

ROUTE 7 CORRIDOR IMPROVEMENTS PROJECT WORKING GROUP

RESTON AVENUE TO JARRETT VALLEY DRIVE

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SUBJECT: Route 7 Widening Project – Working Group Meeting #11

MEETING DATE: July 29, 2015: 9:00 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 July 29, 2015 to discuss the next section of Route 7 widening from Reston Avenue to the Dulles Toll Road, specifically the following items:

Project Update

- **Project Phases** – VDOT described the break between Phase I and Phase II for Route 7 as 500’ east of Colvin Forest Drive to facilitate breaking the project into constructible segments that are within a reasonable funding limit for the Department.
- **Schedule** – Project is in the scoping phase currently and proceeding to Preliminary Field Inspection (PFI) in September of 2015. The goal is to go through the PFI plan review process and update the plans to approximately 30% completion level in December. Public Information Meetings (PIM) are planned for September and January. The Public Hearing is scheduled in April 2016.
- **Funding** - The project will be submitted for House Bill 2 (HB2) for funding and prioritization with the Tysons Tax District providing a significant source for the projects funding.
- **Environmental Update** – The noise analysis is underway and preliminary results are anticipated in January. VDOT showed the educational video for the noise analysis (process) that is available on the VDOT website. Wetlands, Site Assessment of Hazardous Materials and Archaeology are all underway and six properties will need further investigations for hazardous materials, some of which are old gas stations.

Design Updates / Modifications since last WG meeting

- **Roadway Typical Section** – It was noted that the project is providing 3 travel lanes in each direction and 10’ shared use paths on both sides. The travel lanes have been reduced to 11’ lanes through the corridor with the exception of the partial interchange at Baron Cameron to meet federal requirements for interchange design. The western segment median width has been updated to a 28’ grass median while the eastern segment has an urban (raised) 16’ median.
- **Intersection Updates/Access Management** – JMT walked through the corridor to provide updates at each roadway intersection with Route 7.
 - Utterback Store Road has been updated to a traditional “T” full signalized intersection. The intersection angle has been improved to closer to a 90 degree intersection angle. The signalized intersection will also accommodate full pedestrian access across Route.

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- Bishops Gate Way/Amanda Drive/ Faulkner Drive/ Middleton Ridge Road/ Atwood Road/ Lucky Estates Drive - are now Left in-Right in/Right out only access intersections
- Homeowner near Amanda Drive is concerned the proposed shared use path will encroach on their property. The proposed shared use path will not encroach, it is contained within the existing right of way boundaries, however we have not determined the full grading limits or drainage limits yet.
- Colvin Run western intersection will function as it does today restricting the left turn onto EB Route 7 towards Tysons. There was concern from the WG with access to Delta Glen from Great Falls. Concerned that the traffic will have to go to Baron Cameron to U-Turn to access Delta Glen. VDOT will review the movements at this intersection. Julie will talk to Nan Vu about signal at Colvin Road and Route 7.
- Colvin Run Road/Carpers Farm Way - is now a full access signalized intersection
- Discussion on the Senior Assisted Living Facility will have an entrance off Route 7 that will be a right in / right out access. Access to the Senior Facility from WB Route 7 traffic will have to make a U-turn at Bishops Gate Way or Utterback Store Road to access.
- Baron Cameron Road - EB Route 7 is now passing under Baron Cameron Road
- Lewinsville Road - Route 7 EB left turns - now a displaced left turn configuration
- There are 29 private entrances will be connecting to Route 7 throughout the corridor.
- Discussion from the WG wanting to know if there are any population changes that may affect future bus routes and if Cooper and Langley were incorporated into the bus routes.
- Discussion from the WG for the U-Turn at Jarrett Valley to be eliminated. VDOT never received the letter from the communities to suggest prohibiting the U-Turn. VDOT does not see any safety issues with the U-Turn. The WG suggested that WMATA is losing revenue because of the U-Turn movement.
- WG wants VDOT to consider keeping pedestrian trail from Old Ash Grove to Sandbridge. Nick explained the pedestrian lanes at the DTR/Route 7 intersection. We will revise the Route 7 widening presentation to include the new pedestrian trails.
- FHWA Median U-Turn Video – A brief video from FHWA was showed depicting how Median U-Turns are an operational and safety improvement along heavily traveled corridors similar to Route 7.
- Status of Traffic Report/Gap Analysis – Currently Lewinsville Road and Brook Road are being incorporated into the model to update to the current design layout. The model will be updated along with the gap analysis and will be submitted to VDOT at the end of August.
- Storm Water Management / Difficult Run Floodplain Study – As the roadway design is progressing towards the PFI submittal, we are refining the geometrics (horizontal and vertical alignments) and are studying the locations of the SWM ponds in greater detail. The first flush of the design approach is evaluating surface stormwater ponds and provided an example from the Route 7 PE-101 project currently under construction and used the SWM pond at Rolling Holly Drive as an example of the final product. A before and after rendering was provided showing the grading, outfall, layout and landscaping blending the pond into the community. All other SWM options such as LID, Bio-Retention, underground vaults, etc. will be evaluated on a case by case basis taking factors into consideration such as construction cost, maintenance, access, and federal funding participation. It was noted that underground facilities will not allow trees over the facilities. Colvin Run and Difficult Run watersheds

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will use the new 2D modeling software to evaluate storm events for more realistic output information. It was noted that additional field survey will be required to run the 2D model.

- Utilities – It was noted that utilities is one of the biggest risk items on the project. We are trying to identify the potential impacts early in the process to attempt to mitigate if possible.
 - William’s Gas Line crossing has (2)-30”, (1)-36” and (1)-42” large transmission lines.
 - Washington Gas 24” transmission line
 - Columbia Gas
 - Verizon/AT&T duct bank
 - Dominion Virginia Power, Comcast, etc.
 - Fairfax County Water and Sewer-54” and 30” water lines
- Public Involvement to date – The team has had significant community involvement throughout the corridor while trying to maintain the design schedule moving the project forward.
 - 10+ Working Group Meetings
 - 4+ Public Information Meetings
 - 40+ Community and Stakeholder Meetings

Public Involvement Plan

- Upcoming Working Group and Public Meetings Schedule – Discussed upcoming public meetings.
 - September Public Information Meeting (PIM) prior to the PFI meeting in October.
 - January PIM will be a 2 day PIM (Friday and Saturday).
 - April Public Hearing.
 - Will be meeting with HOAs as needed, goal is to meet with HOA’s prior to the Public Hearing.
- Homeowners’ Association (HOA) Map – Will show which communities we have met with and those we are planning to meet with. Mouse will allow information to be viewed when selected on the website.
- Website – Will look like the Route 29 solutions. Can see VDOT responses to questions.

Other Topics

- There was a suggestion from the WG to increase the width of shared use paths from 10 feet to 12 feet. It was noted that we currently have two 10 foot trails on both sides of the road. Adding the four foot additional path is a 5 percent increase in impervious area which equates to 3.5 acres of impervious areas. The WG noted that the bike interest group is very active in NOVA and they will need to take back to the groups why we are not providing 12 foot trails. It was noted that this is something that has been brought up before. There was a suggestion to provide a yellow centerline to segregate users and would help with visibility. Fairfax County’s comprehensive trail plan detail’s the type of trails that are required. This is unique that we have a shared use trail on both sides of the road. Both the state and feds have 10 foot standard shared use paths. Bridge over toll road is 10 feet. VDOT will look to the County for guidance on trails. WG is also concerned about expanding the trails and encroaching on existing properties. The group should be prepared to defend our decision.

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- Paul would like information when stakes or placed in citizens yards. What is the process? People often think the stakes means that the road is coming into the yards.
- WG wants motifs on the sound walls. VDOT has approved patterns. We will discuss in our January meeting.
- Will have CD distributed today with the power point presentation and video

NEXT WORKING GROUP MEETING – September 16 (before the September PIM)

Items to discuss include: Environmental Update; Right of Way; Updated Design; Schedule; Public Involvement Plan going forward.

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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