

Interstate 66 Tier 1 Environmental Impact Statement

Cooperating and Participating Agencies Meeting November 29, 2011

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Meeting Agenda

- Background Information
- Study Process
- Study Schedule
- Agency Roles
- Public and Agency Meetings
- Coordination Points
- Overview of Corridor Conditions
- Purpose and Need

Background Information

- 25-mile Multimodal Corridor extending from Route 15 in Prince William County to I-495 (Capital Beltway) in Fairfax County
- Serving the fastest growing region in Virginia
- History of studies and debate
- Numerous other projects in the corridor
- Decision to proceed with Tiered NEPA process

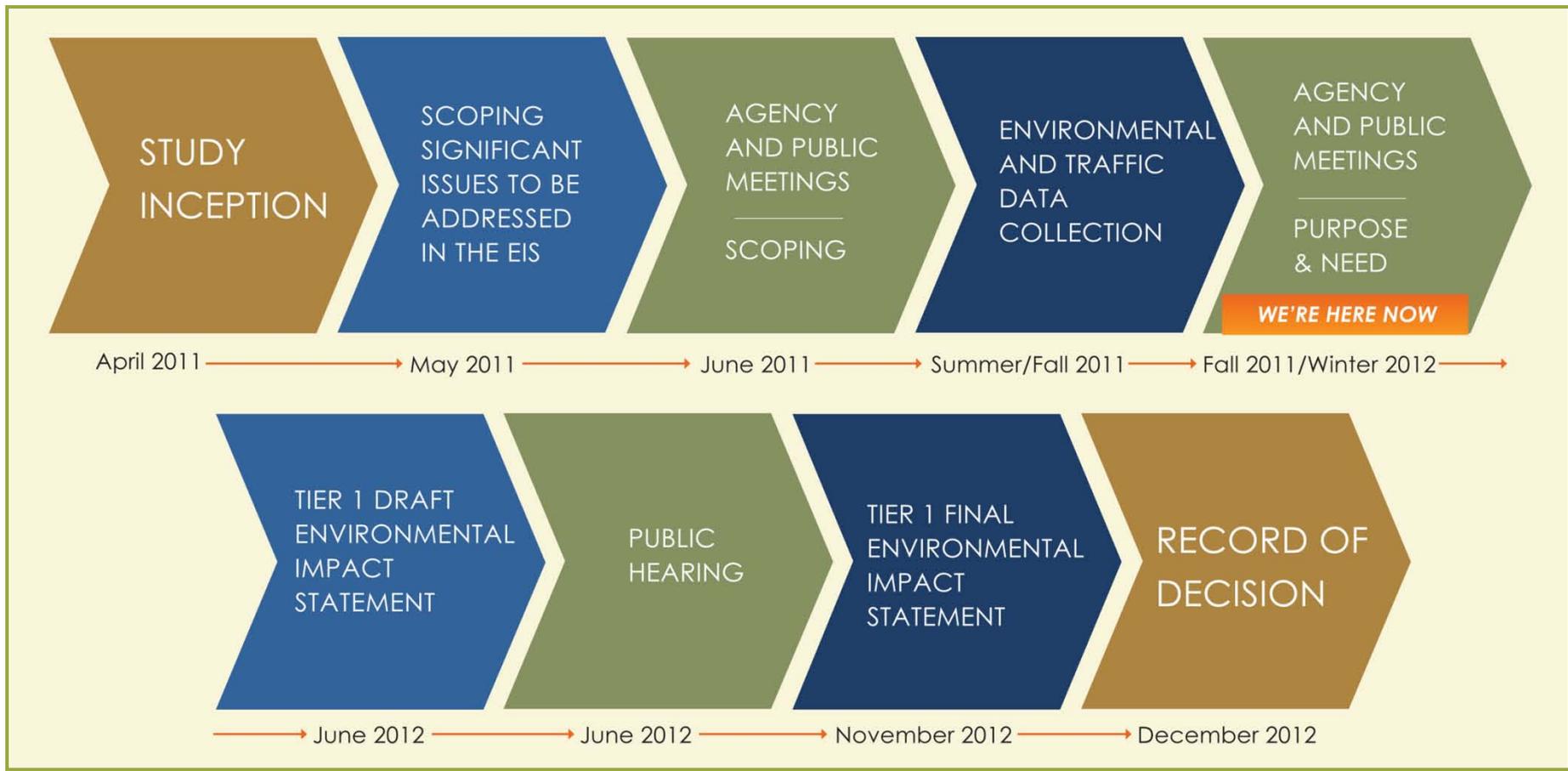
Study Process

- Tier 1 EIS will focus on broad issues
 - Purpose and need
 - General location of proposed improvements
 - Mode / Technology choice
- Tier 2 analysis will focus on site-specific details
 - Impacts
 - Costs
 - Mitigation

Study Process

- Decisions at completion of Tier 1
 - Concepts to be advanced including transit, TDM and/or roadway improvements
 - General location for studying future highway and transit improvements in the Tier 2 NEPA document(s)
 - Identification of projects with independent utility to be evaluated in Tier 2 NEPA document(s) and evaluated pursuant to other environmental laws
 - Advancing tolling for subsequent study in Tier 2 NEPA document(s)

Study Schedule



Agencies Roles

- Management / Roles and Responsibilities
 - FHWA: Sponsoring Agency
 - VDOT and DRPT: Lead State Agencies
 - Cooperating / Participating Agencies
 - Commonwealth Transportation Board

Agencies and Consulting Parties

ROLE	FEDERAL AGENCIES	VIRGINIA AGENCIES	LOCAL AGENCIES / OTHERS
Lead Agency	Federal Highway Administration	Virginia Department of Transportation Virginia Department of Rail and Public Transportation	N/A
Cooperating Agencies	U.S. Army Corps of Engineers U.S. Environmental Protection Agency Federal Transit Administration	N/A	N/A
Participating Agencies	National Park Service	N/A	Metropolitan Washington Council of Governments Northern Virginia Regional Commission Northern Virginia Transportation Authority Northern Virginia Regional Park Authority Washington Metropolitan Area Transit Authority Potomac and Rappahannock Transportation Commission Virginia Railway Express Fairfax County Prince William County City of Fairfax Town of Vienna Town of Haymarket

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Scoping Agencies	Advisory Council on Historic Preservation Federal Railroad Administration Federal Transit Administration National Park Service U.S. Army Corps of Engineers U.S. Department of Agriculture U.S. Health and Human Services U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development U.S. Environmental Protection Agency U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service	Virginia Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services Virginia Department of Conservation and Recreation Virginia Department of Environmental Quality Virginia Department of Forestry Virginia Department of Game and Inland Fisheries Virginia Department of Health Virginia Department of Housing and Community Development Virginia Department of Health, Office of Drinking Water Programs Virginia Department of Mines, Minerals, and Energy Virginia Economic Development Partnership Virginia Institute of Marine Science Virginia Marine Resources Commission Virginia Outdoors Foundation	City of Fairfax Fairfax County Non-Motorized Transportation Committee Fairfax County Department of Community and Recreation Services Fairfax County Department of Health Fairfax County Department of Planning and Zoning Fairfax County Department of Public Works & Environmental Services Fairfax County Department of Transportation Fairfax County Economic Development Authority Fairfax County Office of the Executive Fairfax County Park Authority Fairfax County Public Schools Prince William County Economic Development Authority Prince William County Office of Executive Management Prince William County Office of Planning Prince William County Planning Commission Prince William County Public Works Department Prince William County Transportation Division Town of Haymarket Town of Vienna

Public and Agency Meetings

MEETING	ANTICIPATED DATE	PUBLIC OR AGENCIES INVOLVED	KEY TOPIC(S)
Agency Meeting #1	June 2011	Federal, state and local agencies	Study overview; Scope of Issues for Tier 1EIS
Citizen Information Meeting #1	June 2011	Public	Study overview; Scope of Issues for Tier 1EIS
Agency Meeting #2	November 2011	Cooperating and Participating Agencies	Purpose and Need; Range of Concepts
Citizen Information Meeting #2	January 2012	Public	Purpose and Need; Range of Concepts; Section 106 / Historic Resources
Partnering Meeting	March 2012	Cooperating Agencies	Development of Draft Tier 1 EIS
Agency Meeting #3	March 2012	Cooperating and Participating Agencies	Range of Concepts
Location Public Hearing	June 2012	Public	Concepts Retained for Detailed Study and Draft Tier 1 EIS
Agency Meeting #4	August 2012	Cooperating and Participating Agencies	Section 106 / Historic Properties If needed, clarification of agency comments on the Draft Tier 1 EIS

Coordination Points

COORDINATION POINT	DATE OF COORDINATION	PUBLIC OR AGENCIES INVOLVED	METHOD USED FOR COORDINATION	COORDINATION REQUIRED	COORDINATION TIMEFRAME
Notice of Intent (NOI) for EIS	April 2011	VDOT and FHWA	Federal Register notice	None - Notification	Immediate
Project Initiation and Early Scoping Activities	June 2011	Cooperating and Participating Agencies Public	Agency Scoping Meeting Agency Scoping Information Packet Citizen Information Meeting #1 Project Website	Agency response to cooperating or participating agency invitation Comments on scope of issues included in EIS	Before August 1, 2011
Purpose and Need	November 2011 January 2012	Cooperating and Participating Agencies Public	Agency Meeting #2 Citizen Information Meeting #2 Project Website	Comments on purpose and need elements or draft statement	30 Days
Range of Concepts	March 2012 April 2012	Cooperating and Participating Agencies Public	Agency Meetings #3 Project Website	Comments on Range of Concepts and Concepts Retained for EIS	30 Days
Draft Tier 1 Environmental Impact Statement	June 2012	Cooperating Agencies Participating Agencies U.S. Environmental Protection Agency Public	Emails Letters / Written Comments Notice of Availability Location Public Hearing Project Website	Pre-Draft EIS Comments Draft EIS Comments Section 309 Review and Rating	45 days



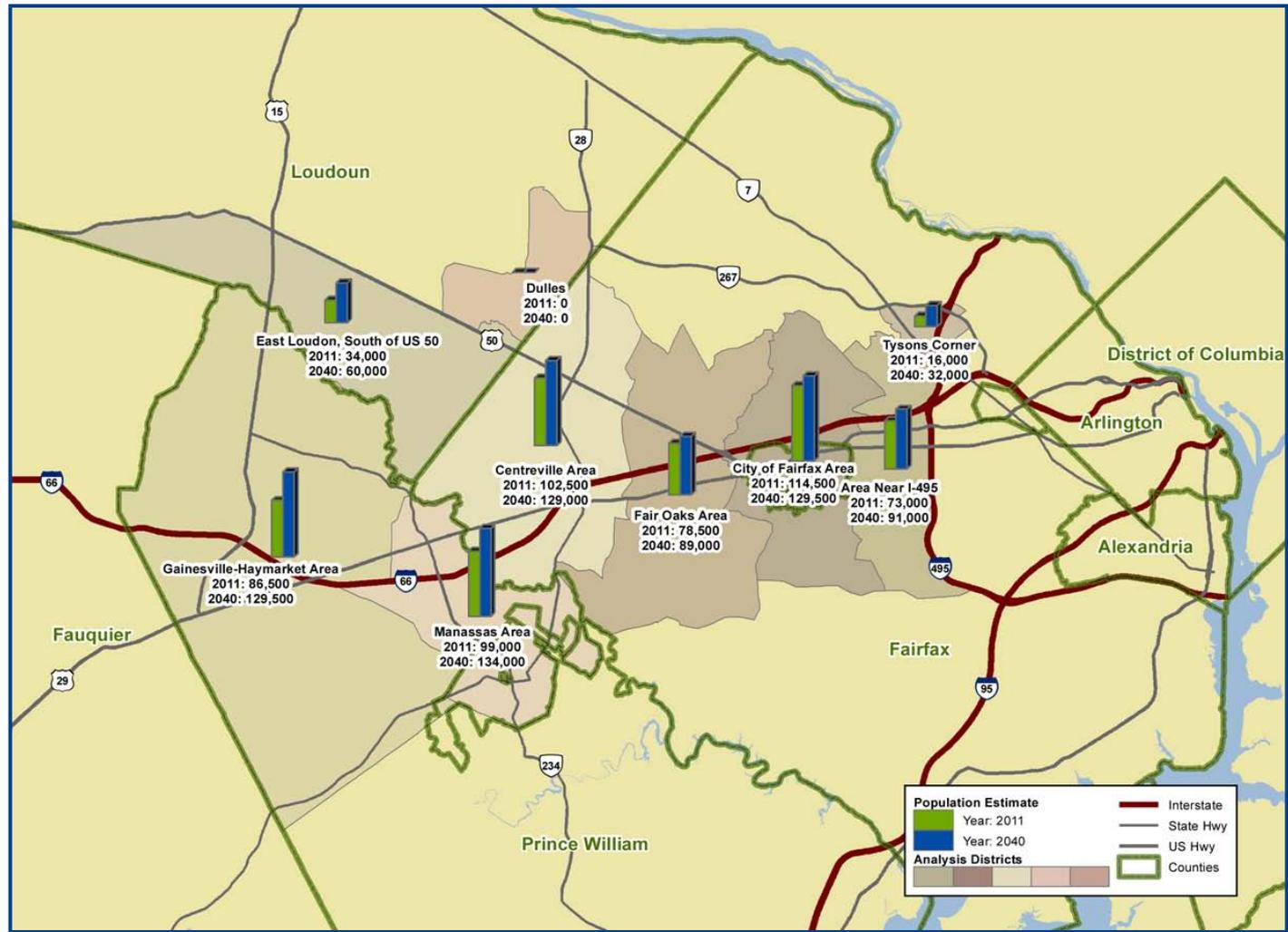
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Draft Tier 1 Section 4(f) Evaluation	June 2012	National Park Service (US Dept. of Interior) Official(s) with Jurisdiction over the resource (to be identified) Public	Letters and/or Emails Location Public Hearing Project Website	Comments on Draft Section 4(f) Evaluation Views on Least Harm Analysis; Concurrence prior to <i>de minimis</i> determination Coordination for potential <i>de minimis</i> findings	45 days
Preferred Alternative	September 2012	Cooperating Agencies	Emails	Comments on Preferred Concept(s)	30 days
Final Tier 1 Environmental Impact Statement	November 2012	Cooperating Agencies US Environmental Protection Agency Public	Emails and Letters Notice of Availability Project Website	Comments on Pre-Final EIS Section 309 Review and Rating Public Notification	30 days
Final Tier 1 Section 4(f) Evaluation	November 2012	National Park Service (US Dept. of Interior) Official(s) with Jurisdiction over the resource (to be identified) Public	Emails and Letters Project Website	None - Notification	Immediate
Record of Decision	December 2012	Cooperating and Participating Agencies Public	Letters Project Website	None – Notification	No less than 30 days from Final EIS

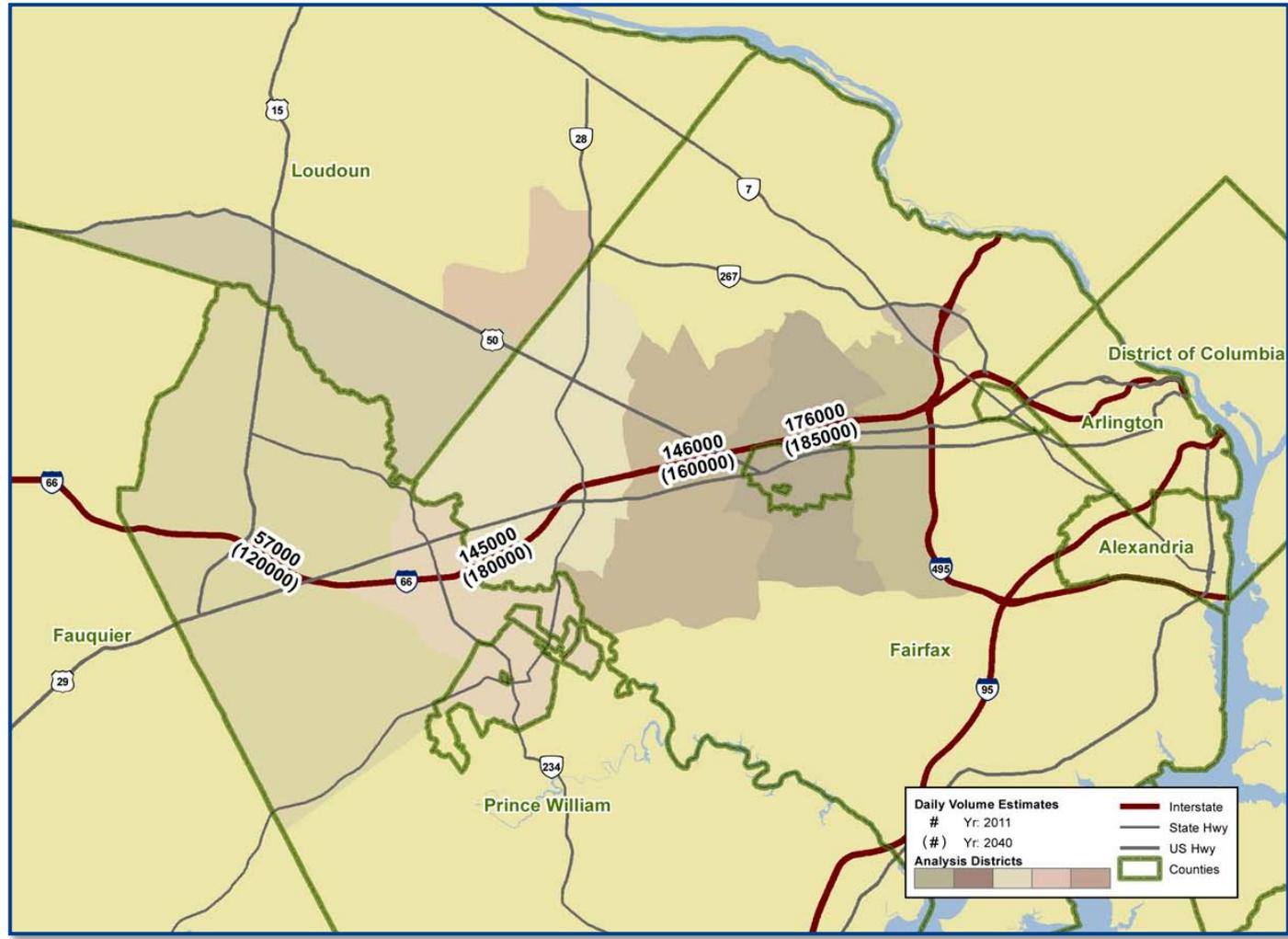
Overview of Corridor Conditions

- Steady population growth
- Employment growth in activity centers
- Congestion and mobility demands

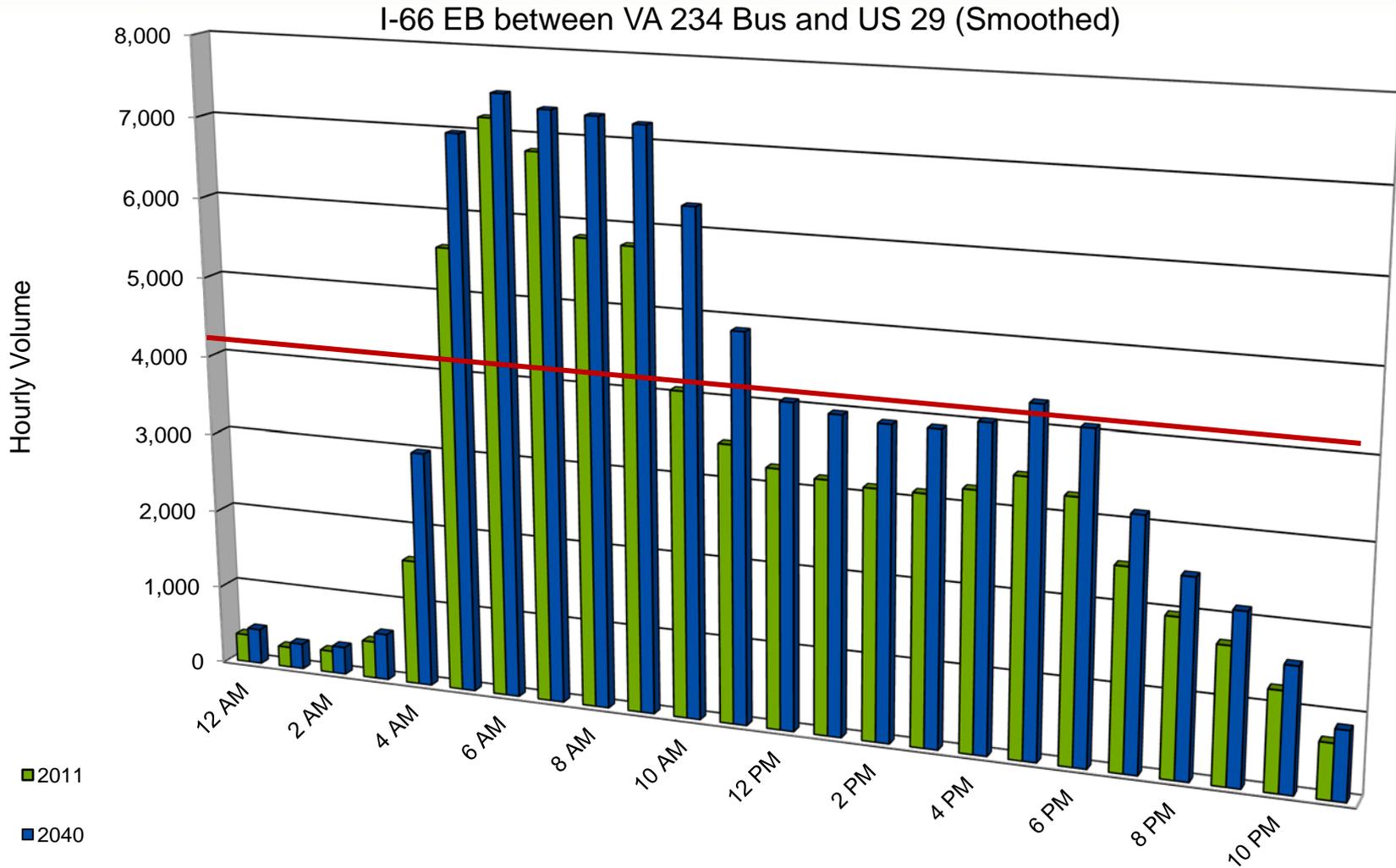
Population



Daily Volume Estimates

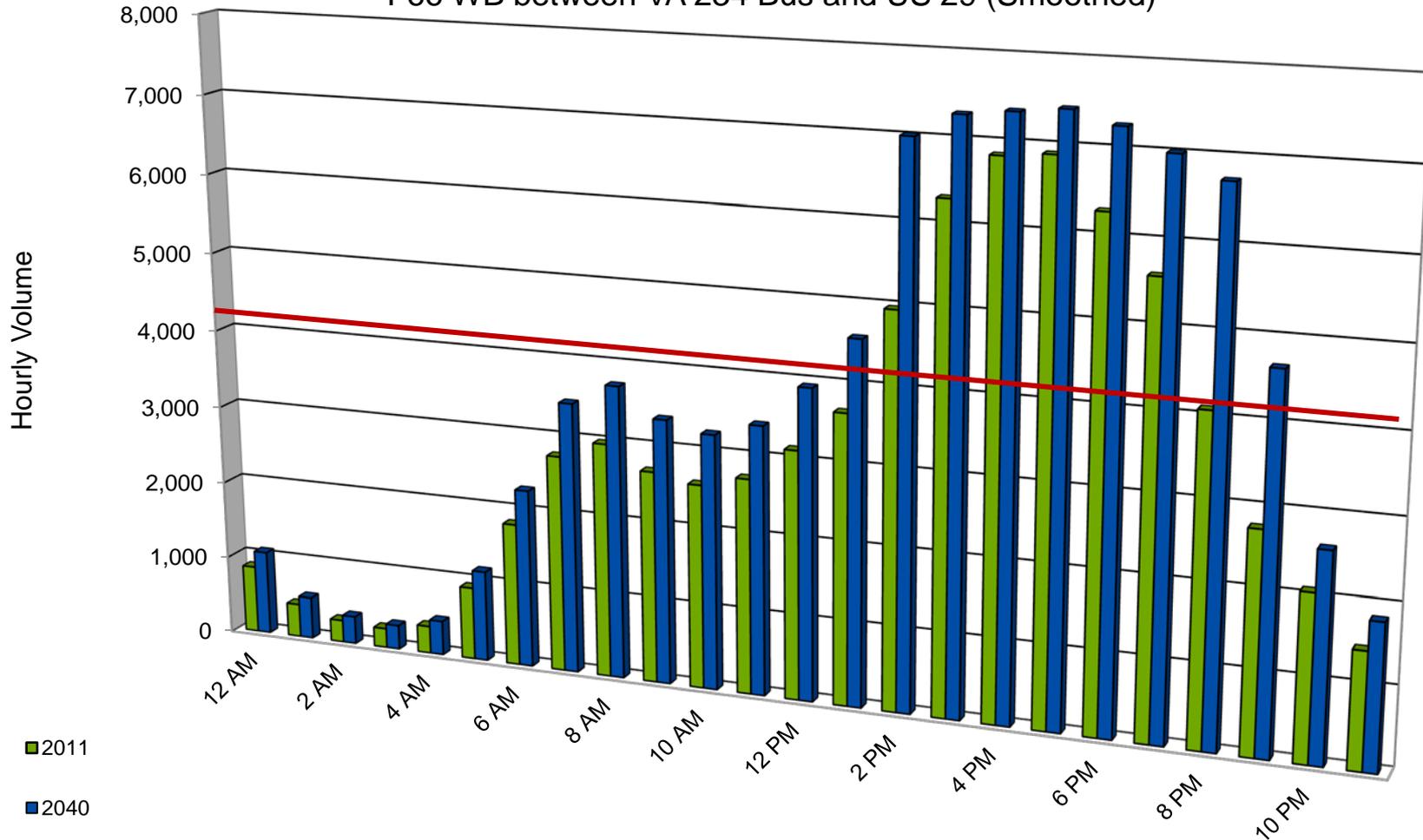


Eastbound Volumes



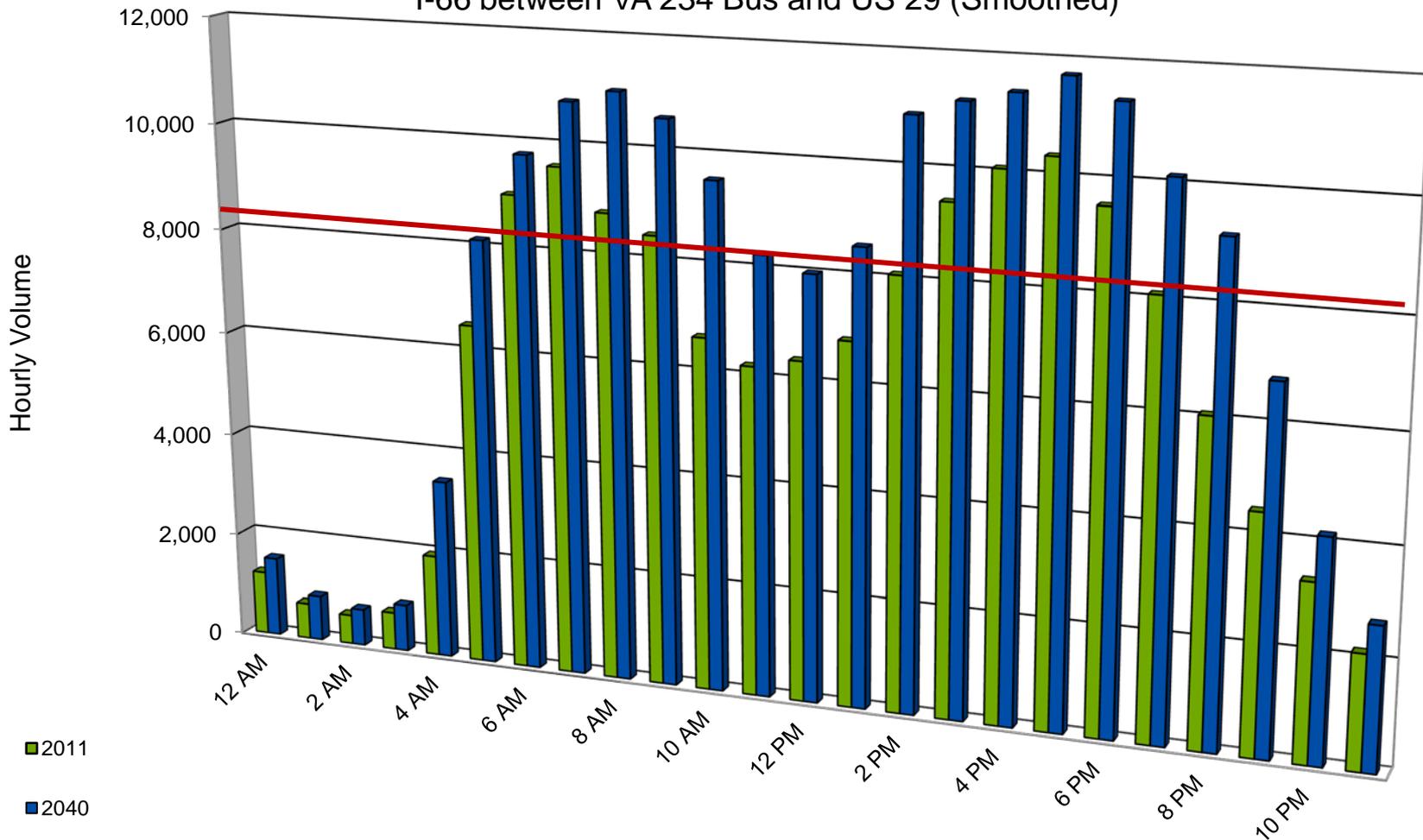
Westbound Volumes

I-66 WB between VA 234 Bus and US 29 (Smoothed)



Total Volumes

I-66 between VA 234 Bus and US 29 (Smoothed)



Purpose and Need

Project Purpose

Improve multimodal mobility along the I-66 corridor by providing diverse travel choices in a cost-effective manner. Enhance transportation safety and travel reliability for the public along the I-66 corridor.

Purpose and Need

Project Needs

- Travel time reliability
- Travel time reductions
- Improved safety
- Increased number of mode choices
- Increased access (transit, pedestrian, and bicycle)
- Reduced number of choke points
- Predictability
- System linkage
- Consistency
- Traveler information
- Coordination across modes

Next Steps

- Concept Development and Evaluation
 - Goals and Objectives
 - Mode / Technology Choices
 - General Location of Improvements
- Agency Meeting – March 2012

Public Outreach Opportunities

- Citizen Information Meetings
 - Tuesday, January 31st, 5:00 to 8:00 pm
Four Points by Sheraton, Manassas
 - Thursday, February 2nd, 5:00 to 8:00 pm
VDOT Northern Virginia District Office, Fairfax
- Newsletter
- Website:
www.virginiadot.org/projects/northernvirginia/i66_eis.asp
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Comments or Questions

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