WELCOME!

Thank you for attending tonight’s Public Hearing to discuss the proposed design for two projects that will be constructed together.

This meeting is an opportunity for the public to review, discuss and provide input on the proposed roadway improvements. Public meetings are beneficial to citizens and the Virginia Department of Transportation (VDOT) alike. They permit VDOT’s engineers to report on the facts established by their studies and to obtain comments from interested citizens. It is VDOT’s goal to ensure that all members of the community have the opportunity to participate in public decisions on transportation systems and projects affecting them.

Our project team, comprised of representatives from VDOT, Federal Highway Administration (FHWA), Fairfax County and FHWA’s hired consultant engineering firm, will be available to respond to questions and concerns. It is VDOT’s goal to ensure that all members of the community have the opportunity to participate in public decisions on transportation systems and projects affecting them.

We look forward to working with you as the project moves forward.

Thanks for coming!

Project Corridor

The proposed projects are located in Fairfax County. The limits of the overall corridor for Mulligan Road, Route 619, (Old Mill Road extended through Fort Belvoir) are from Richmond Highway, Route 1 to Telegraph Road, Route 611. The portion of Mulligan Road from Pole Road to Telegraph Road, entirely within Fort Belvoir, is already under construction. This public hearing is for the portion from Route 1 to Pole Road, formally known as Old Mill Road. This will also include the realignment of Mt. Vernon Memorial Highway, Route 235, at its intersection with Route 1, and will include additional turn lanes and median on Route 1 at the new intersection.

Plans will be available for review in the Plan Room in the VDOT Northern Virginia District Office located off of Route 50 on Avion Parkway, in the Avion Lakeside 1 Building (14685 Avion Pkwy, Chantilly, VA 20151). Directions are available on the VDOT web site at:
http://www.virginiadot.org/about/nova_quick-directions.asp

Environmental Considerations

FHWA prepared an Environmental Assessment (EA), resulting in a Finding of No Significant Impact (FONSI), for the Telegraph Road project and the entire length of Mulligan Road, including through Fort Belvoir. A separate public hearing was held by FHWA prior to issuing the FONSI, so that document will not be subject to further public comment tonight. Noise analysis was performed for the project in accordance with FHWA regulations and the VDOT State Noise Abatement Policy. Noise impact was identified and noise mitigation was evaluated where warranted and feasible. You may review the noise analysis for further details. The environmental document is available for review at the FHWA Website:

The Telegraph Road project will impact 0.68 acres of wetlands which will be mitigated with the project.

The Mulligan Road project will impact 0.18 acres of wetlands and the Historic Woodlawn Plantation. A Section 106 Memorandum of Agreement that provides mitigation for these impacts has been executed between the affected parties. The signatories include the National Trust for Historic Preservation, the owner of Woodlawn Plantation. Among the various ways of mitigating the loss of property will be a transfer of approximately 2.5 acres of Fort Belvoir property to Woodlawn Plantation. This parcel of land is adjacent to the southern boundary of Woodlawn Plantation and includes the existing stub of Woodlawn Road, which will be reconfigured as the entrance into Woodlawn Plantation.

Comments

Comment sheets are available at tonight’s meeting and on the VDOT web site at:
http://www.virginiadot.org/projects/northernvirginia/telegraph_road.asp

Submit your comments in the comment box at the meeting tonight, email them to meeting_comments@VDOT.virginia.gov (be sure to include “Telegraph Road Widening Project” in the subject line), or mail to the following address:
Mr. Bud Siegel, P.E.
VDOT Northern Virginia District Office
14685 Avion Parkway, Suite 200
Chantilly, VA 20151-1104

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Following the events of September 11, 2001, Woodlawn Road and Beulah Street were closed to public traffic through Fort Belvoir. In a cooperative effort, the U. S. Army at Fort Belvoir, FHWA, VDOT and Fairfax County are constructing a replacement road named Mulligan Road. This road will begin at Route 1 on the existing two-lane portion previously named Old Mill Road. The Fairfax County Board of Supervisors renamed this portion of Old Mill Road and the extension through Fort Belvoir to Telegraph Road “Mulligan Road.”

The widening of Telegraph Road and the extension and widening of Mulligan Road are included in the Fairfax County Comprehensive Plan.

What’s Next?

Ten business days after this Public Hearing, June 9, 2009, the public comment period will close, VDOT will review and evaluate information received as a result of the Public Hearing. This information, including the comment summary, will be available for review at the VDOT office address listed, and will be used to guide VDOT as the design of the project is further refined.
What's being done?

Telegraph Road
The design of this project will continue the widening of Telegraph Road (Route 611) from a two-lane to a four-lane divided roadway. Also included are:
- Raised, curbed grass median
- Landscaping
- A shared-use asphalt path on the west side
- Turn lanes at intersecting streets
- Designated on-road bicycle lanes
- Storm water management facilities
- A bridge will be constructed over Piney Run
The design features (the "typical section") for this section of Telegraph Road are essentially the same and continue the section already built from Route 1 to Beulah Street.

Mulligan Road
The design of this project will begin by realigning the offset intersection of Mt. Vernon Memorial Highway with Mulligan Road (Route 619) at Route 1. The project will then widen Mulligan Road to Pole Road where it will extend through Fort Belvoir. New realignment and intersect with Telegraph Road just north of Piney Run. Included in the typical section:
- Raised, curbed medians
- Landscaping
- 5 ft. sidewalks on both sides
- Wide curb lanes to accommodate bicycles

Richmond Highway (Route 1)
An additional left turn lane will be added to northbound Route 1 onto Mulligan Road. A raised medium will be added on both northbound and southbound Route 1 in the area of the intersection.

Construction began on Mulligan Road through Fort Belvoir early this year. The closure of Woodlawn Road resulted in the loss of a major east-west artery in this area of Fairfax County. Congestion on Telegraph Road can be expected to increase significantly with the opening of Mulligan Road unless Telegraph Road is widened and improved. For this reason, this segment of Telegraph Road will be widened before Mulligan Road is opened to traffic. In a cooperative alliance, FHWA will manage the design and construction of both Mulligan Road and this segment of Telegraph Road.

Right of Way Requirements
No displacements or relocations of families or businesses are required. Additional easements beyond what is shown on the plans may be required for the relocation of utilities.

If you require further information about the right of way process, please contact one of the right of way representatives at the meeting tonight, or write to:

Mr. Brian Costello, District Right of Way Manager
VDOT Northern Virginia District Office
14685 Avion Parkway
Chantilly, VA 20151-1104
(703) 383-2174

Estimate

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Project Schedule

- Design Public Hearing: May 26, 2009
- Final Design: Spring - Fall 2009
- Right of Way Acquisition: Fall 2009
- Construction Begins: Summer 2010
- Open to Traffic: Summer 2012