

BOWERS HILL INTERCHANGE IMPROVEMENTS STUDY



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WHERE ARE WE NOW?

The Virginia Department of Transportation (VDOT) anticipates the Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) will issue the Notice of Intent (NOI) to prepare an Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) in the Federal Register in Fall 2021, formally initiating the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) process.

The NOI will include information on alternatives retained for detailed study in the EIS, alternatives considered but not advanced, schedule details and a summary of study information developed to date. Once the NOI has been issued, VDOT will share this information with the public through a presentation available on the study website. Please share this newsletter with neighbors, family and friends who may be interested in this study.

For history of the study, including previous materials and presentations, please visit the study website at bowershillinterchange.com.

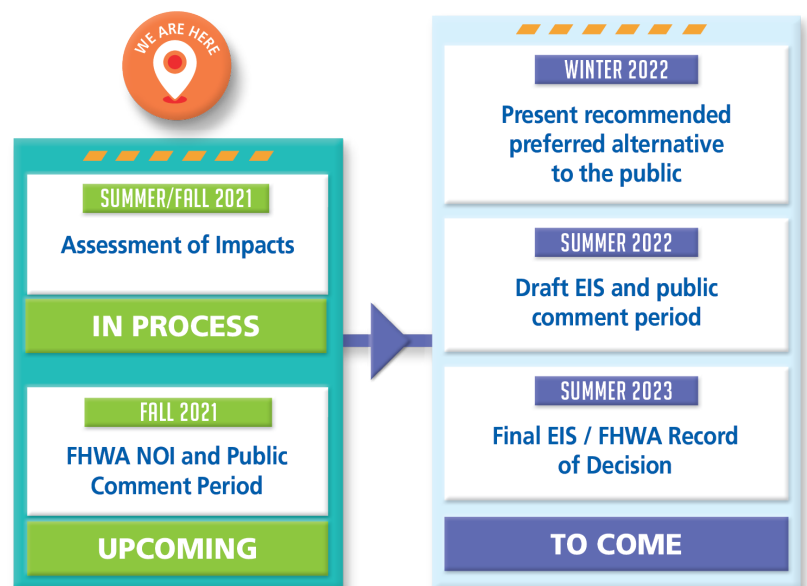


WHAT TO EXPECT

The study team continues to assess potential impacts where improvements could occur in the study area. A planning level Limit of Disturbance (LOD), or footprint, was established for each alternative based on preliminary engineering to assess worst-case potential impacts.

The LOD, which will be assumed in the Draft Environmental Impact Statement (DEIS), and preferred alternative considerations will be based on both permanent and temporary impacts. This does not mean that the entire LOD would be impacted, as the design may be refined in the future.

Following the conclusion of the study and the issuance of the FHWA decision (anticipated to be a Record of Decision), potential impacts may be refined if and when the project moves to the detailed design phase.



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