

What's Next?

Ten business days after this public hearing, on March 12th (or March 19th if the hearing is held on March 5th), the public comment period will close. VDOT will review and evaluate any information received as a result of the Design Public Hearing. This information, including the hearing summary, will be available for review at the VDOT office address listed in the adjacent comments section. After all comments have been addressed, the VDOT Chief Engineer will approve the design. Participants will be notified of this decision. After Design approval, the project will proceed to the right of way acquisition and construction phases in accordance with the timelines described in the Project Schedule.



Right of Way Requirements

One existing structure, currently vacant, is proposed to be demolished. No other relocations or displacements are anticipated. As the project further develops and is finalized, additional easements for maintenance, construction, and utility relocations may be required beyond the proposed right of way shown on the project plans. Property owners will be informed of the exact location of these easements during the right of way acquisition process prior to construction. If you require further information about the right of way process, please contact one of the right of way representatives at the meeting tonight, or write to:

Mr. Brian Costello
District Right of Way Manager
VDOT Northern Virginia District Office
14685 Avion Parkway
Chantilly, VA 20151-1104
(703) 383-2174

Comments

Comments made as a result of this hearing will be considered and used to further develop the construction design. Comment sheets are available at tonight's meeting and on the VDOT web site at:

http://www.virginia.gov/projects/northernvirginia/lee-jackson_memorial_highway-john_mosby_highway_u.s._route_50.asp

Comments may be submitted by placing your written statements in the comment box at the meeting tonight, by emailing them to meeting_comments@VDOT.Virginia.gov (be sure to include "Rt. 50 Fairfax/Loudoun Co. PH Comment" in the subject line), or by U.S. Mail. Comments may be mailed to VDOT'S project manager for this project at the following address:

Ms. Kimberly McCool, P.E.
VDOT Northern Virginia District Office
Suite 220
14685 Avion Parkway
Chantilly, VA 20151-1104

Public hearing plans will be available for review in the Plan Room at the VDOT Northern Virginia District Office located off of Route 50 on Avion Parkway, in the Avion Lakeside 1 Building (14685 Avion Pkwy, Chantilly, VA 20151) and at the VDOT's Leesburg Residency office (41 Lawson Road, Leesburg, VA 20175). Directions are also available on the VDOT web site at:

http://www.virginia.gov/about/nova_quick-directions.asp

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VDOT, NOVA District Office of Civil Rights
14685 Avion Parkway
Chantilly, VA 20151-1104
Telephone 703-383-2341 or TTY 771.



Design Public Hearing

VDOT Project No. 0050-96A-101, P101, R201, C501
Federal Project No. STP-5401(571)

Lee-Jackson Memorial Highway / John Mosby Highway (U.S. Route 50) Fairfax County and Loudoun County



Welcome!

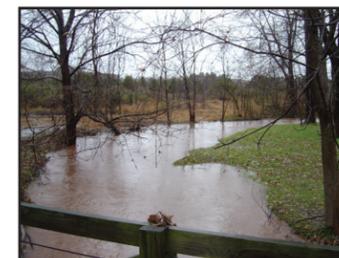
Thank you for attending tonight's Design Public Hearing to discuss the proposed improvements for Lee-Jackson Memorial Highway / John Mosby Highway (U.S. Route 50) from Route 742 (Poland Road) in Loudoun County to Virginia Route 28 (Sully Road) in Fairfax County. This meeting is intended to provide interested citizens an opportunity to formally review, discuss, and provide input on the proposed roadway improvements.

Public meetings are beneficial to citizens and VDOT alike. They permit VDOT's engineers to report on the facts established by their studies and to obtain comments from interested citizens. Comment sheets are available at tonight's meeting, and on the VDOT web site at:

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Our project team, comprised of representatives from VDOT's and VDOT's consultant engineering firm, will be available to respond to any questions and concerns. It is VDOT's goal to ensure that all members of the community have the opportunity to participate in public decisions on transportation systems and projects affecting them. Project representatives are available tonight to answer your questions. We look forward to working with you as the project moves forward. Thanks for coming!



Date: Thursday, February 26, 2009
Time: From 6 pm to 9 pm
There will be a brief presentation at 7:00 pm, followed by a question and answer period.

Place: VDOT Northern Virginia District Office
14685 Avion Parkway
Chantilly, VA 20151



Environmental Considerations

Through on-site inspection, coordination and correspondence with federal, state and local agencies, the Northern Virginia District Environmental Section has determined that this project will not adversely impact any endangered species, natural, cultural, historic, or recreational resources. It has also been determined that there will not be any significant impacts to air, noise, or water quality. There will be some stream and wetland impacts, as outlined in the environmental documentation for the project. The exact method by which these impacts will be minimized or mitigated will be determined in coordination with the appropriate regulatory agencies. Based on the preliminary environmental impact information compiled by VDOT through the State Environmental Review Process, FHWA approved this project as a Categorical Exclusion on March 25, 2008 to fulfill the requirements of the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA). A review of additional project documentation submitted to FHWA on February 5, 2009 was found acceptable and sufficient to support the original Categorical Exclusion determination. The public will have an opportunity to review and comment on the Categorical Exclusion during a separate review period that will be announced shortly by public notice.

A noise analysis was performed for the project, in accordance with FHWA regulations and VDOT State Noise Abatement Policy. Noise impacts were identified, and noise mitigation was evaluated where warranted and feasible. No noise mitigation measures (noise walls) are proposed with this project. You may review the noise analysis for further details.



What's being done?

This project consists of reconstruction and widening of this segment of U.S. Route 50 from a four-lane divided roadway to a six-lane divided roadway. Also included as part of the project:

- Improved signalization
- Grass median
- Curb & gutter on outside lanes
- Improved turn lanes at intersecting streets
- Shared use path on both sides of the road
- Crosswalks with curb ramps and pedestrian signals
- Widened and upgraded bridges
- Landscaping
- Storm water management facilities, including ponds

The Commonwealth Transportation Board has designated the widening of Route 50 at this location as one of the top priorities in the current Six Year Plan in the Northern Virginia District. The intent of this project is to relieve the congested conditions that regularly occur during hours of peak usage, to plan for future increases in traffic, and to improve safety along the corridor. In addition to the new lanes and multi-use paths, the roadway will be reconstructed to be more level and to provide wider buffers between the travel lanes and roadside hazards.

Project Corridor

The proposed project is located in both Fairfax County and Loudoun County; the limits of the project are from Route 742 (Poland Road) in Loudoun County to Virginia Route 28 (Sully Road) in Fairfax County. This 3.66 mile long project passes through a variety of land uses, but the corridor is primarily characterized by commercial, retail, and light industrial properties as well as open space & flood plain. The southern boundary of Dulles Airport is located about three quarters of a mile north of the project in Loudoun County to immediately adjacent to it in Fairfax County.

Why is this road being widened?

Lee-Jackson Highway (in Fairfax County) and John Mosby Highway (in Loudoun County) is classified as an Urban Principal Arterial highway, which narrows from six lanes to four lanes at a point just west of the Route 28 overpass. A great deal of residential development in Loudoun County has taken place in recent years, causing the existing four lane segment to become congested during much of the day, but especially in the morning and evening rush hours. The intent of this project is to relieve the existing and anticipated congested conditions, to provide accommodations for pedestrians and bicyclists, and to improve safety along the corridor.

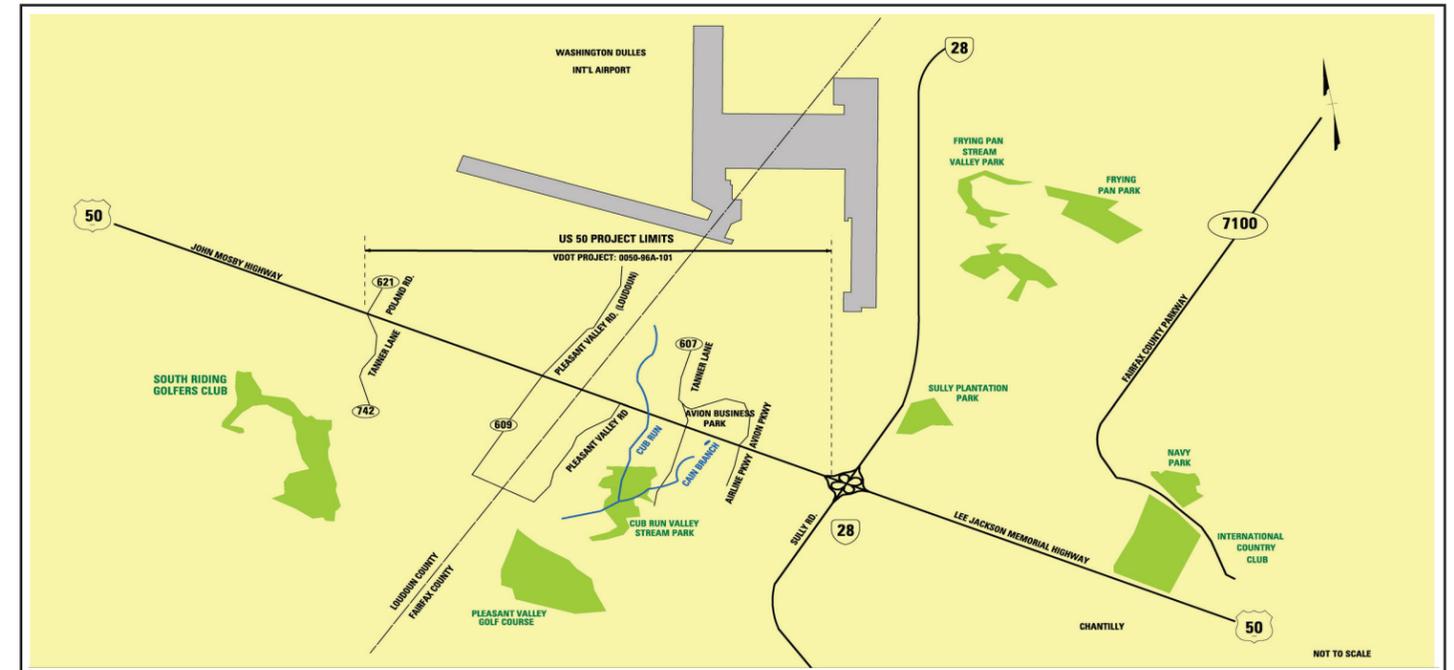
Current Cost Estimate

The current cost of this project is estimated to be \$75M of which \$4M is for Preliminary Engineering, \$20M is for Right of Way acquisition and utility relocation costs, and \$51M is for Construction. These costs are subject to change, depending on final design features, inflation, and utility relocation costs.

Project Schedule

Detailed Design:	Currently Underway
Public Hearing:	February 26, 2009 (Tonight)
Begin Land Acquisition & Utility Relocation:	2010
Begin Construction:	2010

Project Location Map



Project Typical Section

