

# Interstate 66 Tier 1 Environmental Impact Statement

# CITIZEN INFORMATION MEETING

June 2011



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Tier I Environmental Impact Statement and Related Studies  
**Interstate 66**  
 From US Route 15 in Prince William County To Interstate 495 in Fairfax

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- Do you use public transit when travelling in the I-66 corridor?
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  - Economic Development  Other

12. Are there specific sections or I-66 that you believe warrant significant study or improvements? If so, which sections and why is this effort necessary?

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14. What other comments would you like to provide us as we begin this important study?

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13. The Environmental Impact Statement prepared for this project will examine potential environmental impacts based on technical studies, field reviews and resource agency input. Which of these resources do you consider most important in the corridor? Rank those factors you believe important with "1" being of highest importance.

- Air Quality  Historic Resources
- Noise Levels  Parks and Recreation Areas
- Social and Economic Considerations
- Threatened and Endangered Species
- Wetlands, Streams and Other Waterbodies

Please provide your name and address (optional)

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Please complete this form and place it in the box provided or mail the form to the following address before July 15, 2011.

Stephen Walter  
 Parsons Transportation Group  
 3926 Pender Drive, Suite 100  
 Fairfax, Virginia 22030

If you prefer, you can e-mail your response to [Stephen.C.Walter@parsons.com](mailto:Stephen.C.Walter@parsons.com). Please reference "I-66 Tier 1 EIS: CIM Comments" in the subject heading of your correspondence.

If you have additional questions concerning this study, please contact VDOT's Project Manager, Mr. Chris Collins at (804)225-4249 or email at [CG.Collins@VDOT.Virginia.gov](mailto:CG.Collins@VDOT.Virginia.gov)

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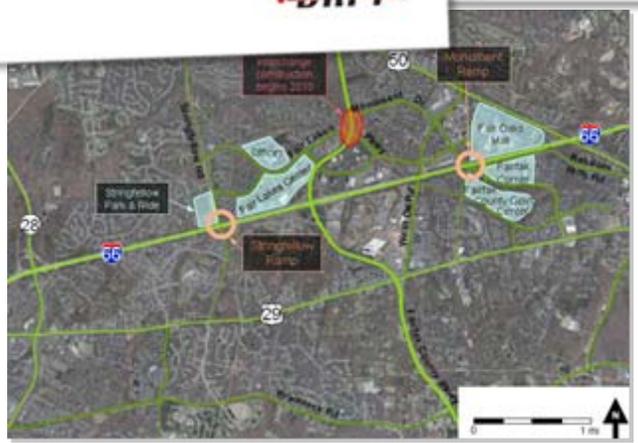
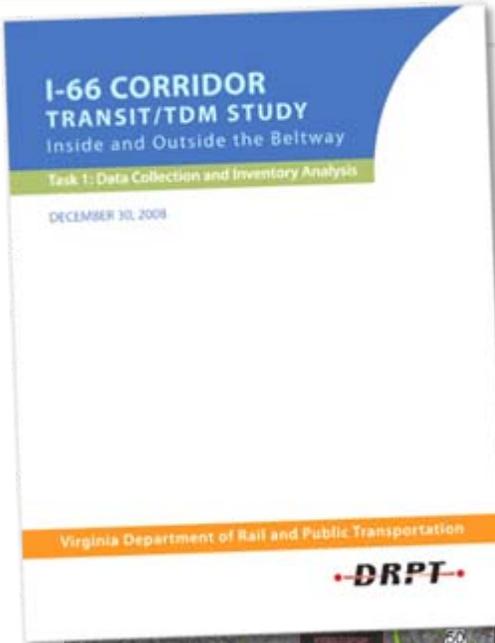
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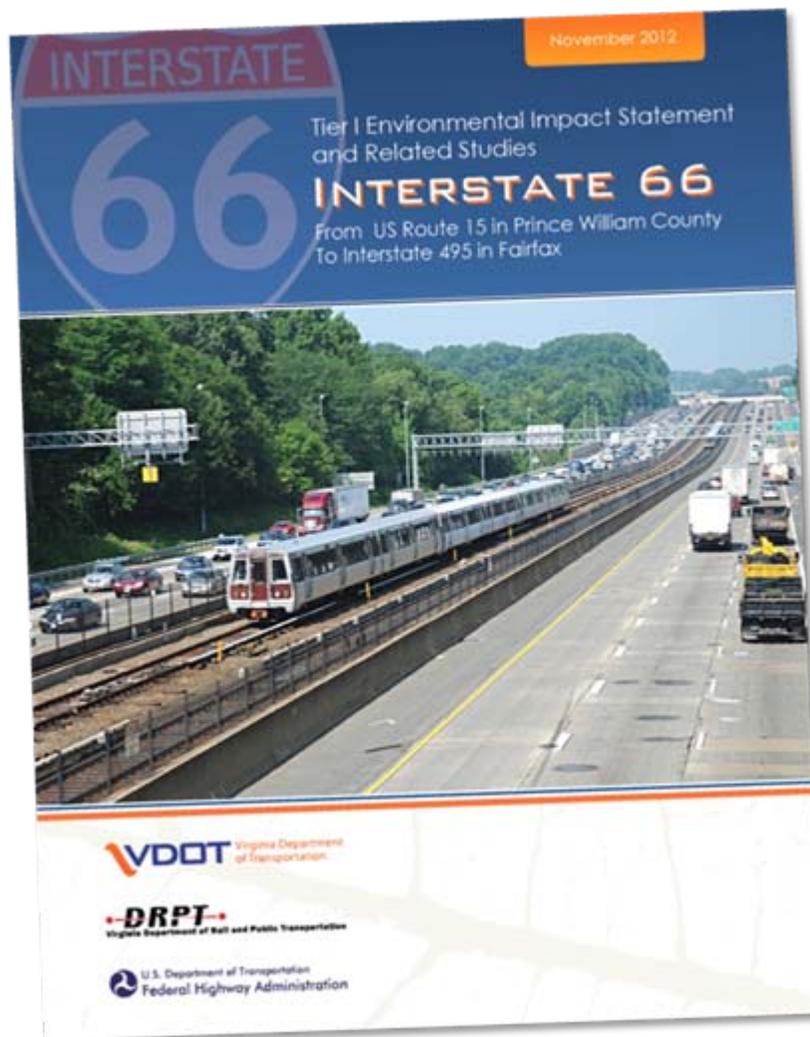
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# Previous and Concurrent Studies



# Tiered EIS Process



# Benefits of Tiered Study Process

- Focuses on issues ripe for decision
- Provides long-term vision for the corridor
- Allows interim improvements without precluding long-term requirements
- Allows detailed Tier 2 studies to focus on specific projects

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Tier 1 Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) and Related Studies  
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**Welcome** to the public scoping meeting for the Interstate 66 Tier 1 Environmental Impact Statement (EIS).

**Purpose of the Meeting**  
The goals of this scoping meeting are to obtain your input and to share information that is available at this very early stage of the study. The study team is seeking to determine the scope of issues to be addressed in the EIS.

Citizen and agency input is an important part of the scoping process. We would like to receive your input to the following questions:

- What are the transportation problems and needs in the corridor?
- What should be considered to address these needs in the corridor?
- What are the key environmental considerations in the corridor?

This handout, along with the displays you see tonight and the project website provide information on the overall study. Representatives of VDOT and its consultants are available to answer your questions and listen to your thoughts and concerns. We strongly encourage your comments and feedback.

**Purpose of the Study**  
This Tier 1 EIS is being developed by the Virginia Department of Transportation (VDOT), the Federal Highway Administration (FHWA), and the Virginia Department of Rail and Public Transportation (DRPT) to study potential multimodal improvements that will address existing and future transportation needs in the I-66 Corridor from U.S. Route 15 in Prince William County to I-495 in Fairfax County. The study area encompasses areas both north and south of existing I-66 as it passes through both Prince William and Fairfax Counties between these two endpoints.

**Tiered EIS Process**  
The EIS is being developed as a Tier 1 document. A Tier 1 EIS differs from traditional EIS's in that it focuses on broad issues such as purpose and need; travel mode (bus, carpool, rail transit, car, etc.), technology choices; and the general location of proposed improvements. Several key aspects of the tiering process include:

- The process will help VDOT, FHWA, and DRPT to focus on the issues which are ripe for decision.
- The process will provide the long-term vision for the corridor.
- The process will allow improvements to continue to be made that will not preclude the implementation of the long-term vision for the corridor.
- Subsequent Tier 2 analyses will focus on site-specific details, including specific project impacts, costs and mitigation.

**Scoping/Citizen Information Meetings**

**Wednesday, June 8, 2011**  
Four Points Sheraton  
Washington Room  
10800 Vandor Lane  
Manassas, VA 20109  
5:00 PM – 8:00 PM

**Thursday, June 9, 2011**  
Virginia Department of Transportation  
Northern Virginia District Office  
4975 Alliance Drive  
Fairfax, VA 22030  
5:00 PM – 8:00 PM

✓ Mail your comment form to our consultant at the following address before June 15, 2011:

Parsons Transportation Group  
3926 Pender Drive, Suite 100  
Fairfax, Virginia 22030



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