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The comment period will close fifteen (15) calendar days after this public hearing, VDOT will review and evaluate any information received as a result of this design public hearing.

After all comments have been addressed, the major design features will then be presented to the Loudoun County Board of Supervisors for endorsement and VDOT's Chief Engineer or designee for approval.

Project information is available for review at VDOT's Northern Virginia District Office located at 4975 Alliance Drive, Fairfax, VA 22030 and at the Leesburg Residency Office located at 41 Lawson Road SE, Leesburg, VA 20175. Please call ahead using the contact information below to ensure appropriate personnel are available to answer your questions.

Comments can also be submitted in writing to meeting_comments@VDOT.virginia.gov. Please include "Route 606 Loudoun County Parkway/Old Ox Road Reconstruction Public Hearing Comment" in the subject line. Information must be postmarked, emailed or delivered to VDOT by July 11th in order to be included in

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Design Public Hearing

Route 606 Loudoun County Parkway / Old Ox Road Reconstruction Loudoun County

Wednesday, June 26, 2013, 6:00 – 8:00 p.m.

J. Michael Lunsford Middle School
26020 Ticonderoga Rd, Chantilly, VA 20152

State Project: (NFO) 0606-053-983, P101
UPC: 97529

Design Public Hearing

Welcome to the Virginia Department of Transportation's (VDOT) Design Public Hearing on the proposed reconstruction of Route 606 Loudoun County Parkway/Old Ox Road in Loudoun County.

This public hearing is being held to provide an opportunity for citizens and organizations to give VDOT comments and/or suggestions on the proposed project.

VDOT strives to ensure that all members of the community have the opportunity to participate in public decisions on transportation projects and programs affecting them.

VDOT representatives are present to discuss the project and answer your questions.

A comment sheet is included in the handouts for this meeting, and your input is encouraged. All oral and written comments received on this project will be included in a transcript for review by VDOT personnel, citizens and other interested parties.

Project Overview

Purpose – Relieve congestion and increase capacity of the Route 606 corridor in accordance with the Loudoun County Transportation Plan.

From – 0.2 miles south of Route 621 (Evergreen Mills Road)

To – Route 267 (Dulles Greenway)

Total length – Approximately 5.3 miles

Improvements – Reconstruction and widening of Route 606 to a four lane divided roadway with a continuous shared-use path along its north side. Major elements include: reconstruction of Route 606 and Loudoun County Parkway intersection at Route 842, Arcola Road, and a bridge that carries Old OX Road over the Horsepen dam emergency spillway.



PROJECT DESCRIPTION

Planning for the widening of the Route 606 corridor between U.S. Route 50 and Route 267 (the Dulles Greenway) has been ongoing since the early 1990s. The first improvement project in the Route 606 corridor was completed in 2002-03 with the reconstruction and widening between U.S. Route 50 and Route 621 Evergreen Mills Road. Under existing conditions, Route 606 operates with heavy congestion during weekday peak hour periods. Existing traffic volumes on Route 606 are expected to increase more than 50% by the year 2036.

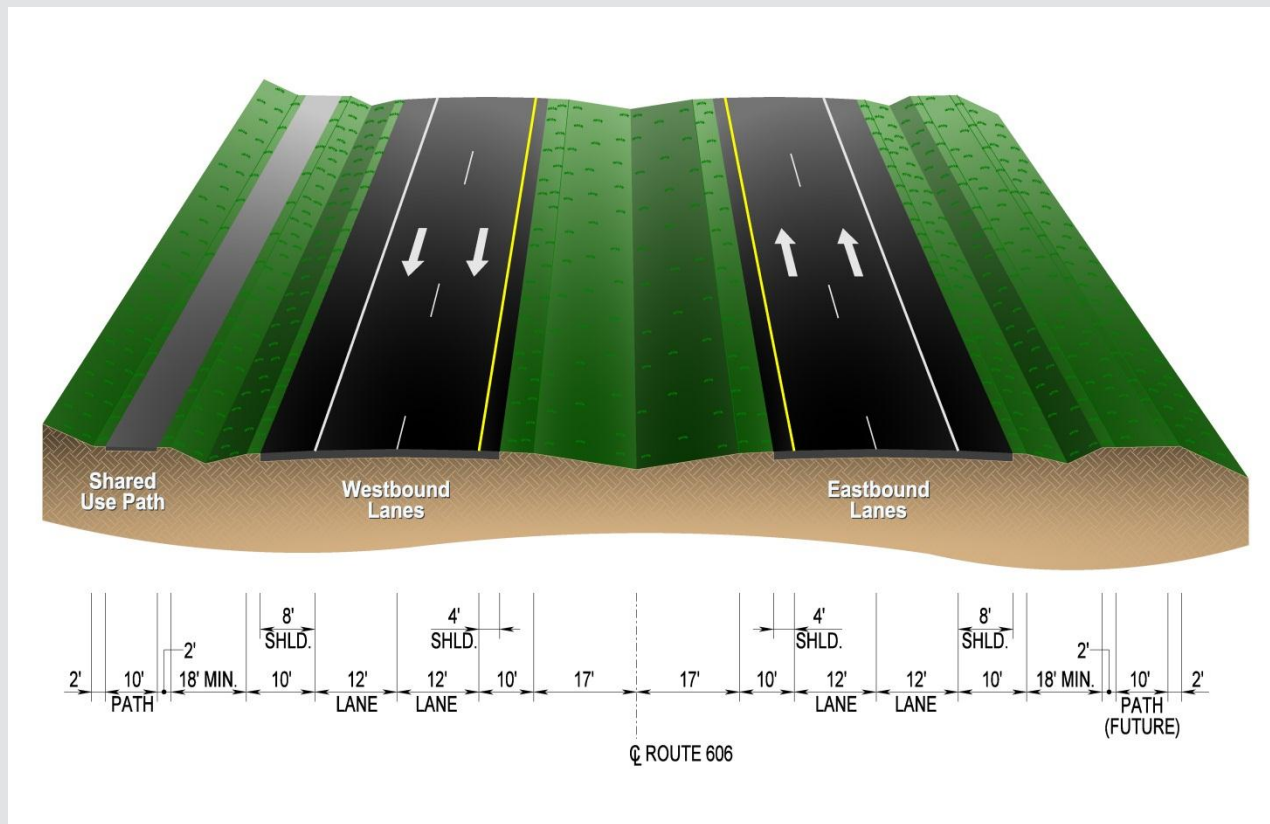
This project will address these current and projected capacity needs within the Route 606 corridor. These corridor-specific needs cannot be addressed through completion of other ongoing projects. The current Route 606 project will implement the "Interim Condition" as described in Loudoun County's Countywide Transportation Plan.

This plan calls for Route 606 to be widened from its current two-lane configuration to a four-lane median-divided urban collector. The "Ultimate Condition" as described in the Countywide Transportation Plan calls for a six-lane limited-access, median-divided urban arterial. The proposed design implements the interim condition while enabling VDOT to accomplish future widening of Route 606 to its ultimate condition.

Other improvements included in the project include dedicated turn lanes at major intersections, traffic signals (where they are warranted), a continuous shared-use recreational path along the west/north side of the road, improved drainage facilities, and major improvements at Horsepen Dam to elevate Route 606 above the dam's emergency spillway.

The Metropolitan Washington Airports Authority (MWAA), Loudoun County, and the Virginia Department of Transportation (VDOT) are jointly funding the project, which is being developed by VDOT.

Project Graphic



Typical Section for Proposed Improvements

Estimated Project Cost

Project Cost:

Preliminary engineering - \$3 million

Right of way acquisition, relocation assistance and utility relocation - \$21 million

Construction - \$96 million

Total - \$120 million

This project is jointly funded VDOT, Loudoun County and Metropolitan Washington Airports Authority. Costs are subject to change since development of the project is in the early design stage.

Civil Rights

VDOT ensures nondiscrimination and equal employment in all programs and activities in accordance with Title VI and Title VII of the Civil Rights Act of 1964. For more information or for special assistance for persons with disabilities or limited English proficiency, contact VDOT's Civil Rights Division at 800-FOR-ROAD (367-7623) or TTY/TDD 711.

Right of Way

Displays at the meeting show the approximate right of way needed as the project is currently proposed. As design is further developed, additional easements and right of way may be required beyond what is shown in the plans. Impacted property owners will be informed of the exact location of the easements prior to construction during the right of way acquisition process.

Information on the acquisition process is discussed in VDOT's brochure, "Right of Way and Utilities: A Guide for Property Owners and Tenants." Copies of this brochure are available here from a VDOT Right of Way agent.

Anticipated Schedule

The following schedule is proposed:

- **Comment period ends** – July 11, 2013
- **Design approval** – September 2013
- **Advertise project** – Fall 2013
- **Begin construction** – 2014
- **Construction Complete** – 2017

Project schedule assumes Design-Build project delivery.

Environmental Review

VDOT has performed environmental reviews coordinated with federal, state, and local agencies to obtain information about environmental resources and to identify opportunities for avoidance, minimization and mitigation of potential environmental impacts.

In accordance with 23 CFR 771 and the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) an Environmental Assessment (EA) has been prepared in cooperation with the Federal Highway Administration. The EA which includes information from various technical reviews including those related to water quality, threatened and endangered species, air quality, noise, etc. is available for review at tonight's meeting.

In compliance with the National Historic Preservation Act, Section 106 and 36 CFR Part 800, information concerning the potential effects of the proposed project on properties listed in or eligible for listing in the National Register of Historic Places is also provided in the environmental documentation.

Coordination with the appropriate federal, state, and local agencies will continue throughout project development and construction. All required environmental clearances and permits will be obtained prior to commencement of construction. Strict compliance with all environmental conditions and commitments resulting from regulatory approvals, and implementation of VDOT's specifications and standard best management practices will be conducted to protect the environment during construction.

Representatives from VDOT's Environmental Section are available to discuss this information and to answer questions.