

I-66 Spot Improvements
Citizen Information Meeting
Washington-Lee High School Cafeteria
Arlington, Virginia

September 26, 2007, 7:00 – 9:00 PM

The Virginia Department of Transportation (VDOT) conducted a Citizen Information Meeting on the preliminary design of spot improvements on Interstate 66 westbound inside the Capital Beltway. The meeting was held on September 26, 2007, from 7:00 to 9:00 PM at Washington-Lee High School in Arlington, Virginia. A formal presentation began at 7:30 PM and was followed by a question and answer session.

Throughout the evening the public had an opportunity to view study exhibits and maps, which included a detailed display of each of the three spot improvements. Two (2) court reporters were available to record any public comments. The transcript will be reviewed and considered by the Chief Engineer in completing the preliminary designs of the three spot improvements.

Public Notification

On September 7, 2007, the study team mailed approximately 60,000 newsletters announcing the public meeting to the project mailing list and zip codes within the study area. Packets of newsletters were mailed to local libraries within the study area to further promote the meeting. The project website (www.I-66spotimprovements.com), toll-free INFO line, paid advertisements in local and regional newspapers, and media releases also publicized the public meeting. Parking attendants and visible VDOT and project signage helped guide the public to the meeting venue.

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Approximately 150 people attended the Citizen Information Meeting. Attendees' contact information will be added to the project mailing list for notification of future I-66 spot improvement public meetings. The Open House portion of the meeting began at 7:00 PM and the public had an opportunity to view numerous maps and exhibits and speak with project and VDOT staff. Attendees were given meeting handouts, which included a project brochure, newsletter, contact sheet, and comment sheet.

Local officials attending the meeting were: Judy Connally and Doug Koelemay from the Commonwealth Transportation Board, and Walter Tejada and Paul

Ferguson, Vice-Chair and Chairman respectively, from the Arlington County Board.

Mr. Bud Siegel, VDOT Program Manager; Ken Mobley, Parsons Transportation Group, and Peter Bonaccorsi, HNTB Project Manager, conducted the formal presentation. After the presentation, Mr. Siegel moderated the question and answer session. A panel of specialists were available to assist during the session and included: Corey Hill, Department of Rail and Public Transportation; Jeff Daily, VDOT Project Manager; Paul Kohler, VDOT Noise Abatement; Steve Lemont, VDOT Environmental; James Ponticello, VDOT Air and Noise, as well as Messrs. Siegel, Mobley, and Bonaccorsi.

Twenty-three people participated in the Q&A session. The meeting was extended until 9:05 PM to give everyone an opportunity to ask questions in the open forum. Team members staffing the exhibits and VDOT personnel were available throughout the evening to answer individual questions.

The public was informed they could submit comments that evening by visiting the court reporters, submitting comment forms in the “comment box,” and by sending written comments pertaining to the meeting until October 15, 2007, to I-66 Spot Improvements, 3900 Jermantown Road, Suite 300, Fairfax, VA 22030. It was announced that comments could also be sent via email to meeting_comments@virginiadot.org (include I-66 Spot Improvements CIM Comments” in the subject line) throughout the study period.

The PowerPoint presentation, newsletter, brochure, and contact sheet are available for download from the project website, www.I-66spotimprovements.com.