

## **I-495 NEXT Coordination**

Board Transportation Committee February 13, 2024

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## January 23<sup>rd</sup> Board Matter



Draft a letter requesting that VDOT address concerns about the lack of coordination, questions about the ramps, and deforestation.



Present a plan for future coordination with VDOT and MDOT and to consider future environmental coordination with appropriate County agencies regarding tree reforestation plans.

#### **Letter to VDOT**



Requests a response to our September 2023 letter.



Recommends a proactive approach to coordination with Maryland and engagement with Fairfax stakeholders.



Highlights concerns regarding future traffic conditions.



Requests
collaboration with
staff on a
revegetation plan
and strategies for
community
engagement.

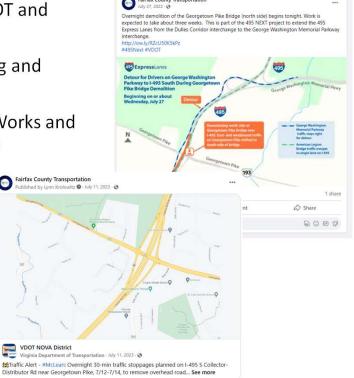


Addresses existing efforts to handle cut-through traffic in the community.

## **Existing Coordination on I-495 NEXT**

- · Two monthly project meetings
  - Updates on MD Managed Lanes
  - Construction updates, upcoming design reviews, outreach efforts
  - Notifications of construction work, follow-up on inquiries, future public meetings
- · Ad-hoc technical meetings
- GWMP monthly meetings
- FCDOT attendance at all VDOT meetings with the public

- Review of plans within FCDOT and other County agencies
  - Department of Planning and Development
  - Department of Public Works and Environmental Services



#### Additional Coordination on I-495 NEXT



## Future coordination with VDOT

Request to join VDOT's existing coordination meetings with MDOT

Follow-up with Board offices on updates from VDOT on the project

Regular briefings from VDOT for Dranesville and Providence Districts



# Future coordination on revegetation plan

Press for a comprehensive plan that will address deforestation concerns

In addition to existing reviewing agencies, include Urban Forestry in distribution to request comments

Follow-up meeting with VDOT on comments

### Request for Board Feedback

- Feedback on the letter to VDOT is requested by February 29, 2024.
- Any further guidance on coordination of revegetation plans and addressing deforestation concerns or additional engagement with VDOT.