

## **MEMORANDUM**

TO: The File  
DATE: March 30, 2012  
FROM: Jeff Cronin  
RE: Route 7 Improvements (Reston Avenue to Jarrett Valley Dr)  
Job No. 0007-029-128, PE-102 UPC #52328  
SUBJECT: Partnering Meeting with Fairfax DOT, Fairfax County Park Authority and the Project Design Team

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A partnering meeting on the above referenced project was held on Wednesday, March 28, 2012 at the VDOT Neabsco Conference room at the NOVA District Office. Please see the attached sign in sheet for personnel in attendance.

The purpose of the meeting was to gather input and coordinate with the Fairfax County Park Authority (FCPA) for the park properties adjacent to the project corridor. Specific items discussed:

- General overview and history of the project.
- A survey of the concerns and input from the Fairfax County Park Authority.
- The project moving forward

### **General Overview of the Project**

- Original 2004 Citizens Information Meeting (CIM) design/plans eliminated the vertical grade separation between the two roadways with a flat median effectively re-building most of the west bound lanes. The widening from 4 lanes to 6 was accomplished by adding the additional lane in the median area. The design approach as the project moves forward will focus on salvaging as much of the westbound lanes as possible and widen to the outside where possible. Some widening to the inside may still be needed to avoid critical impacts to adjacent properties or facilities. The purposes of these early partnering meetings are to identify these key areas along the corridor.
- Another project challenge will be to strategically locate SWM facilities throughout the corridor to meet the recently updated storm water requirements from DCR and the MS-4 program. Is there a possibility of potential partnering with the FCPA to expand the existing storm water management facilities to create joint usage SWM ponds?
- 10' shared use paths will be provided with the new design adjacent to the eastbound and westbound lanes. Use of the existing trails adjacent to the corridor will be explored as possible, but will be need to be reviewed for AASHTO and ADA compliance for width and grades.

- Alternative/innovative designs along with traditional intersection designs will be evaluated for the various intersections along the corridor.
- The bridge crossing at Difficult Run will be a key area of concern. The proposed bridge will need to be higher than the existing structure to eliminate flooding concerns experienced in the past. It is proposed that the alignment of the roadway will be shifted to the south to avoid impacts to the Colvin Run Mill and facilitate construction of the project. A portion of the new bridge could be constructed off-line while the traffic is maintained on the existing bridge. This alignment shift will require a relocation of Colvin Run, a tributary of Difficult Run, to the south. Aesthetic and architectural features could possibly be incorporated to echo surrounding historic sites.
- Retaining walls may be necessary along the corridor to minimize impacts. The face of the retaining walls may utilize an architectural finish.
- Since the project is federally funded, the need for sound walls adjacent to the corridor will be investigated.
- The NEPA process has begun and is proceeding with an EA level document.

### **Park Concerns**

- The existing trail adjacent to Colvin Run is part of the Rails to River Trails system and heavily used. Relocation of the Colvin Run stream channel along the eastbound lanes could potentially impact the trail. FCPA would prefer the relocation to be a natural stream design with provisions for re-forestation of any areas cleared during construction.
- Colvin Run Mill is a functioning mill. Any changes to the water level and velocity will need to be investigated for the impacts to the mill.
- There are several cultural resources along Colvin Run that could be potentially impacted with the proposed alignment change and stream relocation. There is a concern for the loss of park property due to the alignment shift.
- The proposed retaining walls and sound walls for the project could cause potential view shed problems. Coordination with FCPA and the design team will be key to mitigate and minimize impacts.
- The changes to the flood plain and hydraulics of Difficult Run and Colvin Run are a concern for the potential impacts to the park lands. The design team will be tasked with ensuring the post conditions approximate or improve upon the existing conditions.
- There is a Cultural Landscape Report recently completed for the Colvin Mill site. FCPA will provide this to the design team.
- FCPA would like to see innovative designs for the proposed SWM facilities along the corridor rather than traditional facilities, enhanced pedestrian connectivity, and provisions for wildlife crossings where possible.
- Some additional areas of concern are the Andrew Chapel Cemetery and the Battle of Dranesville Site.

- FCPA stated that the GIS data available from the County was recently updated with the trails along the corridor and would be a valuable tool for the design team to evaluate pedestrian connectivity and trail impacts for the project.
- Fairfax DOT stated that a recent Metro Access study was completed for Reston and Tysons Corner and should be incorporated into the considerations for the project.
- FCPA would prefer that any potential wetland mitigations for the project be performed on the project rather than at an offsite facility. VDOT requested any information from Fairfax County on the availability of such sites within the project area.
- Any land acquisition required by the project that was originally purchased by the Land to Parks or Land Water Conservation acts would need to be replaced in kind.
- FCPA would like the design team to evaluate re-routing the Cross County trail under the new bridge to provide enhanced pedestrian connectivity.

### **Moving Forward**

- \$30 million is allocated for the design of the project. Currently construction and right of way acquisition are unfunded.
- The project is in the 6 year plan for design only.
- A Citizens Information Meeting (CIM) will be held in September or October of 2012 to gather input from the public along the corridor.
- A Public Hearing for the project will be held in Spring 2014.
- Follow up partnering meetings will be held as the project moves forward.

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 Jeff Cronin via telephone at (804) 267-1262 or via email at [jcronin@jmt.com](mailto:jcronin@jmt.com) . If the 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



Meeting Attendance Sheet

UPC# 52328 - VDOT Project # 0007-029-128, P102, R202, C502, B610  
 Route 7 Widening from Reston Avenue to Jarrett Valley Dr (Just west of Dulles Toll Rd overpass)  
 1:00PM March 28, 2012; VDOT NOVA District, Neabasco Conference Room

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