

PROJECT TEAM

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Dates to Remember

“Pardon Our Dust” Meeting

December 2, 2014
5-7 p.m.

James Monroe High School
2300 Washington Avenue
Fredericksburg

Advance Utility Construction and I-95 Bridge Construction Begins fall 2014-winter 2015

Fall Hill Widening Construction Spring 2015

Project Completion January 2017



FALL HILL AVENUE WIDENING AND MARY WASHINGTON BOULEVARD EXTENSION PROJECT CITY OF FREDERICKSBURG

Description

The Fall Hill Avenue corridor connects downtown Fredericksburg with Central Park and carries approximately 17,200 vehicles per day, with that number expected to double in the next 20 years.

The project will widen Fall Hill Avenue from the two existing lanes to four lanes with a raised median from Carl D. Silver Parkway to a roundabout just west of the bridge over the Rappahannock Canal.

Mary Washington Boulevard will be extended to the roundabout to provide a new connection between Jefferson Davis Highway and Fall Hill Avenue.

The existing bridge over I-95 will be widened from two lanes with no shoulders or sidewalks to four lanes with pedestrian facilities on both sides. This project will improve traffic operations and provide pedestrian and bike facilities in the area.

Special Features

- Fall Hill Avenue will have a shared-use path on the north and a sidewalk on the south to provide bicyclists and pedestrians access to Central Park and the Rappahannock Canal Path.
- A noise study is being performed to determine the need for noise barriers along the corridor and will be coordinated with the property owners to determine the final locations.
- Mary Washington Boulevard will have a sidewalk on both sides of the street between Hospital Drive and Jefferson Davis Highway. The sidewalk on the west side will extend to Fall Hill Avenue at the roundabout.
- The I-95 bridge will be replaced with a four-lane bridge to include a shared-use path on the north side and a sidewalk on the south side.
- The Fall Hill Avenue and Mary Washington Boulevard roundabout will provide a free flow connection for traffic between the intersecting streets, while calming traffic speeds along the corridor.
- Retaining walls are being installed to minimize the right-of-way and environmental impacts of the project and are located on Fall Hill Avenue at the Central Park Townhomes, at the Forest Village parking lot and historic gates at the roundabout, and along Mary Washington Boulevard to reduce impacts to the remaining historic Civil War trenches.
- The Snowden Park facilities will be reconstructed as part of the project and will include a new 40-space gravel parking lot, paved basketball court facilities, and a baseball field.
- The proposed design minimizes impacts to traffic operations by maintaining two travel lanes during construction on Fall Hill Avenue and access to existing driveways and entrances.

Construction will begin in January 2015 to build a new bridge over Interstate 95 and for advance utility relocations. The bridge will remain open to traffic during construction.

Work hours will be daily from 7 a.m. to 7 p.m. with minimal night operations as required to minimize traffic impacts. Construction on the road widening will begin in spring 2015, with only sporadic lane closures.

Public Meeting

- A “Pardon Our Dust” public meeting will held from 5-7 p.m. on December 2, 2014 at James Monroe High School, 2300 Washington Avenue, to inform the public of changes in traffic patterns and major construction activities.