

## Providing Your Input

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 MAY 13, 2016 TO BE INCLUDED IN THE PUBLIC INFORMATION MEETING RECORD.**

### HOW TO PROVIDE INPUT

#### 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

#### By May 13, 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)

VISIT [VIRGINIADOT.ORG/395EXPRESS](http://VIRGINIADOT.ORG/395EXPRESS)

## Express Lanes: How They Work

- Carpools (HOV-3+), buses and motorcycles travel toll-free
- Drivers traveling alone or with one passenger have an option to pay a toll for a faster trip, even during rush hours
- Dynamic tolls adjust based on real-time traffic to keep drivers moving – tolls maintain highway speeds and ensure that federally required performance standards are met
- Current toll prices are displayed on signs before entry points
- E-ZPass is required for all drivers – HOV-3 travels free with E-ZPass Flex
- Rules of the road and tolls are in effect at all times
- Regular lanes remain free of charge at all times

#### EXPRESS LANES OPERATIONS CENTER

- Real-time data is collected
- Information is analyzed and a toll is calculated and displayed on the pricing signs
- The pricing ensures free-flowing travel speeds

#### TOLL PRICES

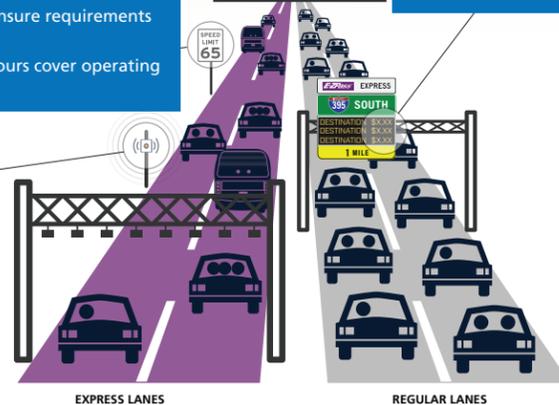
- On-road technology collects data to price specific trips
- As traffic increases, toll prices increase to manage demand
- Toll prices adjust as often as every 15 minutes

#### MANAGING TRAFFIC

- There are federal requirements to maintain minimum travel speeds and therefore there is no maximum toll rate
- Dynamic tolls help to ensure requirements are met
- Tolls during off-peak hours cover operating and maintenance costs

#### SENSORS

- Sensors will be located approximately every 1/3 mile
- Sensors measure traffic volumes, speeds and how crowded the lanes are



### Next Steps

- September 2016:** Public Hearing
- December 2016:** Design Build Contract Award
- December 2016:** Final Environmental Document
- December 2016:** Final Transit / TDM Study

### Contact Information

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## Public Information Meeting

### I-395 Express Lanes Northern Extension I-395 From North of Edsall Road to Eads Street Near the Pentagon



**Monday, April 11, 2016**  
 Wakefield High School  
 1325 S. Dinwiddie Street | Arlington, VA 22206

**Wednesday, April 13, 2016**  
 Francis C. Hammond Middle School  
 4646 Seminary Road | Alexandria, VA 22304

### About Tonight's Public Meeting

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

Welcome to the Virginia Department of Transportation's (VDOT) Public Information Meeting on the proposed expansion and conversion of the two existing reversible High Occupancy Vehicle (HOV) lanes on I-395 to three managed High Occupancy Toll (HOT) or Express Lanes.

This Public Information Meeting is being held to provide an opportunity for any person, organization, or agency

to provide VDOT comments and/or suggestions on the proposed project. Your comments can be provided tonight during the meeting, or on the enclosed comment sheet, which can be mailed or e-mailed to the addresses provided. **Comments must be received by May 13, 2016 to be included in the public information meeting record.**

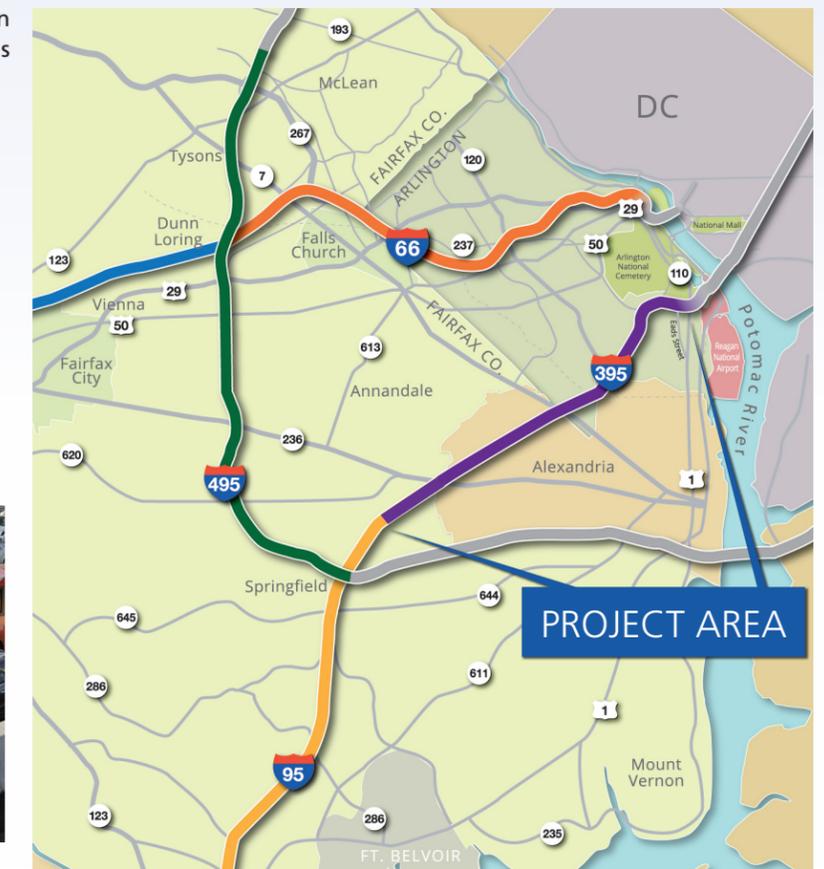
## Project Overview and Location

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

- Reducing congestion
- Providing additional travel choices
- Improving travel predictability
- 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 initiated a study for the Interstate 395 (I-395) Express Lanes Northern Extension Project to extend the I-95 Express Lanes in the City of Alexandria, and Arlington and Fairfax Counties, Virginia. Pursuant

to the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA), as amended, and in accordance with FHWA regulations, an Environmental Assessment (EA) is being prepared to analyze and document the potential social, economic, and environmental effects associated with the proposed transportation improvements.

## Development Framework Agreement

- The Comprehensive Agreement executed in 2012 with 95 Express Lanes, LLC (95 Express) contemplated the potential future development of the extension of the I-95 Express Lanes along the I-395 corridor
- In November 2015, VDOT and 95 Express signed a Development Framework Agreement outlining the initial roles and responsibilities for the I-395 Express Lanes Project
- Agreement Terms
  - Improvements to be built largely within VDOT's existing right of way
  - VDOT and 95 Express will work together to finalize the scope, finance plan and agreement
  - 95 Express will provide a long-term transit investment through annual transit payments for the Agreement Term (2087)

### VDOT Responsibilities

- Planning/Environmental Approvals
  - Inclusion in MWCOG Transportation Planning Board's Constrained Long Range Plan (CLRP)
  - Public Outreach
  - Environmental Assessment and supporting technical studies
  - Preliminary Noise Wall Work
- Interchange Modification Report (IMR)
- Federal, State and Local Agency Coordination
- Transit/TDM Study (conducted by DRPT)

### 95 Express Responsibilities

- Preliminary Engineering and Design
- Cost Estimating
- Finance Plan
- Design-Build Procurement
- Community Outreach
- Construction and Operation of the I-395 Express Lanes

## Anticipated Schedule

TASKS	2016	2017	2018	2019
Begin NEPA - Environmental Assessment	January			
Begin Transit / TDM Study	April			
Public Information Meetings	April 11 & 13 WE ARE HERE			
Public Hearing	September			
Preliminary Financial Agreement	October			
Final NEPA Decision	December			
Final Transit / TDM Study	December			
Final Financial Agreement		January		
Construction		Spring		Summer
Project Completion				Summer

## Express Lanes Access



	Access Points	Existing Access	Future Access
1	Eads Street – NB Off Ramp from HOV	AM: NB from HOV lanes PM: Closed	Capacity and operational improvements to be evaluated as part of detailed traffic and feasibility studies
	Eads Street – SB On Ramp to HOV	AM & PM: SB to HOV lanes	
	Eads Street – NB On Ramp to HOV	AM & PM: NB to HOV lanes	
	Eads Street – SB Off Ramp from HOV	AM & PM: SB from HOV lanes	
	Ramp from SB HOV Lanes to SB regular lanes (south of Eads Street)	AM & PM: SB from HOV lanes	
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
	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)	Full access between HOV/HOT lanes and regular lanes	Full access between HOT lanes and regular 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 800-367-7623 or TTY/TDD 711.

## Right of Way

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)

## Environmental Review

VDOT is preparing an Environmental Assessment (EA) to comply with the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA). To inform the EA, VDOT is conducting necessary environmental analysis and coordinating with appropriate regulatory agencies to obtain information about environmental resources in the vicinity of the project.