ROUTE 7 CORRIDOR IMPROVEMENTS PROJECT

RESTON AVENUE TO JARRETT VALLEY DRIVE

WORKING GROUP

Working Group Meeting #21 Minutes

Wednesday, March 27, 2019: 1 pm – 2:15 pm

VDOT NOVA District Office, Potomac Conference Room

4975 Alliance Drive, Fairfax, VA 22030

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A working group meeting was conducted on March 27, 2019, to discuss the section of Route 7 Corridor Improvements from Reston Avenue to Jarrett Valley Drive, specifically the following items:

Session 1 Summary

Introductions

Introductory remarks were provided by Bill Cuttler. All attendees introduced themselves and stated organizational and functional affiliation. Allison Richter provided additional introductory remarks.

Washington Gas Project Update

Jeff Hicks, Washington Gas, provided an overview of the Strip 1 West Improvements work, including Phase 1 (Bishopsgate Way to Springvale Road), Phase 2 (Dulles Toll Road to Lucks Estates), and future phases. Coordination between VDOT, Washington Gas, and Shirley/Dewberry is ongoing. Copies of slides are attached.

Question (Eric Knudsen): Will the pipeline running under Route 7 near Baron Cameron Avenue interfere with a potential future underpass?

Answer: Depth of pipeline run is being coordinated with the Shirley/Dewberry design-build team to avoid conflicts with the new at-grade intersection design, not a potential partial interchange design. Additional discussion was tabled until Session 2 of the meeting.

Route 7 Project Update

Jeff Austin, Shirley Contracting Company, LLC, provided an update on the completed and ongoing design phase activities, summary of the design schedule, and information on the upcoming work expected to begin in the spring of 2019.

Question (Tim Thompson): What will the width of the new northbound lane on Towlston Road be?

Answer: The temporary configuration will be 11 to 12 feet. The permanent lanes will be 12' wide.

Question (Tim Thompson): What are the white and red pipes along the shoulder at that location?

Answer: The pipes provide ongoing access to the utility test pits that were recently performed to facilitate the design work.

Question (Jim Robertson): Please provide clarification on what "lane closures on both sides" means (regarding upcoming construction activities).

Answer: There may be left lane closures on eastbound and westbound Route 7 in the same vicinity on the same days due to the need to safely access the work areas. It does not mean that both the right and left lane on either eastbound Route 7 or westbound Route 7 will be closed at the same time.

Question (Jennifer Kaplan): What does "early right of way" mean—does that mean that no utility easements are needed on those parcels? Are the parcels in the early right of way package affected by easement, right of way, or both?

Answer: Parcels in the early right of way package currently are not expected to have any third-party utility easements. They may be impacted by permanent or temporary construction easements, stormwater management easements, and/or fee simple right of way.

Question (Eric Knudsen): Do any of the 32 parcels in the early right of way package belong to Meadows Farms?

Answer: No.

Question: Have all owners of the 32 parcels in the early right of way package been notified that easements and/or right of way on their parcels may be required?

Answer: Owners of 242 parcels along the corridor were sent letters via certified mail on July 30, 2018 and November 15, 2018 notifying them that survey crews would be accessing their property to locate existing utilities, perform geotechnical work, and survey the parcel to facilitate the design work. These letters also stated the following:

"Please watch for notices of public meetings or willingness to hold a meeting about this project. In the event that the transportation improvement does affect your property, a representative from the project team will personally contact you."

The first formal notice of new project-related easements and/or right of way on specific parcels will be sent by the VDOT appraiser after VDOT approves the early right of way package.

Working Group meeting attendees were each given the opportunity to ask questions.

Question (George Dove): Will the slides from today's meeting be sent out to the group?

Answer: Yes.

Question (Jim Robertson): Have the 32 parcel owners been previously advised that they are going to be impacted?

Answer: In public meetings and on the interactive map for the project, the need for ROW and/or easements has been and is graphically depicted.

Question (Jenifer Joy Madden): Has the current design been tested for compatibility with future high-quality transit?

Answer: The current design could potentially be retrofitted to support bus rapid transit (BRT) by converting one through lane for BRT use. Other options such as light rail would require additional right of way procurement.

Question (?): Has the stormwater management design been determined yet?

Answer: Stormwater management pond locations were included in the 60% design package. The original pre-procurement design included nine ponds, which have been reduced to seven ponds. Additional design changes may reduce that number to six ponds.

Comment (?): Bike community is interested in the permeability of the sound walls for access to shared use paths from neighborhoods.

Comment (Mike Martin): Concerned about the future conditions of the Baron Cameron Avenue intersection were expressed. Noted that he is pleased with shared use paths on both sides of Route 7.

Question (Pam Grosvenor): Has VDOT done recent traffic counts on Georgetown Pike? Additional through traffic caused by construction on Route 7 is a concern, particularly through trucks which are prohibited.

Answer: The latest data on virginiaroads.org for Georgetown Pike from Route 7 to Leigh Mill Road and from Leigh Mill Road to Towlston Road is dated 1/1/2016. Traffic counts on Virginia roads are performed by VDOT approximately every five years. The project-related traffic counts performed by Dewberry in 2018 did not extend to Georgetown Pike as that road is outside of the scope of this project.

Question (Pam Grosvenor/Eric Knudsen): Have the 2018 project-related traffic counts been distributed to the Route 7 Working Group? Can they be posted to the project web site?

Answer: The 2018 project-related traffic count data will be sent to Pam Grosvenor and posted on the project web site.

Comments (Jennifer Kaplan): She will assist in requesting enforcement of the no through truck policy on Georgetown Pike and Lewinsville Road. Noted that it is very difficult to mitigate standard vehicle through traffic caused by construction.

Question (Eric Knudsen): Can we prohibit through truck traffic on more secondary roads along the corridor and have roads designated as local traffic only?

Answer: Allison Richter will discuss this subject with Mr. Knudsen after the Working Group meeting.

Question (Pam Grosvenor): Will VDOT work with the Fairfax County Police Department to increase enforcement of the through truck prohibition on Georgetown Pike?

Answer: VDOT will discuss with Fairfax County.

Question (Jennifer Kaplan): For the 198 residential parcels requiring easements and/or right of way, will those needs be known by the time public meetings are held in May?

Answer: Yes.

Question (?): Will the 198 residential parcel owners get notice prior to the public meetings that easements and/or right of way are required on their property?

Answer: Notification must come from the right-of-way acquisition consultant's appraiser and will most likely not occur prior to the public meetings. However, VDOT will ensure that all affected parcel owners will receive notice of the public meetings where detailed information and right of way specialists will be available.

Session 2 Summary

VDOT and JMT presented an updated simulation of the operations for the Towlston Road/Route 7 intersection. This simulation was based on revised 2018 counts and the projected 2024 (opening year) traffic volumes. The operations for the triple left turn lanes at the Baron Cameron Avenue/Route 7 intersection were also reviewed. Operations for existing year, opening year with triple lefts, design year (2040) with triple lefts, and design year with the partial interchange were presented.

There was discussion of the relocation of utilities for the Route 7 Corridor Project as well as the procurement of needed ROW for the future partial interchange. VDOT advised that ROW for future needs could not be procured per FHWA guidelines. Utilities being relocated are being considered to avoid impact to the future partial interchange project. The question was asked if VDOT could attest/certify that nothing that is being relocated into the footprint of the future partial interchange. VDOT responded by stating that this cannot be certified as a design for the partial interchange has not be completed.

Discussion turned to the U-turn concerns at Jarrett Valley Drive. VDOT is evaluating the placement of a "No Left Turn At Next Signal" sign placed adjacent to the STOP sign at the eastbound DTR exit to westbound Route 7. This evaluation is a first step to address the concerns. VDOT continues to monitor the crash rates at the intersection to balance access with safety.

Next Meeting: September 25, 2019, 1 p.m.

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Attachments: Presentation slides, sign in sheet.









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Route 7 Project Team and Design-Build Team (Shirley/Dewberry)

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Agenda



Session 1

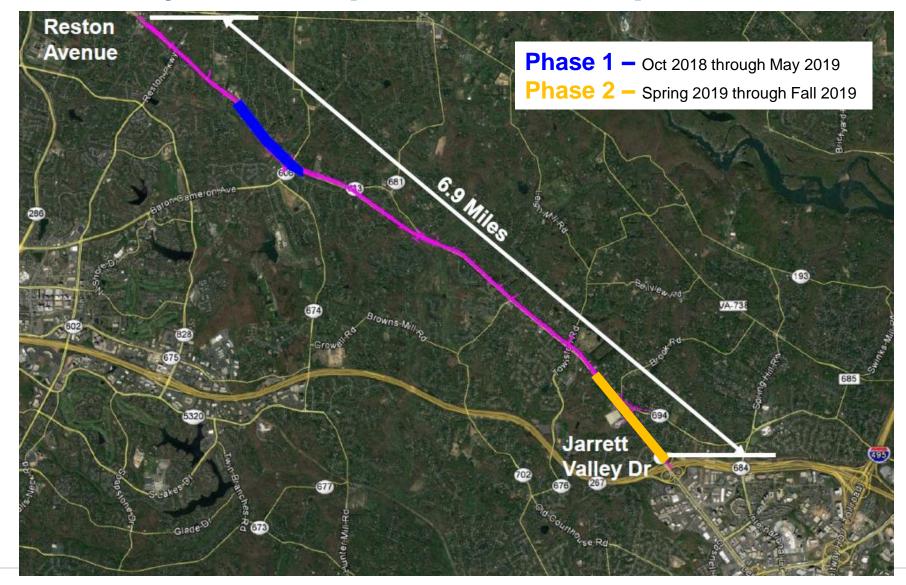
- Introductions
- Washington Gas Project
 Update
- Route 7 Project Update
- Upcoming Public
 Information Meetings
- Questions

Session 2

- Towlston Road Traffic
 Simulation Update
- Baron Cameron Intersection
- U-Turn at Jarrett Valley Drive
 Update



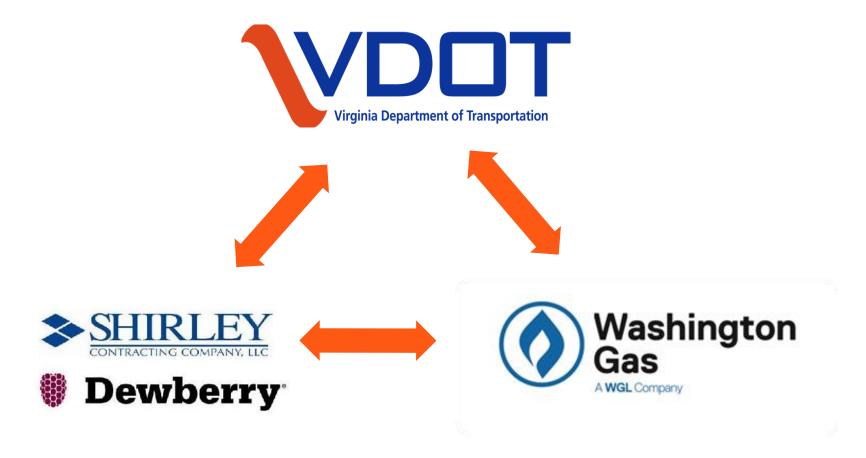






VDOT Route 7 Corridor Improvements & Washington Gas 24-inch Line Upgrade





Coordination and Communication





Project Scope

- Install approximately 5,800 feet of 24-inch steel high pressure gas main
- Replace 2 services
- System reinforcement along Great Passage Blvd.

Project Impacts

ROW along Route 7 between Bishopsgate Way and Baron Cameron Avenue

Project Schedule

- ROW clearing through mid-October 2018
- Underground Construction October 2018 through May 2019

Contractor

Michels Pipeline Construction





Phase 1 Update- Bishopsgate Way to Springvale Road

- On schedule to be completed Spring 2019
- ROW clearing has been completed
- 50% of proposed pipeline installed
- Strip 1 Horizontal Directional Drill underneath Piney Run started January 2019
 - Planned night work one weekend in April-May for pipeline installation
 - Intersection of Riva Ridge Rd and Leesburg Pike to be temporarily closed during pipeline installation
 - Traffic detour during Riva Ridge closure
 - Community notification—letter to adjacent properties and electronic signage
- Strip 2 Auger Bore underneath Route 7 at Great Passage Blvd Completed





Phase 2 Update – Dulles Toll Road to Trap Road

- Install approximately 6,000 feet of 24-inch steel high pressure gas main
- Work will occur in the ROW along Route 7 between Dulles Toll Road and Trap Road.
- ROW clearing through tentatively Spring 2019
- Underground Construction Spring 2019 through Fall 2019

Contractor – Michels Pipeline Construction





Future Phases

- Washington Gas and Shirley Contracting are currently coordinating the design and construction sequencing on future phases.
- All future phases will be constructed within the Route 7 Improvement project timeline.

For more information and project updates: www.washingtongas.com/strip1west



Route 7 Project Update: Design Activities



Design Phase Activities Completed Since last WG Meeting

- Geotechnical Field Work & Lab Work
- Existing Drain Field Surveys
- Early ROW Plans Approved (32 Parcels)
- Early TTC / Triple Left Plans Final Submission
- Speed Reduction Request Approved (Area 1)
- Stage 1 Bridge Plans Approved
- 60% Roadway & ROW Plans Submitted

Ongoing Design Phase Activities

- Utility Test Pits
- Existing Tree Surveys
- Addressing Comments on Previous Plan Submissions
- Noise Modeling & Analysis
- Retaining Wall layout

Future Design Phase Activities

- Lighting and Electrical Design
- Landscaping Design



Route 7 Project Update: Design Schedule

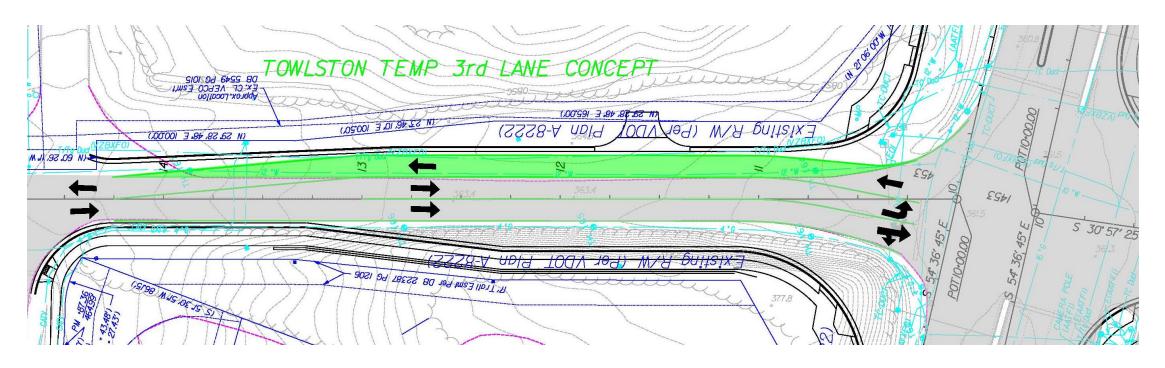


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Towlston Road – Early Improvements



- Temporarily Widen Towlston Road to the East (Green)
- Provide 250 LF of Left Turn Stacking
- Implement Early in the Project Phasing (Target Summer 2020)



Route 7 Project Update: Right of Way



Right-of-Way Statistics

- Early ROW Plans (32 Parcels)
- Full ROW Plans (additional 198 Parcels)
- Types of Parcels
 - 168 Residential Parcels
 - 32 HOA Properties
 - 12 Commercial Parcels
 - 10 Places of Worship/Cemetery
 - 7 Park Properties
 - 1 Public Government Parcel
- 1 Residential Relocation

Right-of-Way Process

- 60 Year Title Search
- Notification Letter to Property Owner
- Appraiser Site Visit
- Prepare FMV Appraisal
- Independent Appraisal Review
- VDOT Appraisal Review
- Offer to Property Owner
- Negotiation Period
- Settlement / Certificate
- Funds Paid Directly from the State to the Property Owner



Route 7 Project Update: Schedule



Task	Data	20	18	20)19		2020			2021			202	2		2023		2024
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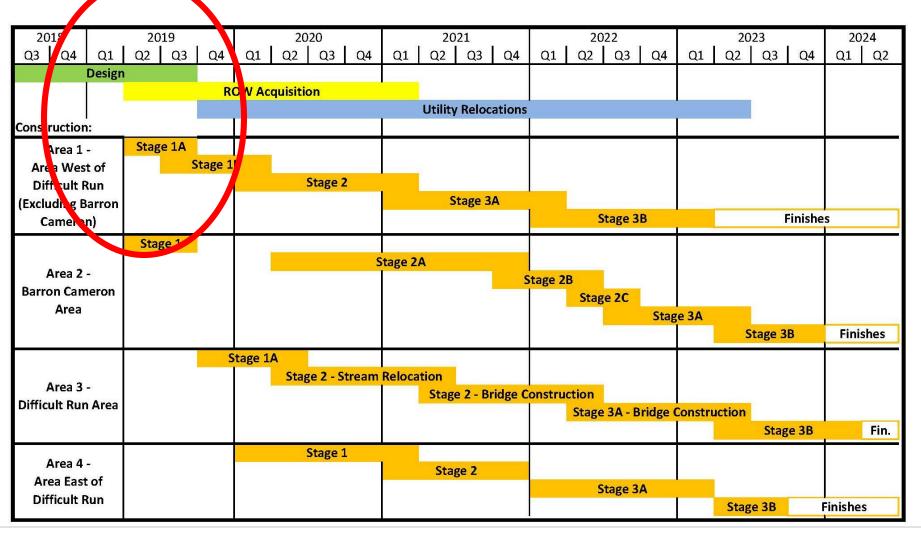
Interim Milestones:

- Open Third WB left Turn lane to Baron Cameron Avenue August 29, 2019
- Open Lewinsville Road Intersection and Displaced Left to Traffic October 25, 2022
- Open Third lane from Riva Ridge Road to West End of the Project October 25, 2022



Route 7 Project Update: Upcoming Construction







Route 7 Project Update: Upcoming Construction





Spring/Summer/Fall 2019

Weekday lane closure hours

9:30 a.m. – 3 p.m. (2 p.m. on Fridays)

Nighttime lane closure hours

10 p.m. – 5 a.m. Sunday - Thursday nights

10 p.m. – 9 a.m. Friday night/Saturday morning

10 p.m. – 8 a.m. Saturday night/Sunday morning



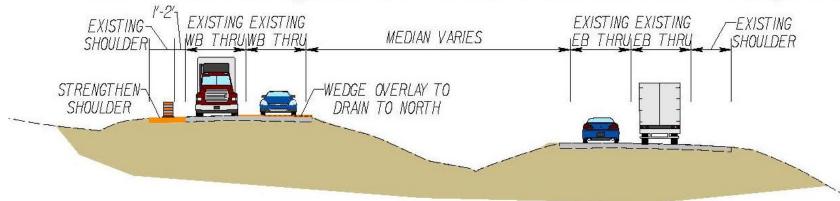
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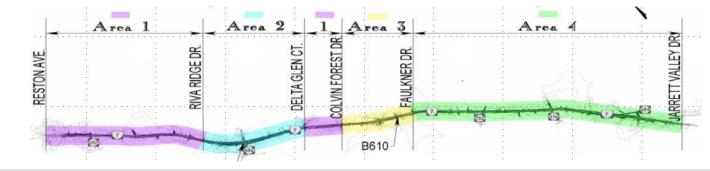
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STAGE 1A: Strengthen WB Outside Shoulder and Wedge Overlay



Spring to Summer 2019





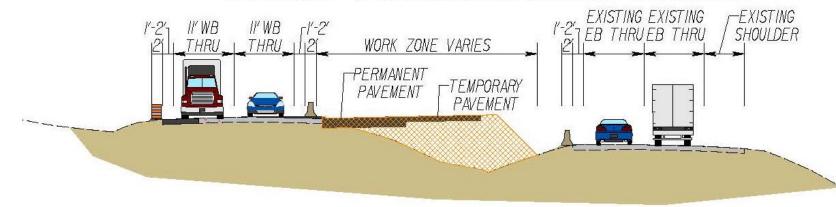
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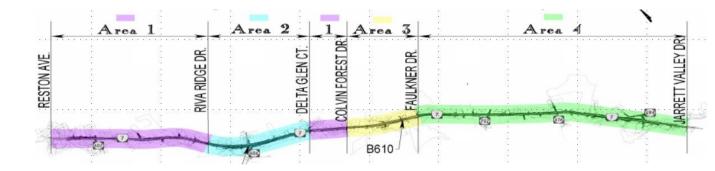
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STAGE 1B: Construct Median Pavement



Summer 2019 to Spring 2020





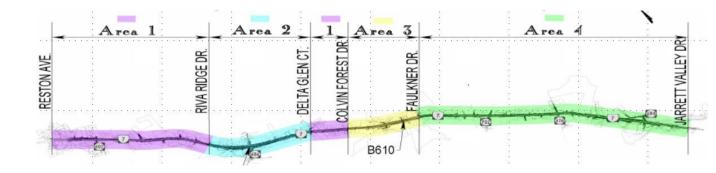
Sequence of Construction Area 2 – Baron Cameron Area



STAGE 1: Construct Temporary Pavement



Summer 2019

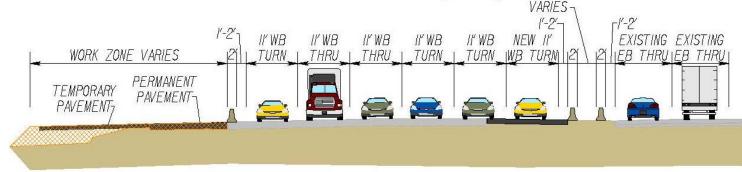




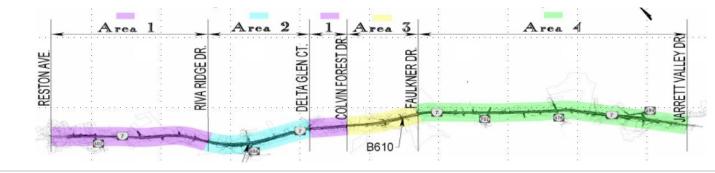
Sequence of Construction Area 2 – Baron Cameron Area



STAGE 2A: Construct North Portion of Permanent WB Lane & Temporary Pavement



By August 29, 2019



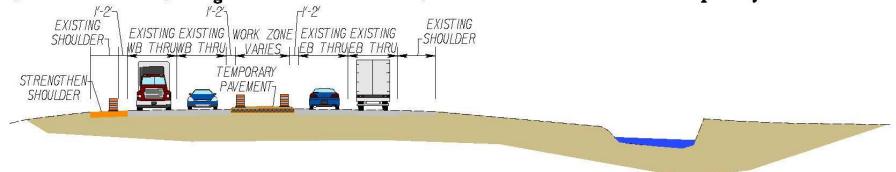


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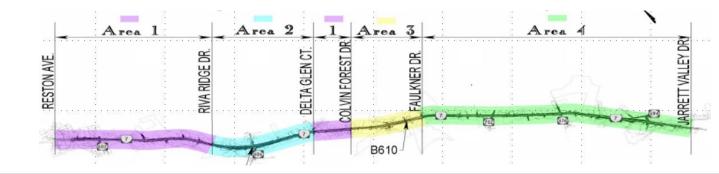
Area 3 – Difficult Run Area



STAGE 1A: Strengthen WB Outside Shoulder & Construct Temporary Pavement



Fall 2019 to Summer 2020





Communications and Outreach Update



Recent Activities

- Weekly lane closure reports
- Interactive map update
- Site-specific notification: Second barrier stockpile, flagging along McLean Bible Church service road
- Meetings with HOAs: Lockmeade/Great Falls Glen/Great Falls Hunt, Woodlawn Estates, Great Falls Crossing, Ascot, Falls Park Estates, Brandermill Estates
- Community meetings: Difficult Run/Cross County Trail stakeholders, Supervisor Foust, individual parcel owners
- March newsletter



Communications and Outreach Update



Upcoming Activities

- Pardon Our Dust Public Meetings: May 7 at Forestville Elementary, May 14 at Colvin Run Elementary
- Additional "Pardon Our Dust" meetings in 2019 as needed
- Fairfax County Park Authority, April 3
- Piney Run Meadow HOA, April 17
- Continued meetings with HOAs, civic groups and parcel owners as requested



Open Discussion



- Questions
- Next Working Group meeting: September 25, 2019, 1 p.m.



Towlston Road Traffic Simulation Update



Towlston Road Traffic Simulation with 2018 Traffic Counts

- Current Year Simulation with no Intersection Improvements
- Opening Year (2024) Simulation with Intersection Improvements
 - Traffic Simulation (compressed to 2.54 minutes video from 12 minutes in real time)

LOS for Current Year, Opening Year (2024) and Year 2040 (Based on 2018 traffic counts)

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	Design Year (2040)	With added lanes and SB modifications	LOS D	LOS F



Baron Cameron Intersection



LOS for Current Year, Opening Year (2024) and Year 2040 (Based on 2018 traffic counts)

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Barc	Design Year (2040)	With added lanes and triple lefts	LOSF	LOS F
	Design Year (2040)	With partial interchange	LOS C	LOS C



U-Turn at Jarrett Valley Drive Update



VDOT is considering

Short term solution

Installing signs at the DTR ramp to prohibit left turn into Jarrett

Valley Dr.





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Questions



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