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VDOT representatives will review and evaluate information received as a result of this meeting. Please fill out the comment sheet provided in this brochure. You may provide comments to the court reporter, 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 May 24, 2019. Send comments to Mr. Arif Rahman, P.E. at the address below or to connectroute7@vdot.virginia.gov.

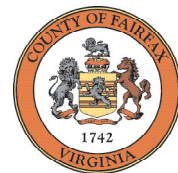
If your homeowner association or community group has specific needs for a larger briefing, let someone from the project team know tonight or send an email to connectroute7@vdot.virginia.gov.

View the materials shared tonight, the latest information on project progress and scheduled traffic impacts, as well as sign up for email updates at connectroute7.org.

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Public Information Meeting Route 7 Corridor Improvements Project

Reston Avenue to Jarrett Valley Drive
A Design-Build Project

Forestville Elementary School
Tuesday, May 7, 2019, 7 to 9 p.m.
Presentation starts at 7:30 p.m.

Colvin Run Elementary School
Tuesday, May 14, 2019, 7 to 9 p.m.
Presentation starts at 7:30 p.m.

Public Information Meeting

The Virginia Department of Transportation welcomes you to a public information meeting for the Route 7 Corridor Improvements Project from Jarrett Valley Drive to Reston Avenue.

Thank you for your participation through public information meetings, briefings with homeowner associations and community groups along the corridor, and the design public hearing that allowed us to gather input during the development of this project over the last several years.

At tonight's meeting, we'll share information about the design-build phase of the project, including design progression and schedule, and the transition to construction work that is getting underway.

Please see any member of the project team here to ask questions, discuss project information or the design-

build process. We have staff on hand to answer your questions on stormwater management, right of way, noise walls and other environmental topics, traffic engineering and other information.

VDOT strives to ensure that all members of the community have the opportunity to participate in public discussions on transportation projects and programs affecting them.

A comment sheet is included in this brochure and your input is encouraged. A court reporter is also present tonight to take your comments. All comments received will be reviewed by VDOT and the project team. After tonight's meeting, send your comments and questions to connectroute7@vdot.virginia.gov or the mailing address on the back of this brochure.

Project Overview



Purpose: Increase capacity, improve safety and traffic flow, and enhance mobility for all users

Project Limits: About 7 miles of Route 7 from Jarrett Valley Drive to Reston Avenue

Improvements: Widen the road from four to six lanes, add shared-use paths on both sides of Route 7 and make significant intersection improvements along the corridor

State Project # 0007-029-942, P101, R201, C501, B610, D606, D608 (UPC 99478) and 0007-029-225, P101, R201, C501, D607 (UPC 106917)
Federal Project # STP-5A01(745) and STP-5A01(790)

Project Description

This project will widen the road and make significant multimodal and intersection improvements to almost seven miles of Route 7 between Reston Avenue and Jarrett Valley Drive.

Collectively, these improvements aim to enhance safety, decrease congestion, increase capacity, and expand mobility for all users, as part of Fairfax County's Comprehensive Plan. Visit the interactive map at connectroute7.org to see site-specific details.

Project improvements include:

- Widening the road from four lanes to six lanes
- Building continuous shared-use paths along eastbound and westbound Route 7
- Raising the Difficult Run bridge above flood elevation
- Adding a shared-use trail under the Difficult Run bridge with a minimum-height clearance of twelve feet
- Adding a pedestrian underpass at Colvin Run Mill Park for enhanced park access
- Shifting Route 7 lanes away from Colvin Run Mill, and enlarging the culvert crossing under Carpers Farm Way
- Adding noise walls with architectural treatment (where determined to be reasonable and feasible as part of the final noise analysis)
- Adding stormwater ponds

Intersection improvements include:

- Relocating the existing Lewinsville Road intersection with McLean Bible Church's eastern entrance; installing a new displaced-left intersection with two new coordinated signals
- At Towlston Road, shifting Route 7 away from Andrey Chapel Cemetery; adding right- and left-turn lanes on southbound Towlston Road; building new ADA-compliant sidewalk ramps and marking pedestrian crosswalks
- Widening Forestville Road to add southbound left- and right-turn lanes; adding ADA-compliant sidewalk ramps and marking pedestrian crosswalks
- Adding a third left-turn lane from westbound Route 7 to southbound Baron Cameron Avenue, as well as a free-flow ramp from northbound Baron Cameron Avenue to eastbound Route 7; building ADA-compliant sidewalk ramps and marking pedestrian crosswalks*
- Improving the approach angle from Utterback Store Road to Route 7; lengthening left- and right-turn lanes on Route 7; building ADA-compliant sidewalk ramps and marking pedestrian crosswalks
- Lengthening left- and right-turn lanes from Route 7 to many side streets along the corridor; eliminating some median crossings for safety

*Represents a change from public hearing concept design due to funding limitations. Partial interchange is being deferred at this time.

Baron Cameron Avenue Intersection Rendering



The newly-designed Baron Cameron Avenue at-grade intersection is designed to:

- Improve operations along the corridor within budget constraints
- Minimize right of way impacts
- Eliminate significant utility relocations that would have been required by the partial interchange
- Provide early delivery of intersection improvements at this location.

Estimated Project Cost

Preliminary Engineering:	\$4.3 million
Right of Way:	\$28.1 million
Construction:	\$281.5 million
Total Cost:	\$313.9 million

This project includes federal, state (including Smart Scale), Northern Virginia Transportation Authority and Fairfax County funds.

Civil Rights

VDOT ensures nondiscrimination and equal employment in all programs and activities in accordance with Title VI and Title VII of the Civil Rights Act of 1964. If you need more information or special assistance for persons with disabilities or limited English proficiency, contact Arif Rahman, P.E. at 703-259-1940 or TTY/TDD 711.

Right of Way

As design of this project is finalized, additional easements may be required beyond the proposed right of way. Property owners will be informed of the exact location for any acquisitions needed during the right of way acquisition process and prior to construction on individual parcels.

Information about right of way acquisitions is discussed in VDOT's brochure, "Right of Way and Utilities: Guide for Property Owners and Tenants." Copies of this brochure are available here from VDOT personnel.

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

Anticipated Schedule

Final Construction Plans
Summer 2019 to Winter 2020

Begin Right of Way Acquisition
Spring 2019

Begin Construction
Spring 2019

Utility Relocation
Winter 2020 to Spring 2022

Interim Construction Milestones

August 2019: Triple left-turn lane from westbound Route 7 to southbound Baron Cameron Avenue open to traffic

Fall 2022: New Lewinsville Road intersection configuration and third through lanes on eastbound and westbound Route 7 between Riva Ridge Road and Reston Avenue open to traffic

Project Completion
Summer 2024

Environmental Review

In accordance with the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) and 23 CFR 771, an Environmental Assessment (EA) was made available for review and comment at a design public hearing meeting held on November 15, 2016. After public comments were addressed, the EA was finalized and the Federal Highway Administration subsequently issued a Finding of No Significant decision on November 15, 2017 for the Build Alternative, which included a partial interchange of Route 7 at Baron Cameron Avenue/Springvale Road. The Build Alternative has been modified since the FONSI decision to replace the proposed partial interchange with an signalized at-grade intersection. Pursuant to NEPA and 23 CFR 771.121, an Environmental Studies Document was prepared to evaluate the changes in in the potential environmental impacts as a result of this design change. A Public Notice was published during March 2019 stating the Environmental Studies Document was available for review and comment; VDOT received no responses within the 15-day public comment period. On April 12, 2019, the FHWA concurred with VDOT's recommendation that the project continues to meet the criteria for an EA level of NEPA documentation and the original FONSI decision remains valid.

The EA/FONSI and the Environmental Studies Document are available at tonight's meeting, and can be also be accessed on the project website. Representatives from the design-builder and VDOT are available to discuss the completed and ongoing environmental technical studies for the project as well as answer any questions.