



# I-66 Multimodal Study

Inside the Beltway

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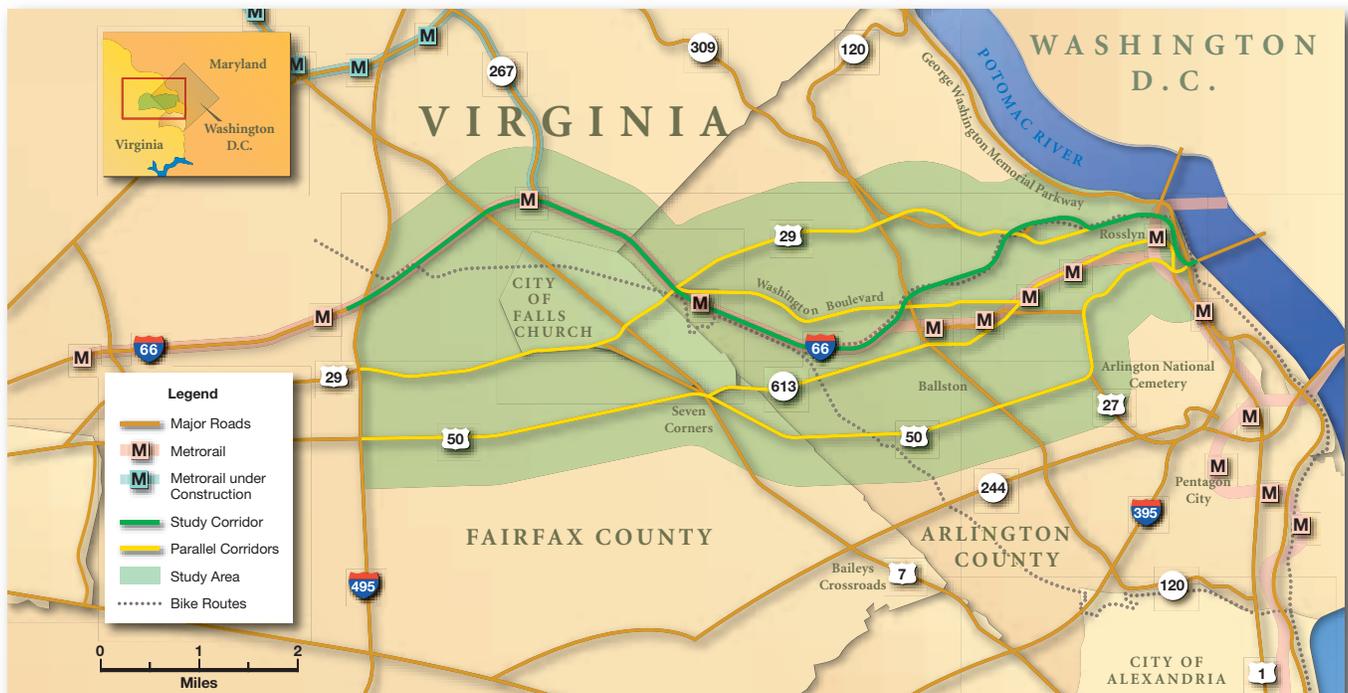
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## Moving Closer to Improving Travel in the I-66 Corridor

**T**he I-66 Multimodal Study was initiated in July 2011 by the Virginia Department of Transportation (VDOT), in partnership with the Virginia Department of Rail and Public Transportation (DRPT). The study will identify and evaluate the transportation options for addressing the congestion and mobility needs of the I-66 corridor inside the Capital Beltway, between I-495 and the Theodore Roosevelt Bridge. It will consider a wide range of complementary and mutually supportive multimodal improvement options, such as public transportation, transportation demand management, high occupancy vehicle lanes, high occupancy toll lanes, congestion pricing, managed lanes, active traffic

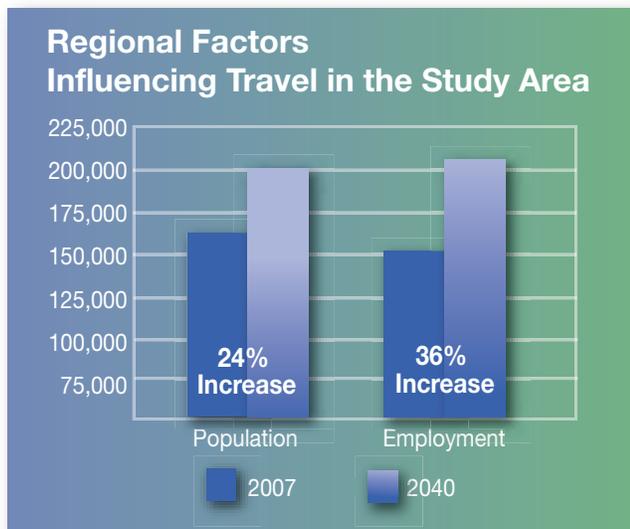
management, bicycle and pedestrian corridor access, and highway improvements.

The study builds on the results of the I-66 Transit/Transportation Demand Management Study, completed in 2009 for DRPT. The study is also being coordinated with the I-66 Tier 1 Environmental Impact Study (EIS) outside the Beltway, led by VDOT and DRPT. The I-66 Multimodal Study will focus primarily on assessing the performance of various alternatives in improving travel mobility in the corridor. The findings from this study will lead to a recommended set of improvements for the I-66 corridor inside the Beltway. A final report is anticipated in Summer 2012.



## Factors Influencing Travel

There are a number of factors influencing travel, including growth in the region and significant transportation investments being made, including the extension of Metrorail (the Silver Line), and the expansion of HOT lanes on I-495. The study is designed to explore and define transportation solutions to address current and future transportation issues and needs in the I-66 corridor inside the Beltway.



## Study Outcomes

The study will identify a number of solutions to alleviate the congestion and mobility issues in the I-66 corridor inside the Beltway. The principal outcomes of the study include:

- > Review of existing plans and studies and analysis of travel, demographic, land use, and population data to identify key issues and needs in the I-66 corridor inside the Beltway
- > Extensive public outreach, including market research, stakeholder interviews, and public meetings to help inform commuter priorities for transportation improvements
- > Inventory of multimodal transportation options available to enhance mobility
- > Analysis and evaluation of the transportation strategies, projects, policies, or programs to identify 8-10 options with the most potential for enhancing mobility in the I-66 corridor inside the Beltway
- > Analysis of 4-5 multimodal options packages designed to address the mobility issues in the I-66 corridor inside the Beltway
- > Development of multimodal recommendations to improve mobility in the I-66 corridor inside the Beltway

## Next Steps

In order to present the preferred options for reducing highway and transit congestion, several key tasks will be conducted between now and Summer 2012. Key short-term steps include the following items.

### Define Future Transportation

**Needs and Issues:** Identify factors influencing travel within the study area, including population and employment growth, changes in land use and development, and changes in travel. Existing and planned infrastructure will also be inventoried and assessed to determine the specific long-term transportation needs and issues within the study corridor.

### Inventory of Mobility Option

**Elements:** Develop a list of possible mobility options to address the transportation needs and issues. Project types include improved transit facilities and/or services (e.g., priority bus, dedicated lane, new service), modifications to highway facilities and/or operating policies (e.g., high occupancy vehicle lanes, high occupancy toll lanes, arterial road widening), intelligent transportation systems (e.g., signal timing optimization and dynamic message signs), intermodal access (e.g., bus bays, bicycle parking, access to transit), ridesharing, and bicycle and pedestrian mobility enhancements (e.g., new trail connectors, on-road facilities, and trail widening).

### Organize the Set of Mobility

**Options:** Based on the needs and issues assessment, the mobility option elements will be organized into a series of mobility options that will undergo a quantitative assessment to distill the mobility options into a set of packages and ultimately a set of recommendations.

### Mobility Options Public Dialog:

There will be several opportunities to review and comment on the mobility options, including two public meetings held at locations in Fairfax County and Arlington County in December 2011. The study team is also conducting market research to help capture the opinions of commuters. Finally, a series of individual interviews will be conducted to help inform the study team and agencies guiding the study.

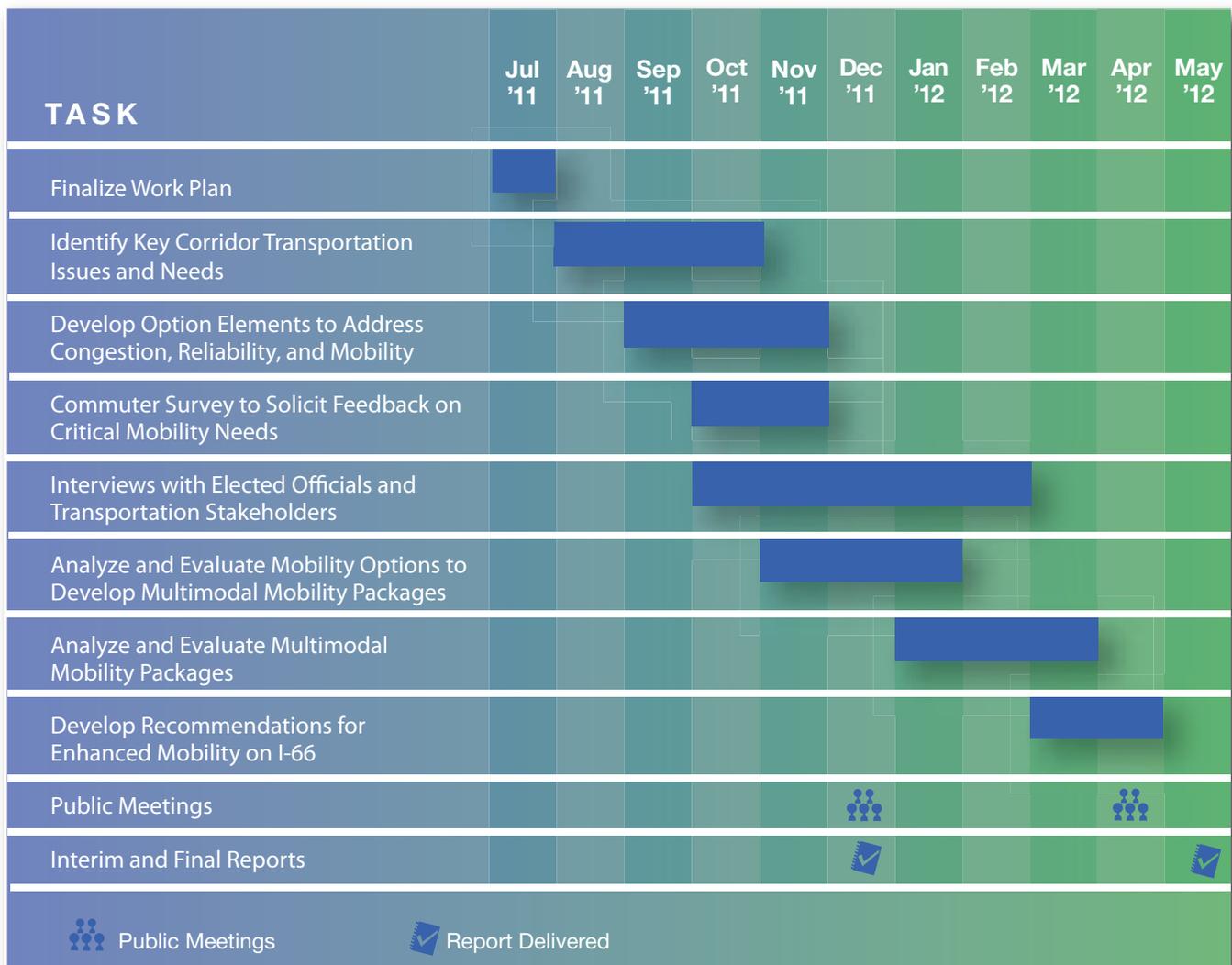
# Study Participants

To ensure that the study uses a broad lens to evaluate options, VDOT has formed a Participating Agency Representative Committee (PARC). The PARC meets with VDOT, DRPT, and the project consulting team to provide input on draft materials and advise the study. In addition, representatives have been asked to serve as a liaison with their respective

agencies and elected officials and to help distribute study information to their constituents and interested citizens. The membership includes transportation representatives from: Arlington County, City of Alexandria, City of Fairfax, City of Falls Church, District of Columbia, Fairfax County, Loudoun County, Metropolitan Washington Council of Governments,

Northern Virginia Transportation Commission, Potomac and Rappahannock Transportation Commission, Prince William County, Town of Vienna, Virginia Railway Express, and the Washington Metropolitan Area Transit Authority.

# Schedule/Key Milestones



This study has an aggressive schedule, with all work to be completed by Summer 2012.

## UPCOMING PUBLIC PARTICIPATION MEETINGS

Two public meetings will be held to capture valued input.

### **Fairfax County Meeting December 6, 2011 6-8 pm**

*Mary Ellen Henderson Middle  
School  
7130 Leesburg Pike  
Falls Church, VA 22043*

### **Arlington County Meeting December 14, 2011 6-8 pm**

*Arlington County Government  
Offices  
2100 Clarendon Boulevard  
Arlington, VA 22201*

### **Contact Us**

Have an idea? Want to be sure to be notified of upcoming meetings and events? Please send us an email or leave us a message. Your input and suggestions are greatly appreciated and will be reviewed by the study team. As we reach study milestones, we will share timely updates on the project website.

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## Public Participation Opportunities

Public input is critical to the success of this study. As noted, public meetings are being scheduled and numerous personal interviews are being held with elected officials and key stakeholders. Additionally, market research is being conducted to capture the opinions of commuters. The input received from the outreach efforts is being documented and will be used to help identify solutions for addressing the long-term mobility needs in the I-66 corridor inside the Beltway.

If you are interested in commenting by phone and/or email, please use the contact information noted in this fact sheet (see left column) or stay informed by visiting the study webpage at <http://www.i66multimodalstudy.com/>.

