

## Providing Your Comment

Public involvement is a critical element in the development and delivery of transportation projects. VDOT strives to provide opportunities to the public to participate in public decisions on transportation projects and programs. Public comments and input regarding the I-395 Express Lanes Northern Extension will be considered by the team and **MUST BE RECEIVED BY DECEMBER 12, 2016 TO BE INCLUDED IN THE PUBLIC HEARING RECORD.**

### HOW TO PROVIDE COMMENTS:

#### At Tonight's Meeting:

- Engage in discussions with VDOT staff and project representatives
- Provide comments following the formal presentation or individually to the court reporter
- Submit written comments on the comment sheet

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#### By December 12, 2016:

- Email your comments or questions to [395expresslanes@VDOT.Virginia.gov](mailto:395expresslanes@VDOT.Virginia.gov)
- Mail your written comments to the **VDOT Northern Virginia District, Attention: Amanda Baxter, 4975 Alliance Drive, Fairfax, VA 22030**

Please reference "I-395 Express Lanes Northern Extension" in the subject line of all correspondence.

### STAY INFORMED

- Get the latest project information and sign up to receive regular updates by visiting <http://www.virginiadot.org/395Express> or email your questions and comments to: [395expresslanes@VDOT.Virginia.gov](mailto:395expresslanes@VDOT.Virginia.gov)
- Request a briefing for your homeowners' association, neighborhood, community group, or service organization by emailing [395expresslanes@VDOT.Virginia.gov](mailto:395expresslanes@VDOT.Virginia.gov)

## Project Benefits

### Move More People

- Move more than 10,000 additional people during PM peak period (north of Glebe Rd)
- Increase traffic in HOV lanes (future Express Lanes) by 35 - 50% during the PM peak period

### Reduce Congestion

- Reduce travel times in the regular lanes by an average of 6 to 8 minutes

### Expand Travel Choices

- Promote HOV throughout the day (currently no incentive to HOV during off-peak hours)
- Expand the regional Express Lanes network

### Increase Reliability

- Provide reliable travel times for transit service to and from Pentagon
- Reduce congestion in HOV lanes (future Express Lanes) before and after current HOV restricted periods

### Improve Safety

- Reduce the potential for congestion related crashes

### Noise Mitigation

- Provide opportunity for new noise walls

## Project Schedule

Begin NEPA – Environmental Assessment	January 2016
Begin Transit/TDM Study	April 2016
Public Information Meetings	April 11 and 13, 2016
Public Meetings and Hearings	October 24 and 26, 2016 October 27, 2016 (I-395 South Widening) November 30, 2016
Regional Long-Range Plan Decision	November 2016
Final Transit/TDM Study	December 2016
Final NEPA Decision	January 2017
Begin Construction	2017
Complete Project	2019

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## Public Hearing

# I-395 Express Lanes Northern Extension

I-395 From North of Edsall Road to Eads Street Near the Pentagon

**MONDAY, OCTOBER 24, 2016**

Wakefield High School  
 1325 S. Dinwiddie Street  
 Arlington, VA 22206

**WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 26, 2016**

Francis C. Hammond Middle School  
 4646 Seminary Road  
 Alexandria, VA 22304

**WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 30, 2016**

Bren Mar Park Elementary School  
 6344 Beryl Road  
 Alexandria, VA 22312

## About Tonight's Public Meeting

Open House (6:30 - 8:30 p.m.), Formal Presentation (7:00 p.m.) and Comment Period

The Virginia Department of Transportation, in partnership with the Department of Rail and Public Transportation, is holding public meetings on plans to extend the I-395 Northern Express Lanes for eight miles from Turkeycock Run near Edsall Road to Eads Street near the Pentagon. The draft Environmental Assessment, in cooperation with the Federal Highway Administration (FHWA), is available for public review and comment.

Provide comments on the design plans or draft EA at the public meetings, during the public hearing or privately to a court reporter, or until close of business on December 12, 2016, by email: [395expresslanes@vdot.virginia.gov](mailto:395expresslanes@vdot.virginia.gov) or mail: Ms. Amanda Baxter, Virginia Department of Transportation, 4975 Alliance Drive, Fairfax, VA 22030. Please reference "I-395 Express Lanes Northern Extension" in the subject line.

## Project Overview and Location

**Purpose and Need:** Develop a transportation solution that improves roadway conditions throughout the corridor by:

- Reducing congestion
- Providing additional travel choices
- Improving travel reliability
- Improving roadway safety

### Project Limits:

**From:** I-395 from North of Edsall Road

**To:** Eads Street near the Pentagon

**Total Length:** 8 miles



## Project Description

The Virginia Department of Transportation (VDOT) in cooperation with the Federal Highway Administration (FHWA), has produced an Environmental Assessment (EA) for the Interstate 395 (I-395) Express Lanes Northern Extension Project. The project expands and converts the two existing reversible High Occupancy Vehicle (HOV) lanes on I-395 to three managed High Occupancy Toll (HOT) or Express Lanes for eight miles along I-395 from north of Edsall Road to the vicinity of Eads Street near the Pentagon. The proposed extension will also install signage,

noise walls, toll systems and a Lane Use Management System along the corridor.

Virginia's Secretary of Transportation has outlined the Commonwealth's commitment to a project that will provide a minimum annual payment of \$15 Million from toll revenues to support new and expanded transit and transportation demand management (TDM) throughout the I-95/I-395 Corridor. The transit payment will be escalated annually to address inflation.

## Transit and Transportation Demand Management (TDM)

In partnership with VDOT, the Department of Rail and Public Transportation (DRPT) is conducting a Transit and TDM study, working with key stakeholder jurisdictions and agencies. The study area extends along I-95/I-395 from Stafford County to the Potomac River, and includes parallel commuting corridors. A list of eligible projects is

being developed and evaluated based upon input from key stakeholders. The study will be completed in December 2016, and will include project lists and evaluations. Transit payments are anticipated to begin in late 2019, subject to the start of tolling.

## Environmental Analysis

VDOT conducted an environmental assessment (EA) for public review and comment to comply with the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA). In accordance with the National Historic Preservation Act, Section 106 and 36 CFR Part 800, information on potential effects of the proposed improvements on properties listed in or eligible for listing in the National Register of Historic Places is included in the environmental document.

Environmental Resource	Resource Summary
Property Impacts	No relocations or displacements; up to 5.30 acres of potential right of way acquisition and/or easements
Environmental Justice	No disproportionate impacts
Land Use, Community Facilities, and Recreational Resources	No substantial impacts
Cultural Resources	No adverse effects; 5.91 acres of property may be impacted
Air Quality	No adverse impacts to ambient air quality and no violations of National Ambient Air Quality Standards
Noise	Impact to 2,857 noise-sensitive receptors; 8.1 miles of barriers have preliminarily been identified as being feasible and reasonable
Wetlands and Streams	Impact to .0004 acres of wetland
Floodplains	Impacts to 0.09 acres of 100-year floodplains and 0.01 acres of 500-year floodplains
Wildlife and Habitat	Minimal impact
Threatened, Endangered, and Special Status Species	No adverse effects to the northern long eared bat and the dwarf wedgemussel; anadromous fish use areas downstream of the study area may require time-of-year restrictions
Hazardous Materials	8 sites of elevated environmental concern; sites will be managed and handled in accordance with federal, state, and local procedures
Indirect and Cumulative Effects	Minimal impacts since the proposed improvements are to an existing facility in an environment that is highly developed
Section 4(f)	Not anticipated, if right of way impacts to occur to 4(f) properties, impacts would likely be considered <i>de minimis</i>

## I-395 Express Lanes Northern Extension Access

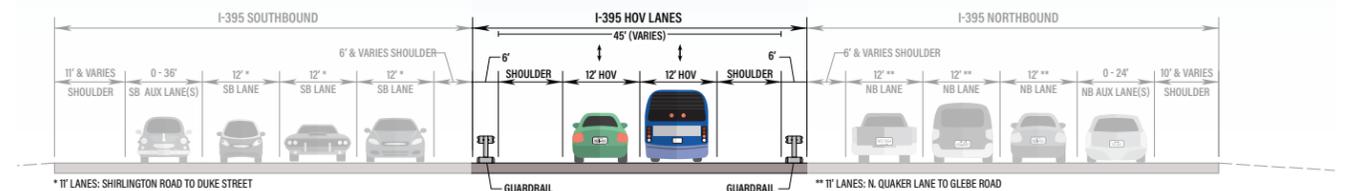


- 1: Capacity and operational improvements are proposed at Eads Street Interchange.
- 2-5: All existing access points will remain the same and will provide access between I-395 and the express lanes – except for the Eads Street Interchange.
- 4: Seminary Road South-facing ramp remains limited to HOV-only at all times.

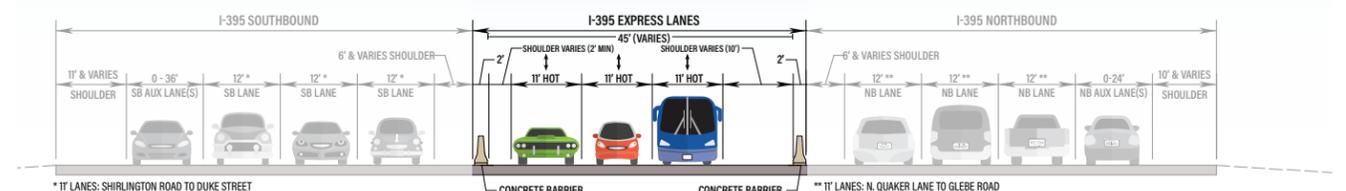
Access Points	Existing Access	Future Access
1 Eads Street Ramps	See Eads Street Interchange Display Boards	
2 Washington Boulevard – South Facing Ramp	AM: NB from HOV lanes PM: SB to HOV lanes	AM: NB from HOT lanes PM: SB to HOT lanes
3 Shirlington Road – North Facing Ramp	AM: NB to HOV lanes PM: SB from HOV lanes	AM: NB to HOT Lanes PM: SB from HOT lanes
4 Seminary Road – North Facing Ramp	AM: NB to HOV lanes PM: SB from HOV lanes	AM: NB to HOT lanes PM: SB from HOT lanes
4 Seminary Road – South Facing Ramp	AM: NB from HOV lanes PM: SB to HOV lanes	No change
HOV only at all times		
5 Turkeycock Run (north of Edsall Road)	AM: NB access to and from HOV lanes PM: SB access to and from HOV lanes	AM: NB access to and from HOT lanes PM: SB access to and from HOT lanes

## Typical Section

### Existing Condition



### Proposed Condition



The two existing HOV lanes (or High Occupancy Vehicle) lanes will be converted to express lanes and a third lane will be added, providing three reversible express lanes.

## 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 VDOT's Civil Rights Division at 703-259-1775 or TTY/TDD 711.

## Right of Way

The project will be built mainly within the existing footprint of the I-395 HOV lanes. Additional right of way acquisition may be required to construct noise walls or signs. No relocations or displacements will be required. Information about right of way acquisition is discussed in VDOT's brochure, "Right of Way and Utilities: A Guide for Property Owners and Tenants." Copies of this brochure are available this evening from a right of way representative or at [www.vdot.virginia.gov/business/resources/Right\\_of\\_way/A\\_Guide\\_for\\_Property\\_Owners\\_and\\_Tenants.pdf](http://www.vdot.virginia.gov/business/resources/Right_of_way/A_Guide_for_Property_Owners_and_Tenants.pdf)