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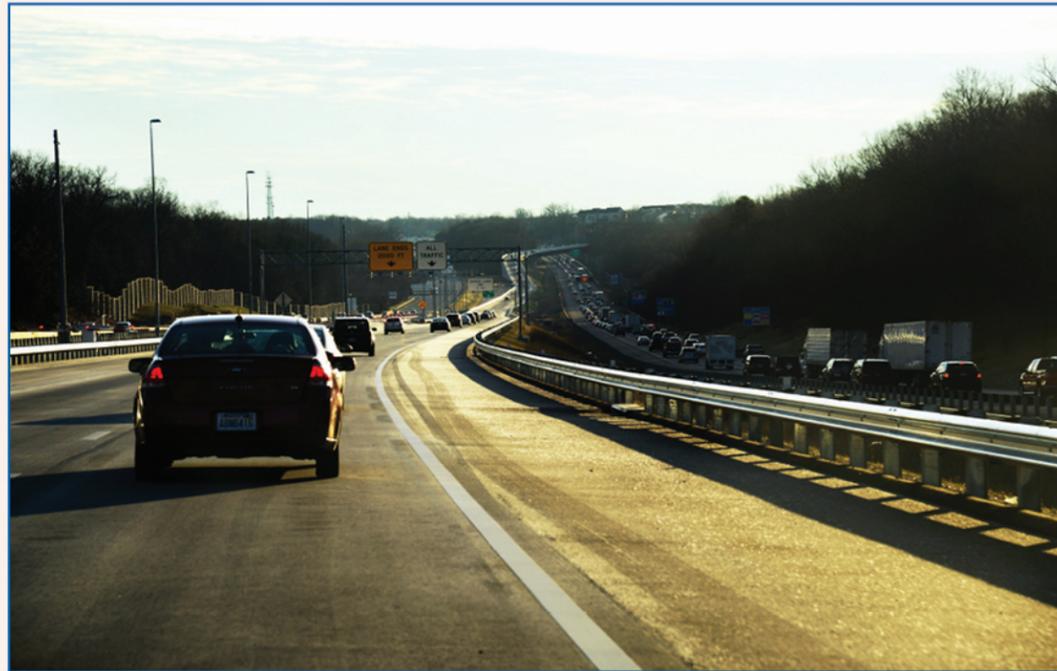
PROVIDE INPUT

At Tonight's Meeting:

- Discuss your questions with VDOT staff and provide your comments at the meeting
- Submit your comments via mail to Paul Nishimoto, Project Manager, VDOT Northern Virginia District, 4975 Alliance Drive, Fairfax, VA 22030
- Email your comments to meeting_comments@vdot.virginia.gov

Please reference "I-95 Express Lanes Southern Terminus Extension" in the subject line of all correspondence.

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Next Steps

The Request for Proposals (RFP) for the design-build project is scheduled to be released on February 29, 2016. After the project has been awarded, the design-builder will complete the project design.

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Public Information Meeting I-95 Express Lanes Southern Terminus Extension Stafford County

Wednesday, February 17, 2016
(Snow Date: Wednesday, February 24, 2016)
Presentations at 6:30 and 7:30 p.m.
H.H. Poole Middle School
800 Eustace Road, Stafford, VA 22554

About Tonight's Meeting

Welcome to the Virginia Department of Transportation's (VDOT) Public Information Meeting on the I-95 Express Lanes Southern Terminus Extension project, which is located near the Garrisonville Road (Route 610) interchange in Stafford County. The project involves extending the southern terminus of the 95 Express Lanes by approximately 2.2 miles. A new southbound exit and northbound entry will help ease congestion on the I-95 express and general purpose lanes in Stafford County.

This 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. 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. Comments received will be reviewed and considered by VDOT during design of the project.

Project Overview and Location

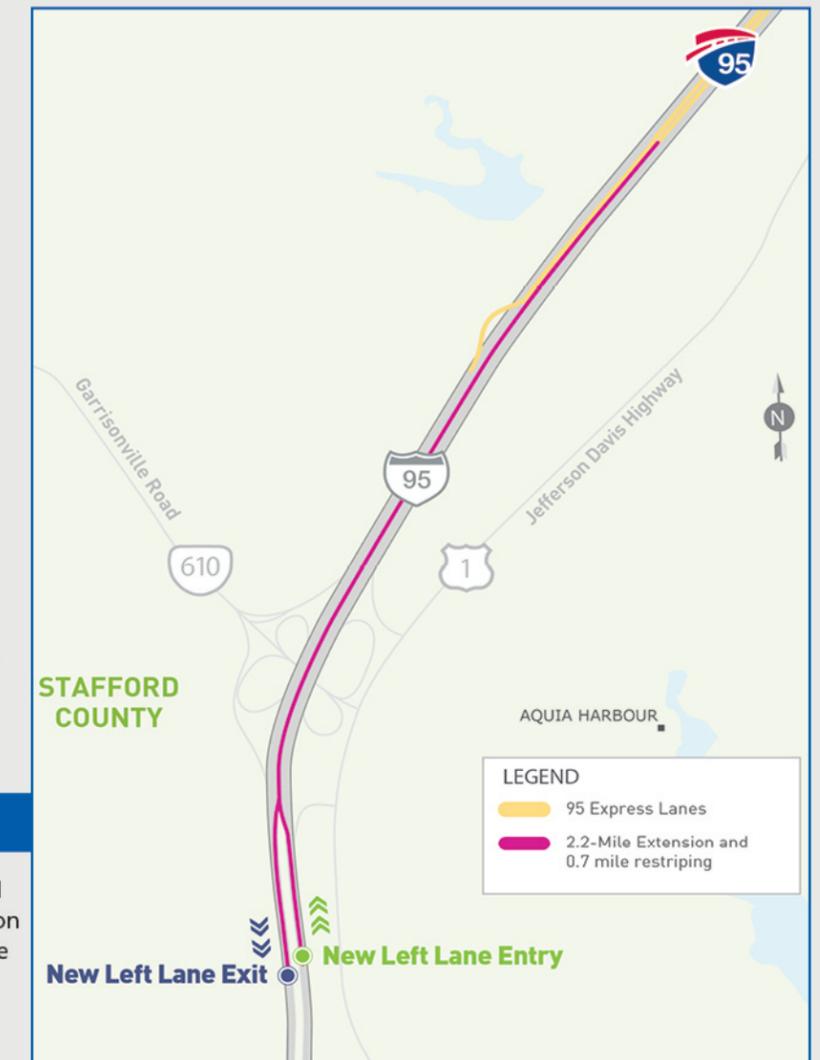
Purpose: To enhance safety, improve travel times and reliability, and provide congestion relief at the entrance and exit points of the 95 Express Lanes in Stafford County

From: 0.9 miles south of the Garrisonville Road overpass

To: 2.0 miles north of the Garrisonville Road overpass

Total Length: 2.9 miles

I-95 Express Lanes Southern Terminus



Project Background and Description

The 95 Express Lanes brought major improvements to the I-95 Corridor, including the elimination of the bottleneck in Dumfries and a new travel option for drivers during peak hours. However, with increasing travel on the lanes, VDOT and its partner, 95 Express Lanes LLC, are moving quickly to address congestion challenges at the current merge point and entry in Stafford County. The project will construct an approximate 2.2 mile reversible lane, commencing at the current southern end of the 95 Express Lanes (located north of Garrisonville Road), and will include the creation of new northbound and southbound ramps between the express lanes and the general purpose lanes.

Northbound traffic will be able to enter the 95 Express Lanes sooner at a new entrance located south of the Garrisonville Road overpass, prior to the Exit 143 interchange. The existing left-side ramp located north of Garrisonville Road will remain in place as an alternative for motorists entering the express lanes.

Southbound traffic in the 95 Express Lanes heading toward Fredericksburg and points south will be able to continue driving in the express lanes past the Garrisonville Road overpass. Southbound traffic will merge back into the regular I-95 southbound lanes approximately 1 mile south of Garrisonville Road. The existing express lanes flyover exit north of Garrisonville Road will remain in place for motorists heading toward westbound or eastbound Garrisonville Road.

Construction is scheduled to begin in 2016, and is estimated to take two years to complete. Construction will occur mainly in the median of I-95, and will not require new overhead toll gantries.

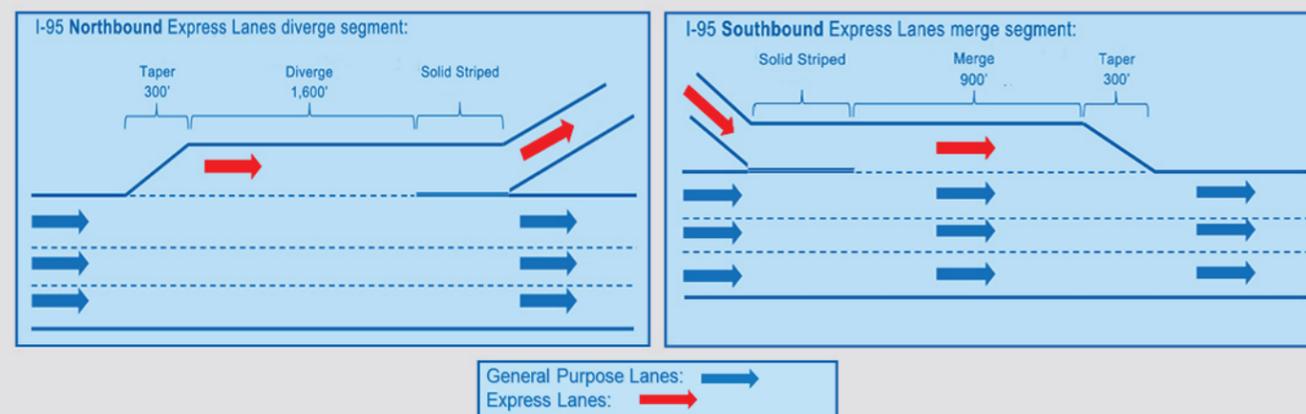
Estimated Project Cost

- Total Cost: Approximately \$50 million
- Contribution from 95 Express Lanes LLC: \$25 million



Northbound and Southbound Express Lanes Merges

The schematics below show the I-95 northbound and southbound lane configurations with the new express lanes ramps.



Project Benefits

- Reduced delays for northbound general lanes traffic in the a.m. peak hours
- Reduced delays for southbound express lanes traffic in the p.m. peak hours
- Safety improvements due to the reduced number of vehicles weaving to enter or exit the express lanes
- Overall increase in capacity, while staying within the existing VDOT right of way



Environmental Review

In cooperation with the Federal Highway Administration (FHWA), an Environmental Assessment (EA) was prepared for the 95 Express Lanes project to comply with the requirements of the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA). The environmental study evaluated the potential impacts from constructing a reversible two-lane high-occupancy toll (i.e., express lanes) facility within the median of I-95 south of Dumfries to 1.10 miles south of U.S. Route 17 (Exit 126); converting the existing two-lane high-occupancy vehicle (HOV) facility north of Dumfries to just north of the Prince William Parkway (Exit 158); and expanding the existing two-lane HOV facility to three express lanes from there to the Capital Beltway (I-495). Based upon the findings of the EA and supporting documentation,

the FHWA made a NEPA decision for a Finding of No Significant Impact (FONSI) in December 2011.

The EA identified proposed at-grade slip ramps that would enable access between the general purpose lanes and the express lanes; however, the proposed reversible single lane extension splitting into northbound entry and southbound exit merge ramps south of Garrisonville Road was not originally identified in the EA. Pursuant to 23 CFR 771.129(c), a reevaluation of the EA is underway to verify that the 2011 FONSI decision remains valid. The EA reevaluation includes updated technical reviews of natural resources, water quality, threatened and endangered species, historic properties, air quality, and traffic and noise impacts associated with the proposed project.

Right of Way

All construction is anticipated to be within the existing right of way. No residential or business properties will be directly impacted by right of way. Construction will primarily occur within the median area. A new sound wall is proposed along the southbound general purpose lanes within VDOT right of way.

Civil Rights

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Anticipated Schedule

MILESTONE	2016	2017	2018
Design-Build Request for Qualifications	January 4		
Design-Build Request for Proposals	February 29		
Commonwealth Transportation Board Action	May		
Design-Build Notice to Proceed	June		
Open Southbound Ramp		Winter	
Open Northbound Ramp			Summer