

ROUTE 7 WIDENING PROJECT
RESTON AVENUE TO JARRETT VALLEY DRIVE **WORKING GROUP**

MEETING SUMMARY
Route 7 Widening Project
Working Group Meeting #10

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MEETING DATE: March 5, 2014 9:00 am – 11:00 am

MEETING LOCATION: VDOT Department of Transportation
4975 Alliance Drive, 1st Floor, Cameron Training Room

REFERENCE: Route 7 Widening Project
Project Number 0007-029-128, P102, R202, C502, B610 UPC 52328
Fairfax County, Virginia

A working group meeting was conducted on March 5, 2014 to discuss the next section of Route 7 widening from Reston Avenue to the Dulles Toll Road, specifically the following items:

Activity since September 25th meeting

- Held Public Information Meeting on November 6, 2014
- Summarized comments received from information meeting
- Continued to refine/develop intersection concepts
- Completed review of express lanes study and follow-up information
- Developed preliminary project phasing delivery strategies

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Summary of public information meeting comments

- VDOT provided a list of comments received from the Public Information Meeting
- Feedback from the Working Group regarding the meeting included:
 - The traffic model simulations helped people understand how the alternative intersections would work.
 - The websites need to be updated faster to provide up-to-date information
 - The presentation boards were very crowded and it was difficult to get to speak to someone about a specific area. Having additional experts and/or presentation boards would have been helpful.
 - A formal presentation might be beneficial for the public hearing

Express lanes study results

- VDOT provided a summary of findings from the HOV/transit only scenario (low occupancy users not allowed) [copy of presentation distributed to working group members]
- Working Group questions included:
 - *Did the study look at the changed toll structure from the Dulles Toll Road (referring to the toll plazas potentially being removed for an open road tolling system)?* VDOT and Fairfax County responded that the change in toll structure has not been finalized by MWAA/DTR into a plan yet. The changes to the traffic patterns as part of such change would not have a significant effect on the study results by the nature of the transportation system in the area and the planned enhancements to the system.
 - *Are connected vehicles included in the model?* VDOT and Fairfax County responded that such vehicle technology is not likely to be widespread in the time period during which the study was based.
- Based on the results of the study, which show very low usage of the dedicated lanes, VDOT will not conduct any additional study/analysis of HOV/transit lanes.

Concept Refinements

- JMT provided an overview of the current concept
 - It was noted that the development of the concept plan is a live document which is currently changing often as issues are worked through.
 - Highlights:
 - Area between Utterback Store Road and Colvin Run Road (including Baron Cameron Ave) is being refined to address access management concerns
 - Route 7/Colvin Run Road/Carpers Farm Way intersection was updated to reflect the revisions that were vetted through with the community
 - Faulkner Drive, Middleton Ridge Road, Atwood Road are currently depicted as left & right in / right out configurations

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- Trap Road is currently depicted as a right in / right out connection
- Lewinsville Road area (including Lucky Estates Drive and Wolftrap Run Road) refining the geometry for the turn lane storage/taper/deceleration to evaluate access management concerns
- Discussion included how the concept is updated and how the Working Group can get the latest updates as they occur
 - Since the concept is a living document which changes often, real time updates are not feasible. However, consistent updates on the order of once a month may be possible. VDOT will work to improve the clarity of the project website and provide more consistent updates.

Preliminary Design Process

- JMT identified the next steps and proposed schedule as the project moves into the detailed design phase. [presentation including these next steps distributed to working group members]
- The Value Engineering process was described
 - Independent reviewers evaluate the project and provide cost/time savings ideas
 - Will occur within the next few months

Project Funding:

It was noted that VDOT and Fairfax County will collaborate towards securing funding for at least the first phase of the Route 7 corridor.

Action Items

- Concept Plans will be updated on the VDOT website.
- A meeting(s) with the Brandermill and Ascot neighborhoods, off Bishops Gate Way, will be set up to discuss intersection configurations.

NEXT WORKING GROUP MEETING – TBD (before the Public Hearing)

Items to discuss include Concept Updates; Preliminary Design Update; Upcoming Public Hearing.

These notes represent the general context and content of the items and issues discussed during the referenced meeting. Please forward any and all concerns you may have to Rodney Hayzlett via telephone at (804) 267-1269 or via email at rhayzlett@jmt.com. If comments are not received within ten (10) business days of this draft, we will assume that these notes reflect the intent and content of the meeting and will be the final meeting notes for your file.

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