

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

MEETING SUMMARY
Route 7 Widening Project
Working Group Meeting #8

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SUBJECT: Route 7 Widening Project – Working Group Meeting #7

MEETING DATE: May 8, 2013

MEETING LOCATION: Fairfax County Department of Transportation
Centerpoint 1 Office Bldg., 4050 Legato Rd, 4th floor, Rm 400.06

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 8, 2013 to discuss the next section of Route 7 widening from Reston Avenue to the Dulles Toll Road, specifically the following items:

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DTR Bridge Project Update

- The Shared Use Path options are challenging
 - The At Grade Option would require 9 crossings of ramps
 - The Underpass Option would require underpasses with a maximum length of 30'. Due to the limited distance between the DTR Bridge and Jarrett Valley Drive, an underpass would not fit due to the vertical and horizontal requirements. A total of 8 underpasses would be required.
 - Designing for vehicle access (mowing, snow removal, emergency operations, etc.)
 - The Median Option – a signal timing study would need to be completed to determine pedestrian and vehicular delays associated with this option
- Schedule
 - Public Hearing (PH)– Fall 2013
 - Right of Way (ROW) – Jan 2014
 - Ad Date – TBD (Sept 2014)
 - Construction Costs

	<u>At-Grade</u>	<u>Underpass</u>	<u>Median</u>
	\$17.3	\$21.7	\$17.3
- Funded for PE & ROW / utilities = \$1.2 million
- Overall the total cost is \$24-26 million
- Bridge project could accommodate bus loading in the median if done in the future
- The structure is not long enough to accommodate future widening on the DTR
- Bridge project is widening and deck replacement; not a bridge replacement
- Heavy U-turn movement at Jarrett Valley Drive was noted in the latest traffic count data
- Discussion on the pedestrian options included the following:
 - Plowing on the median alternative:
 - Who would be responsible?
 - Would it be done?
 - Where would snow be plowed to?
 - Maintenance trucks within the tunnel
 - Height is 10' and would fit a small maintenance truck
 - VDOT not currently in business of clearing sidewalks
 - Mr. Knudsen stated that the underpass option is the best
 - Mr. Martin stated that maintenance, snow removal, and drainage issues are important to take into consideration when developing options.
 - With the underpass option would a spiral pedestrian ramp be possible at Jarrett Valley Drive?
[UPDATE: Several options are currently being evaluated. Public Hearing in December.]

Market Research Study

Ms. Smith went through a presentation on the market research study recently completed for the Route 7 Corridor. The presentation will be provided to the members of the Working Group.

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- Mr. Knudsen stated that analytical data is needed to truly evaluate HOV, Express Bus, Park-n-Rides, General purpose, cost vs. benefit etc. to take out opinions and get to facts

Alternate Intersection Analysis

Mr. Boice presented the initial findings of the alternative intersection analysis for the corridor. The analysis continues to be refined and the refinements will be presented at the next working group meeting

Express Lanes Feasibility Study Update

A brief summary of the study was given. The study had just begun the model calibration phase. Initial findings should be available for the next meeting.

Transportation Legislation and Funding Discussion

- The Commonwealth Transportation Board (CTB) will hold a public hearing on May 29th to receive input on the Six-Year Improvement Plan
- The Tysons Transportation Funding Plan was adopted by the Board
 - Rte. 7 was included in the 40yr plan at \$200 million
 - The County believes the funds should be shifted to the 6yr plan
- Public Information Meeting (PIM) will be conducted in late fall (November)

NEXT WORKING GROUP MEETING – September 25, 2013.

Items to discuss include Express Lane Study Update/Results; Preliminary Design Update; Upcoming Public Information Meeting.

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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