

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

MEETING SUMMARY
Route 7 Widening Project
Working Group Meeting #5

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SUBJECT: Route 7 Widening Project– HSM Corridor Safety Study follow up, Land Development, and HOV Study follow up

MEETING DATE: October 3, 2012

MEETING LOCATION: Hunter Mill District Meeting Room at the North County Governmental Center

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

Working Group Meeting #5 on the above referenced project was held on Wednesday, October 3, 2012 at the Hunter Mill District Meeting Room at the North County Governmental Center in Reston, Virginia.

Specific items discussed:

- Activity since the previous meeting
- Land Development-how private development influences the corridor
- Route 7 Working Group Suggested Alternate Roadway Sections for HOV continued from previous meeting.

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- Upcoming Citizens Information Meeting

Activity since the Previous Meeting

- Discussion of the draft DRPT Super NOVA Study
 - The Super NOVA study is long term vision plan looking regionally for transit service recommendations.
 - The implementation date is beyond the current design year for the Route 7 Project
 - Fairfax County needs to study the recommendations in the Super NOVA study and assess the impacts of the study recommendations to their comprehensive plans and whether any of the recommendations may be implemented into those plans.
- HSM Corridor Safety Study-Follow-up
 - An updated HSM study will be submitted the end of week
 - Phase 2 of the study will look at specific intersections and sections of the project where HSM concepts and non-traditional intersection designs can be implemented.

Land Development Influences on the Corridor

- The corridor is built out for land use and it is unlikely that any significant development will occur along the corridor that would have any effects on the project.
- Discussion on possible commuter lots
 - Planning and transit (Fairfax County) would identify possible sites.
 - Leonard Wolfenstien heads up Fairfax County planning and would be the contact for determining possible sites.
 - The county is currently conducting a county wide transit study identifying possible commuter lot locations, including 6 possible sites along the corridor.
 - A separate public process is required for the construction of a park and ride facility versus using existing lots along the corridor.

HOV-Working Group Alternatives Study

- The alternative concepts for HOV along the corridor were presented. It was determined from the previous working group meeting that for HOV to function properly for the corridor it would need to be elevated and separated from the general use lanes.
- The proposed Working Group concept calls for:
 - 9 flyover intersections
 - The elevated roadways require a minimum of 1000 linear feet to accommodate the grade transitions required to elevate the proposed HOV lanes over the existing intersections. The grade separation could be accomplished using mechanically stabilized earth retaining walls (MSE Walls).

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- Significant impacts to view sheds along the corridor
 - Sound walls will likely be required to address the noise from the elevated lanes.
 - The character of the corridor would change significantly from a rural highway to an urban highway/expressway combination.
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- Single Point Urban Interchanges (SPUI) at the Baron Cameron and Reston Parkway would be evaluated to accommodate the traffic movements in lieu of full diamond interchanges.
 - A number of existing full access intersections along the corridor will need to be converted to right in/right out.
 - It will be difficult to provide access lanes in and out of the HOV lanes through the corridor due to the number of intersections and the required grade separation for the HOV lanes.
 - A preliminary high level cost study projects a cost of \$390 million for the HOV portion of the corridor. This does not include the base cost of \$300 million for widening the corridor to 6 lanes.
 - The current proposed project widening of the existing roadway to 6 lanes would not preclude the construction of HOV lanes in the future.
 - The Working Group proposed HOV concept for the corridor does not match the current comprehensive plan for the corridor. The comprehensive plan would need to be revised in order for the concept HOV to be incorporated into the corridor.
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- There was consensus that the HOV alternatives requested by the Working Group would not be pursued in the current widening project.

Upcoming Citizens Information Meeting

- The Citizens Information Meeting (CIM) for the project will be held on November 28th at the Colvin Run Elementary School.
 - An aerial map of the corridor will be on display and an informational brochure for the project will be provided to attendees.
 - This is an opportunity to reach out to the citizens to see what they desire for the corridor and what their concerns are prior to starting on the preliminary design.
 - A follow up CIM will be held in Spring 2013, where the public will be shown preliminary design concepts for the corridor.

Next Steps

- Additional working group meetings will be held to gather more information while preparing the design of the project.
- Next working group meeting is scheduled for Dec 5th at the VDOT NOVA District
- A Citizen Information Meeting will be held on November 28th.

These notes represent the general context and content of items discussed during the referenced meeting. Please forward any and all concerns or comments you may have to Amit Patel via telephone at (80) 267-1262 or via email at jcronin@jmt.com. If the comments are not received within ten (10) business days of

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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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