Transportation Authority funds. Costs are subject to change as the design of the project is refined following the public hearing.

### Estimated Project Cost

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### Anticipated Schedule

- **Design Public Meeting**
  - May 31, 2018
- **Comment period ends**
  - June 11, 2018
- **Approve Construction**
- Additional funding sources must be identified
- **Begin construction**
- Additional funding sources must be identified

### Project Graphic

- **Route 15 Bypass at Fort Evans**
- **Route 15 Bypass at Edwards Ferry**

### 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 Zamir Mirza at 703-259-3220 or TTY/TDD 711.

### Right of Way

As design of this project is finalized, additional easements may be required beyond the proposed right of way and will be 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: 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

Preparation of an environmental document in the form of a Categorical Exclusion (CE) has been prepared to comply with the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) and 23 CFR 771. Pursuant to the National Historic Preservation Act, Section 106 and 36 CFR 800, information concerning the potential effects of the proposed improvements on properties is also included in the environmental document. The environmental document will be available for public review and comment at the meeting and can also be viewed online at [www.virginiadot.org/projects](http://www.virginiadot.org/projects). VDOT environmental staff will be available tonight if you have additional questions about the environmental review process for this project.
Design Public Hearing

Route 15 Bypass Interchange at Edwards Ferry Road and Fort Evans Road
Town of Leesburg

Thursday, May 31, 2018
6:30 p.m. to 8:30 p.m.

John W. Tolbert Jr. Elementary School
691 Potomac Station Drive
Leesburg, Virginia 20176

All comments are subject to public disclosure.

Name (optional): _______________________________________________________

Address (optional): ____________________________________________________

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Email (optional): _____________________________________________________

1. Do you support this project? Yes ____  No ____

   Yes, with the following suggestion(s):

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2. What are the major concerns that you would like to see considered in the design of this project?

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3. Please provide us with any additional information or suggestions that will improve the completion of this project.

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4. How did you hear about this meeting?

   Newspaper ____  Direct Mail ____  VDOT Roadway Signs ____  Other ____________________________

Please leave this comment sheet at the designated location, mail your comments (postmarked by June 11, 2018) to the addressee on the reverse side, or email them to meetingcomments@vdot.virginia.gov. Please include “Route 15 Bypass Interchange at Edwards Ferry Road and Fort Evans Road” in the email subject line.
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