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The comment period will close fifteen (15) calendar days after this public hearing, VDOT will review and evaluate any information received as a result of this location and design public hearing.

After all comments have been addressed, the major design features will then be presented to VDOT's Chief Engineer or designee for approval.

Project information is available for review at VDOT's Northern Virginia District Office located at 4975 Alliance Drive, Fairfax, VA 22030. Please call ahead using the contact information below to ensure appropriate personnel are available to answer your questions.

Comments can also be submitted in writing to [meeting\\_comments@VDOT.virginia.gov](mailto:meeting_comments@VDOT.virginia.gov). Please include "I-66 and Route 15 Interchange Public Hearing Comment" in the subject line. Information must be postmarked, emailed or delivered to VDOT by April 4th in order to be included in the public hearing record.

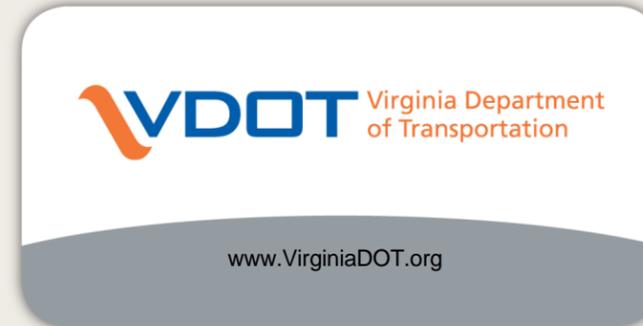
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Location and Design Public Hearing

## I-66 and Route 15 Interchange Reconstruction Prince William County

Wednesday, March 20, 2013, 6:00 – 8:00 p.m.  
Battlefield High School  
15000 Graduation Drive, Haymarket, VA 20169

## Location and Design Public Hearing

State Project (FO) 0066-076-074, P101, R201, C501  
UPC: 100566 Federal Project: IM-066-1(341)

**Welcome to the Virginia Department of Transportation's (VDOT) Location and Design Public Hearing on the proposed reconstruction of the interchange at I-66 and Route 15 (James Madison Highway) in Prince William County.**

This public hearing is being held to provide an opportunity for citizens and organizations to give VDOT comments and/or suggestions on the proposed project.

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

VDOT representatives are present to discuss the project and answer your questions.

A comment sheet is included in the handouts for this meeting, and your input is encouraged. All oral and written comments received on this project will be included in a transcript for review by VDOT personnel, citizens and other interested parties.

## Project Overview



I-66/Route 15 Interchange location, Prince William County

**Purpose** – Relieve congestion and enhance capacity of the interchange to improve traffic flow and safety.

**From** – 0.5 miles east of Route 15

**To** – 0.5 miles west of Route 15

**Total length** – Approximately 1.0 mile

**Improvements** – Construct a new flyover ramp from southbound Route 15 to eastbound Route 66; modify existing ramps; widen Route 15 bridges; improve adjacent intersections at Heathcote Boulevard and Route 55; construct a bicycle/pedestrian trail on the eastern side of Route 15.

## PROJECT DESCRIPTION

The proposed project would reconstruct the interchange at I-66 and Route 15 (James Madison Highway) to enhance safety and capacity to accommodate the forecasted traffic demand in the area. The project would also improve the intersections of Route 15 at Heathcote Boulevard and at Route 55 (John Marshall Highway) located adjacent to the interchange.

Under current conditions, during the morning peak period, the southbound Route 15 to eastbound I-66 traffic exceeds the capacity of the left turn lane and signalized intersection. This results in queues that back onto the mainline of southbound Route 15.

During the afternoon peak period, the westbound I-66 to Route 15 off ramp traffic exceeds the capacity of the ramp and the left and right turning movements at the signalized intersection. This results in queues that back onto the mainline shoulder of the interstate.

To address these problems, the I-66 westbound off ramp would be widened and lengthened and triple left turns provided from the off ramp to southbound Route 15. A new flyover ramp would be built to take the traffic from southbound Route 15 to eastbound I-66. This new flyover ramp will provide direct access to I-66 and eliminate the signalized left turn that exists today. Improvements would also be made to the other existing ramp intersections and to Route 15 including widening and providing additional turn lanes at the intersections at Route 55 and at Heathcote Boulevard to improve traffic operations, safety and capacity.

All reasonable alternatives that met the project purpose and need were initially considered. The project technical team identified a preliminary set of seven interchange concepts for analysis and evaluation along with the no-build alternative. The project technical team included representatives from the Federal Highway Administration (FHWA), Prince William County, the Town of Haymarket and VDOT.

### Project Graphic



Proposed Design of Preferred Alternative

## Estimated Project Cost

### Project Cost:

Preliminary engineering - \$7 million

Right of way acquisition, relocation assistance and utility relocation - \$12 million

Construction - \$54 million

**Total - \$73 million**

*This project will be financed using federal and state funds. Costs are subject to change since development of the project is in the early design stage.*

## Civil Rights

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## Right of Way

Displays at the meeting show the approximate right of way needed as the project is currently proposed. As design is further developed, additional easements and right of way may be required beyond what is shown in the plans. Impacted property owners will be informed of the exact location of the easements prior to construction during the right of way acquisition process.

Information on the acquisition process is discussed in VDOT's brochure, "Right of Way and Utilities: A Guide for Property Owners and Tenants." Copies of this brochure are available here from a VDOT Right of Way agent.

## Anticipated Schedule

The following schedule is proposed:

- **Comment period ends** – April 4, 2013
- **Design approval** – Summer 2013
- **Advertise project** – Late Summer/Early Fall 2013
- **Begin construction** – 2014

*Project schedule assumes Design-Build project delivery.*

## Environmental Review

VDOT has performed environmental reviews coordinated with federal, state, and local agencies to obtain information about environmental resources and to identify opportunities for avoidance, minimization and mitigation of potential environmental impacts.

In accordance with 23 CFR 771 and the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) an Environmental Assessment (EA) has been prepared in cooperation with the Federal Highway Administration. The EA which includes information from various technical reviews including those related to water quality, threatened and endangered species, air quality, noise, etc. is available for review at tonight's meeting.

In compliance with the National Historic Preservation Act, Section 106 and 36 CFR Part 800, information concerning the potential effects of the proposed project on properties listed in or eligible for listing in the National Register of Historic Places is also provided in the environmental documentation.

Coordination with the appropriate federal, state, and local agencies will continue throughout project development and construction. All required environmental clearances and permits will be obtained prior to commencement of construction. Strict compliance with all environmental conditions and commitments resulting from regulatory approvals, and implementation of VDOT's specifications and standard best management practices will be conducted to protect the environment during construction.

Representatives from VDOT's Environmental Section are available to discuss this information and to answer questions.