

ROUTE 7 CORRIDOR IMPROVEMENTS PROJECT WORKING GROUP

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SUBJECT: Route 7 Widening Project – Working Group Meeting #16
MEETING DATE: May 10, 2017: 9:30 am – 12:00 pm
MEETING LOCATION: VDOT Department of Transportation
4975 Alliance Drive, 1st Floor, Potomac Conference 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 May 10, 2017 to discuss the next section of Route 7 widening from Reston Avenue to the Dulles Toll Road, specifically the following items:

Updates from projects adjacent to Route 7

- Route 7 at Towlston Road – FCDOT Project
 - Project added a northbound left-turn lane along Towlston Road and was completed November 2016.
 - Additional work included installation of loop detectors and combined thru-right lane and exclusive left turn lane for southbound Towlston.
- Route 7 at Carpers Farm Way – FCDOT Project
 - Project is adding pedestrian improvements and lengthening right turn lane along Carpers Farm Way, anticipated completion date of May 2017.
- Route 7 Bridges over Dulles Toll Road
 - Construction underway and is on schedule for May 2018 completion.
 - May 2018 completion date includes potential weather delays.
 - WG requested better notification to the public (website, VMS, etc.) on temporary traffic changes during construction.

Summary of Public Hearing

- There were 164 attendees that provided 103 written comments
 - Project will be including improvements to Atwood Road from Route 7 to Robnel Place.
 - Project will be including adding sidewalk along Lewinsville Road to connect existing pedestrian facility on Lewinsville Road to Route 7.
- The Public Hearing transcript has been sent to Richmond for design approval.
- Fairfax County BOS is slated to endorse the project at the June 6th board meeting including the two additional design changes noted above.

Environmental Coordination

- Working on completing the 4F coordination.
- Addressing Public Hearing design related comments

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- Addressing regulatory review comments from USACOE, DEQ, and EPA.
- Wetland and stream impacts are of concern with the agencies.
- Currently performing agency coordination that is typically not done at this stage of project development.
- USACOE is concerned with the amount of wetland impacts with this project. They have requested a drastic reduction in the amount of wetlands being impacted and additional justification for the impacts.
- WG commented that stormwater runoff is a very big concern in this area and want to ensure the project's solution for stormwater management does not make the current situation worse.
- WG requested to attend future meetings with the agencies.

Utility Coordination

- A preliminary utility field inspection was held meeting with private and public utilities along the corridor to discuss impacts to each utility.
- Coordination meetings held individually with private utilities to obtain replacement costs, betterment plans, and prior rights to determine project costs and impacts to schedule.
- Washington Gas will be upgrading the existing 16" high pressure line with a 24" high pressure line from their facility across from Bishops Gate Way to the east approximately 6 miles.
 - Current construction estimate of \$200 million
 - Construction duration approximately 5 years

Noise Wall Aesthetics

- Aesthetics will be consistent with the walls being constructed with the Route 7 Project at DTR/DIAAH
 - Front side of wall (roadway side) is Ashlar Stone finish
 - Back side (property owner) is Fuzzy Rake finish

Prescriptive Items

- Typical Section:
 - 3-11 foot lanes – 1 additional foot adjacent to median curb.
 - 12 foot lanes at partial interchange at Baron Cameron
 - 10-foot-wide shared use paths on both sides of Route 7.
- Access Management:
 - Construct all left and right turn lanes as shown on the RFP plans.
 - Provide access to unsignalized intersections; right in-right out, right in-right out-left in.

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- Allow U-turns where shown on RFP plans.
 - Extend two-way service road from Lucky Estates Drive to entrance to Jill's House
- Northfalls Court / Meadows Farm:
 - Provide one-way east service road from Northfalls Court to signal at Reston Parkway / Meadows Farm
- Colvin Run Road / Delta Glen Court Intersection:
 - Provide full access movements on Colvin Run Road approaching Route 7.
- Cross County Trail:
 - Relocated trail to go under Route 7 bridge over Difficult Run.
 - Provide minimum 12-foot vertical clearance for equestrians.
- Retaining Walls:
 - Provide retaining wall or grading to stay on Route 7 side of existing fencing along back side of properties along Route 7 for Middleton Ridge HOA.
 - Provide retaining wall to reduce impact on property which Eastern Ridge School operates. Provide sidewalk to connect to Vernon Drive.
- St. Athanasius Church:
 - Avoid shrine on St. Athanasius Church property along Trap Road.
 - Avoid statue near entrance on Route 7.
- Wolf Trap Woods / McLean Bible Church Stormwater Management Pond:
 - If a SWM pond is required for this outfall, the SWM pond shall be located as shown on the RFP plans.

Project Design and Procurement Schedule

- Currently there is a funding shortfall for the project.
- The team has performed several value engineering studies for design options to reduce overall construction costs including:
 - Grandfathering the project for SWM criteria and reducing the bridge span over Difficult Run
 - Reducing the median width for the western half of the project to 16 feet to be consistent with the eastern half. Reducing the buffer strip between the back of curb and gutter and the edge of the shared use path to 5 feet.
 - Revising the horizontal alignment of the roadway to avoid impacts to costly utilities.
 - Elimination of one of the shared use paths for the entire length of the project.
 - Reducing the project contingencies.
- Multiple scenarios were evaluated combining the above studies to determine the best viable alternative for the Route 7 widening project.

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- Fairfax County has committed to provide an additional \$10 million for Design Build Risk if needed.
- RFQ is anticipated for late May 2017.
- RFP is anticipated for late August 2017.
- CTB award is anticipated for February 2018.
- Begin construction late 2018.
- End construction fall 2023.

NEXT WORKING GROUP MEETING – August 2017

Items to discuss include: Environmental Update, Confidential Information, Prescriptive Items, Project Status Update.

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.

Distribution: Attendees