**Get Involved**

VDOT representatives will review and evaluate any information received as a result of the public information meeting. 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.

This is the second public information meeting being held for stakeholders to give feedback on the project design. The alternatives have been evaluated based on criteria established at the first public information meeting held in March 2016.

Give your written comments at the meeting tonight or submit them by March 16, 2017 to Zamir Mirza, Virginia Department of Transportation, 4975 Alliance Drive, Fairfax, VA 22030, or email meetingcomments@VDOT.virginia.gov. Please reference “Route 15 Interchange at Edwards Ferry Road and Fort Evans Road” in the subject line.

In cooperation with the Town of Leesburg, VDOT will select a preferred design alternative over the next several months.

The preferred alternative will be refined and presented to the public at the design public hearing, anticipated to be held later this fall. The preferred alternative will also be presented to the Leesburg Town Council and the Loudoun County Board of Supervisors, as well as VDOT’s Chief Engineer or designee for approval.

For more information, visit the VDOT project website at [www.virginiadot.org/projects](http://www.virginiadot.org/projects).

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**Project Overview**

| Purpose | Relieve congestion, increase capacity and improve safety |
| Location | Along about a mile of Route 15, from just south of Fort Evans Road to just north of Edwards Ferry Road |
| Improvements | Construct a grade-separated interchange at Route 15 and Edwards Ferry Road. Improve facilities for pedestrians. Construct improvements at Fort Evans Road to address congestion and safety. |

**Public Information Meeting**

Welcome to the Virginia Department of Transportation’s public information meeting on proposed improvements along Route 15 Bypass at Edwards Ferry Road and Fort Evans Road in the Town of Leesburg. We look forward to your participation.

This is the second public information meeting being held to provide an opportunity for citizens and organizations to give VDOT their 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. A comment sheet is included in the handouts for this meeting, and your input is encouraged. All comments received will be reviewed by VDOT and the design team.

For more information, visit the VDOT project website at [www.virginiadot.org/projects](http://www.virginiadot.org/projects).
Project Description

This project will construct an interchange on Route 15 at Edwards Ferry Road and Fort Evans Road, and improve pedestrian facilities in the area to relieve congestion, increase capacity and improve safety.

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

Currently, there is heavy congestion due to high traffic volumes on the bypass during weekday morning and evening peak periods, as well as heavy turn movements to and from Edwards Ferry and Fort Evans roads.

Additionally, the road network has gaps in sidewalks, and existing conditions limit bicyclists and pedestrians access to cross safely at Route 15. These intersections also have a history of elevated crash rates.

Existing traffic volumes on Route 15 are expected to increase 25-30% by 2040. Increased traffic demand will result in more congestion, longer peak periods, fewer opportunities for safe pedestrian movements, and increased traffic safety concerns.

Project Location

Estimated Project Cost

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The preliminary design of this project is funded by the Town of Leesburg and the Northern Virginia Transportation Authority. Costs are subject to change as the design of the project is further developed.

Civil Rights

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Environmental Review

Preparation of an environmental document in the form of a Categorical Exclusion is anticipated to comply with the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) and 23 CFR 771. VDOT has initiated coordination with natural and historic resource agencies to obtain information about environmental resources in the project vicinity and to identify opportunities for avoidance, minimization and mitigation of potential environmental impacts.

The project will continue to be coordinated with the appropriate federal, state and local agencies as part of the environmental review and approval processes required throughout project development and construction. All required environmental clearances and permits will be obtained prior to commencement of construction. Strict compliance with all environmental conditions and commitments resulting from regulatory approvals, and implementation of VDOT’s specifications and standard best management practices will be conducted to protect the environment during construction.

The NEPA document and any other applicable environmental studies will be made available for review at the project’s Design Public Hearing. Representatives from VDOT’s Environmental Section are available to discuss preliminary findings and to answer questions.

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.

Anticipated Schedule

- Public Information Meeting
  - March 2, 2017
- Comment period ends
  - March 16, 2017
- Advertises for construction
  - To be determined
- Begin construction
  - To be determined*

* Right of Way and construction funding must be identified before the project can be advanced beyond design.