

Get Involved

VDOT representatives will review and evaluate information received as a result of the public hearing. The comment sheet in this brochure is provided to assist in making your comments. You may leave the sheet or any other written comments in the comment box, or mail/email your comments.

Comments must be postmarked, emailed or delivered to VDOT by **December 2, 2016** to be included in the public hearing record.

Mail comments to Mr. William Dunn at the address below or email connectroute7@vdot.virginia.gov. Please include "Nov. 15 Design Public Hearing" in the subject line.

Project information shared here, including a summary of comments received during the comment period, will be available at www.connectroute7.org and at VDOT's Northern Virginia District office.

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Planned partial interchange at Route 7 and Baron Cameron Avenue



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**ROUTE 7 CORRIDOR
IMPROVEMENTS**



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Route 7 Corridor Improvements

Reston Avenue to Jarrett Valley Drive

Tuesday, November 15, 2016
6:30 p.m. to 8:30 p.m.
Colvin Run Elementary School
1400 Trap Road, Vienna, VA 22182

DESIGN PUBLIC HEARING

The Virginia Department of Transportation welcomes you to our design public hearing for the Route 7 Corridor Improvements Project from Reston Avenue to Jarrett Valley Drive in Fairfax County. We look forward to your active participation.

This design public hearing is being held to provide a formal opportunity for citizens and organizations to give VDOT and Fairfax County their comments and/or suggestions on the proposed project design and environmental resources in the project vicinity. VDOT strives to ensure that all members of the community have the opportunity to participate in public decisions on transportation projects and programs that affect them. The information received as a result of the

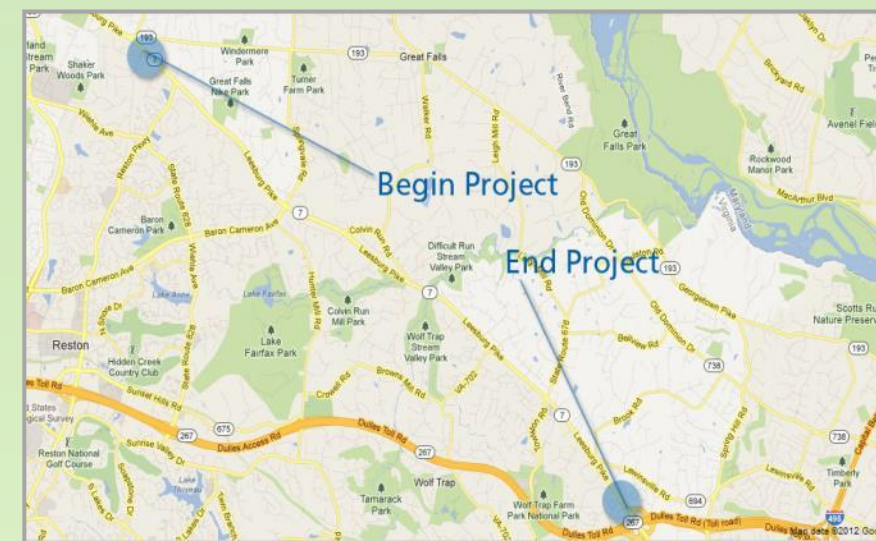
hearing will be presented to VDOT's Chief Engineer for consideration and approval, and eventually move forward to final design and construction.

VDOT and Fairfax County representatives are present to discuss the project and answer your questions.

A comment sheet is included in the handouts for this meeting, and your input is encouraged. All comments received will be reviewed by VDOT, Fairfax County, and the design team.

Comments will also be summarized and available on the project website at www.connectroute7.org.

AT A GLANCE



Project Location Map

Purpose – Increase capacity, safety and mobility

Project length – 6.9 miles

Improvements – Widen from four to six lanes between Reston Avenue and Jarrett Valley Drive, improve intersections and add ten-foot shared-use paths on both eastbound and westbound sides

Anticipated Cost – \$234 million

State Project Number: 0007-029-128, P102, R202, C502, Federal Project Number: DEMO – 5A01 (439), UPC: 52328

PROJECT OVERVIEW

This project will improve 6.9 miles of Route 7 between Reston Avenue and Jarrett Valley Drive. Proposed work includes widening Route 7 from four to six lanes, intersection improvements, and adding 10-foot shared-use path on both sides of the road to enhance mobility for cyclists and pedestrians. These improvements will decrease congestion, increase capacity, improve safety, and expand mobility for all users — all in conformity with Fairfax County’s Comprehensive Plan.

According to 2011 traffic counts, Route 7 carries 46,000 to 54,000 vehicles per day along Route 7 between Reston Avenue and Jarrett Valley Drive. In 2040, Route 7 is expected to carry between 73,000 and 86,000 vehicles per day.

The project will be completed using design-build delivery. The selected design-build team will finalize the design, acquire right of way, relocate utilities and construct the project. This delivery method allows greater flexibility to perform activities concurrently, and shortens the time typically needed to complete the project (see schedule below).

During rush hours, two lanes of traffic will be maintained in both directions on Route 7. Motorists should expect occasional mid-day, evening, and weekend lane closures. We do not anticipate any temporary, full closures during construction for the bridge at Difficult Run or the partial interchange at Route 7 and Baron Cameron Avenue.

WHAT’S NEW WITH THE DESIGN?

- Revised access to Route 7 for Shain Court/Northfalls Court
- Restored left-turn lane from eastbound Route 7 to Trotting Horse Lane
- Adjusted right-turn lane lengths to minimize impacts
- Improve hydraulics at Difficult Run bridge
- Shifted alignment to avoid septic fields and minimize property impacts
- Adjusted location of stormwater management ponds near Wolftrap Run Road, Towlston Road, Utterback Store Road
- Updated noise wall locations based on findings of **preliminary** study

Draft plans include the following engineering notes:

- Additional easements for utility relocations and maintenance may be required beyond the proposed right of way shown on the plans.
- The location of sound barrier walls shown on the plans are based on a preliminary analysis and are subject to change as the design is finalized.
- The plans are unfinished and unapproved and are not to be used for any type of construction or the acquisition of right of way.

ESTIMATED PROJECT COST

Preliminary Engineering	\$3.4 million
Right of Way/ Utility Relocation	\$62 million
Construction	\$168.5 million
Total Cost	\$233.9 million

In the 2017 Six-Year Improvement Program, Route 7 Phase 1 and Phase 2 have been merged into one project

ANTICIPATED SCHEDULE

November 15, 2016 – Design Public Hearing
April 2017 – Design Approval

Request for Qualifications	April 2017
Request for Proposals	August 2017
Contract Award	January 2018
Right of Way Acquisition	October 2018
Utility Relocation	March 2019
Estimated Construction Completion	Late 2025

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RIGHT OF WAY

As design of this project is finalized, additional easements may be required beyond the proposed right of way shown on the public hearing plans. The property owners will be informed of the exact location of the easements during the right of way acquisition process and prior to construction.

Information about right of way purchase is discussed in VDOT’s brochure, “Right of Way and Utilities: a Guide for Property Owners and Tenants.” Copies of this brochure are available here from a VDOT right of way agent.

After this meeting, information regarding right of way may be obtained from the right of way contact listed on the back of this brochure.

ENVIRONMENTAL REVIEW

In accordance with the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) and 23 CFR 771, an Environmental Assessment has been prepared and approved by the Federal Highway Administration for public review and comment. Pursuant to Section 6009 of the Safe, Accountable, Flexible, Efficient Transportation Equity Act – A Legacy for Users (SAFETEA-LU) and 23 CFR Part 774, the Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) intends to make a Section 4(f) *de minimis* finding related to anticipated impacts of the project on Section 4(f) resources, which include parks, trails, and historic properties. In compliance with the Section 106 provisions of the National Historic Preservation Act and its implementing regulations, 36 CFR 800, information concerning potential effects on properties listed in or eligible for listing in the National Register of Historic Places is included in the environmental document. Copies of the document are available for review here at tonight’s meeting and online at www.connectroute7.org.