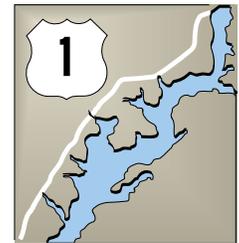


ROUTE 1 LINKS

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Public Invited to Hear Progress, Offer Input on Route 1 Studies

Engineers and environmental specialists have nearly completed their initial analysis of how to improve U.S. Route 1 through Prince William and Fairfax Counties. Now it's time for the local experts – those who live, work and travel in the study area – to provide input during a series of three Location Public Hearings.

Background and History

The Virginia Department of Transportation (VDOT) is currently studying ways to upgrade and improve 27.3 miles of Route 1 in Northern Virginia. The four goals of the proposed transportation improvements are to:

- Reduce traffic congestion
- Improve safety
- Facilitate economic development
- Enhance pedestrian access and safety

Because of the corridor's length, the project has been subdivided into three distinct projects – technically known as “location studies” because they will pinpoint the possible location of future transportation improvements. Each study will have a separate Location Public Hearing in the spring of 2003, as detailed on the back of this newsletter.

Public Hearings: What to Expect

In developing the three location studies, VDOT has examined reasonable alignments for improvements to Route 1, the impact those alternatives would have on the environment and historical properties, the estimated right-of-way required for these options, and the estimated construction cost for each alternative. All of this information, along with a detailed traffic analysis, will be on display at the Location Public Hearings.

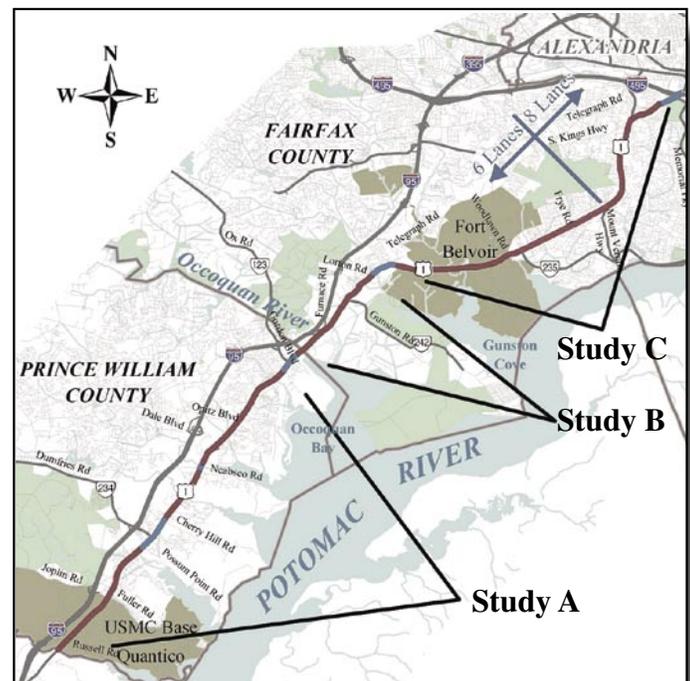
Project engineers will be on hand to explain the proposed alternatives and answer any questions. Participants are then invited to submit written comments or an oral statement that will be transcribed by a court reporter.

Next Steps

Following the Location Public Hearings, VDOT will carefully review all public comments and use this input to develop a final report for each location study area. These final location studies, along with a

catalogue of public comments, will be submitted to local officials and the Commonwealth Transportation Board for review and final approval.

Participation by local residents and business owners is key to improving transportation and stimulating economic development along the Route 1 corridor. Mark your calendars now and plan to attend the Location Public Hearings!



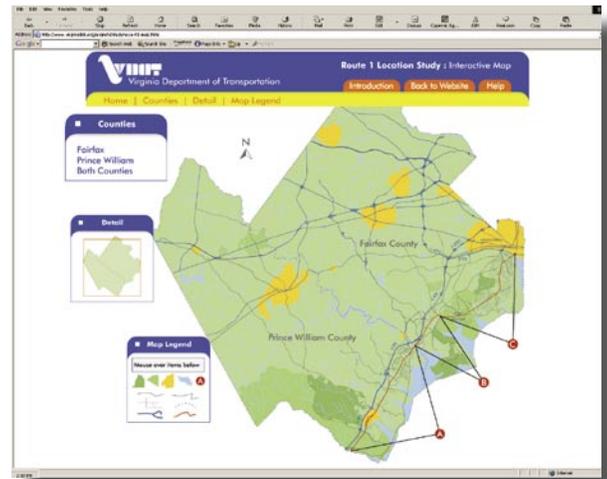
Project Area for the
Rt. 1 Location Studies



Virginia Department
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Route 1 Details, Options Online at: www.virginiadot.org

Learn all about the location studies by accessing detailed plan sets on VDOT's web site. An interactive map allows you to navigate the entire 27.3-mile corridor through Prince William and Fairfax Counties and to view proposed improvements and optional alignments for this vital highway. Point your browser to www.virginiadot.org/projects/studynova-rt1.asp to learn more.



Route 1 Location Public Hearings

Study B

From Route 123 (Gordon Boulevard) Interchange to Armistead Road (Route 748), Prince William & Fairfax Counties

March 5, 2003
(Snow Date: March 12)

5-8 pm

Gunston Elementary School
10100 Gunston Rd. in Lorton

**DON'T MISS YOUR
CHANCE TO COMMENT
ON THESE PROJECTS!**
**Mark Your Calendar and Let
Your Voice Be Heard**

Study A

From the Stafford County Line to Route 123 (Gordon Boulevard) Interchange, Prince William County

March 25, 2003

5-8 pm

Potomac High School
3401 Four Year Trail in Dumfries

Study C

From Belvoir Woods Parkway to the I-495 Interchange, Fairfax County

April 29, 2003

5-8 pm

Mount Vernon High School
8515 Old Mount Vernon Rd.
in Alexandria

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