

## 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 **December 26, 2016** to be included in the public hearing record.

Mail comments to Mr. James C. Zeller, P.E. at the address below or email

**meetingcomments@vdot.virginia.gov**

Please include "Route 7/George Washington Boulevard Overpass" 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

## Route 7/George Washington Boulevard Overpass Loudoun County

Thursday, December 15, 2016, 6:30 p.m. to 8:30 p.m.  
George Washington University, Exploration Hall Lobby  
20101 Academic Way, Ashburn, VA 20147

## Public Meeting

**Welcome to the Virginia Department of Transportation's design public hearing on the proposed George Washington Boulevard overpass over Route 7. We look forward to your active participation.**

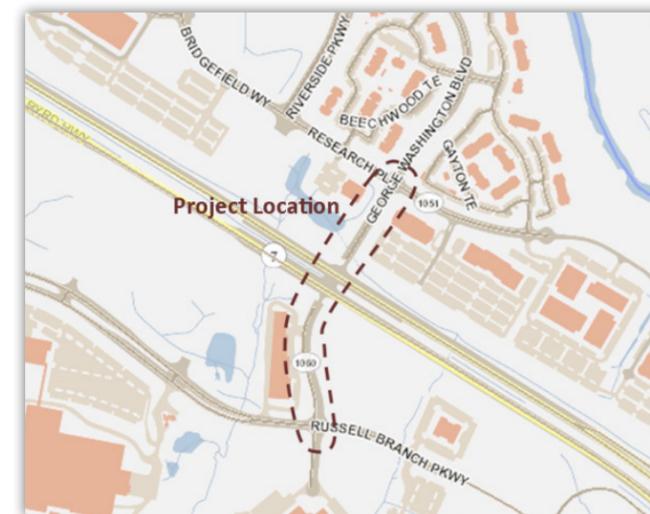
This public hearing is being held to provide an opportunity for citizens and organizations to give VDOT comments and/or suggestions on the proposed project. VDOT strives to ensure that all members of the community have the opportunity to participate in public decisions on transportation projects and programs affecting them.

VDOT representatives are present to discuss the project and answer your questions.

A comment sheet is included in the handouts for this meeting, and your input is encouraged. All verbal and written comments received on this project will be included in a transcript for review by citizens and other interested parties.

The information received as a result of the hearing will be presented to VDOT's Chief Engineer for consideration and approval, and eventually move forward to final design and construction.

## Project Overview



Location of proposed George Washington Boulevard overpass over Route 7

**Purpose:** Improve connectivity and traffic operations between areas north and south of Route 7

**From:** Intersection of Russell Branch Parkway and Richfield Way

**To:** Intersection of George Washington Boulevard and Bridgefield Way

**Total length:** .25 miles

**Improvements:** Construct new road and overpass with bicycle and pedestrian accommodations

## Project Description

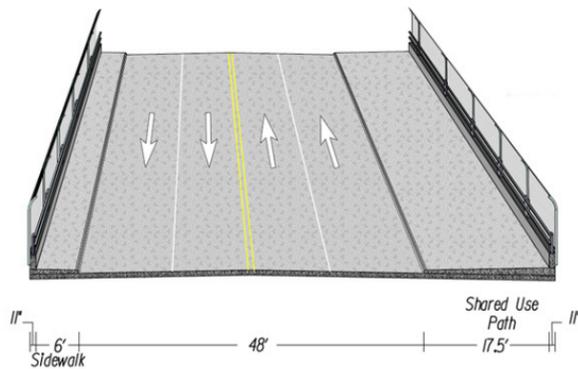
The Virginia Department of Transportation, in coordination with Loudoun County, is working on plans to construct a new roadway and bridge across Route 7 to provide better connectivity and improve traffic operations.

Before 2010, Richfield Way intersected Route 7 with a traffic signal. The completion of the Route 7 interchange with Loudoun County Parkway at that time required the Richfield Way intersection to be eliminated. In order to provide better access from University Center and other communities north of Route 7 to destinations south, the Loudoun County Board of Supervisors prioritized the extension of George Washington Boulevard to Russell Branch Parkway via an overpass across Route 7 to relieve traffic on Loudoun County Parkway.

The proposed overpass includes four 11-foot-wide travel lanes, a six-foot-wide sidewalk along the southbound side of the road, and a ten-foot-wide shared-use path along the northbound side. The sidewalk and shared-use path will link to existing facilities along Russell Branch Parkway, Pacific Boulevard and Research Place/Bridgefield Way. The traffic on the overpass is projected to be 8,500 vehicles per day by 2031, and 11,500 vehicles per day by 2041.

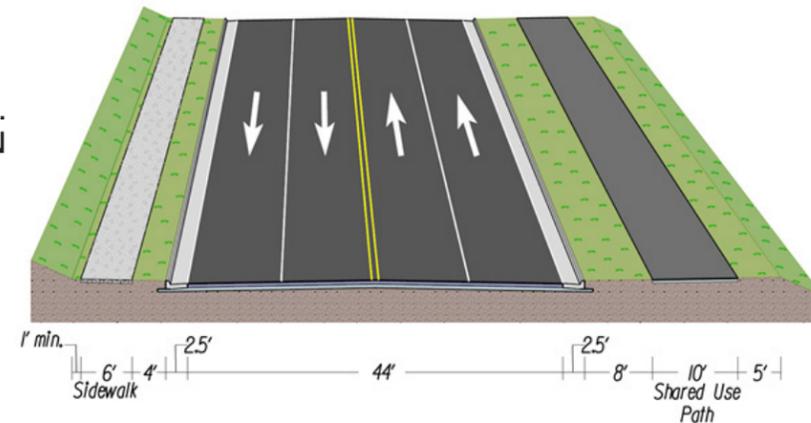
The intersections at Research Place and Bridgefield Way to the north and Russell Branch Parkway to the south will initially be controlled by stop signs, and ultimately designed to accommodate traffic signals when the signals are warranted by increased traffic conditions.

### Typical Section



GEORGE WASHINGTON BLVD.  
BRIDGE OVER ROUTE 7

GEORGE WASHINGTON BLVD.  
ROADWAY SECTION



### Estimated Project Cost

Engineering of Roadway Plans:

**\$1.4 million**

Right of Way / Utility Relocation:

**\$6.1 million**

Construction:

**\$20.5 million**

Total Cost:

**\$28 million**

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

### 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 VDOT's Office of Civil Rights at 703-259-1775 or TTY/TDD 711.

### Right of Way

Information about right of way acquisition is described 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.

### Anticipated Schedule

Design Public Hearing

**Dec. 15, 2016**

Design Approval

**Spring 2017**

Begin Right of Way Acquisition

**Late 2017**

Begin Construction

**Early 2019**

Construction Completion

**Early 2021**

### Environmental Review

In compliance with the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) and 23 CFR 771, an Environmental Assessment (EA) was prepared for this project and approved by the Federal Highway Administration for public review and comment. Copies of the EA are available at this meeting and online at [www.virginiadot.org/projects](http://www.virginiadot.org/projects).

In compliance with the National Historic Preservation Act, Section 106 and 36 CFR Part 800, information concerning the potential effects of the proposed improvements on properties listed in the National Register of Historic Places is included with the NEPA documentation for review.