

Get Involved

VDOT representatives will review and evaluate any information received as a result of this meeting. The comment sheet in this brochure is provided to assist in making your comments. You may leave the sheet or any other written comments in the comment box at the meeting, provide oral comments to the court reporter tonight, or mail/email your comments.

Comments must be postmarked, emailed or delivered to VDOT by **April 11, 2013** to be included in the public hearing record.

Comments may be mailed to Mr. Leonard (Bud) Siegel, Jr., P.E. at the address below or emailed to meeting_comments@vdot.virginia.gov. Please include "Vienna Metro Access Ramps" in the email subject line.

Project information shared here, including a summary of comments received during the comment period, will be available at www.virginiadot.org/projects and at VDOT's Northern Virginia District Office.

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Design Public Hearing

I-66 – Vienna Metrorail Accessibility and Capacity Improvements Fairfax County

Public Meeting

The Virginia Department of Transportation (VDOT) welcomes you to a Design Public Hearing to discuss plans to provide direct access between the I-66 High Occupancy Vehicle (HOV) lanes, west of Vaden Drive, and the Vienna/Fairfax–George Mason University Metro Station. The proposed direct access bus ramp will provide a faster and safer Metro Bus ride to the Metro Station by eliminating the weave between the HOV and on/off ramp Collector–Distributor roads to the west of Nutley Road.

This meeting 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 – Provide direct bus access to and from I-66 and the Vienna/GMU Metro Station south bus loading area

From – I-66 – 0.301 Miles West of Blake Lane

To – Vaden Drive

Total length – 0.814 Miles

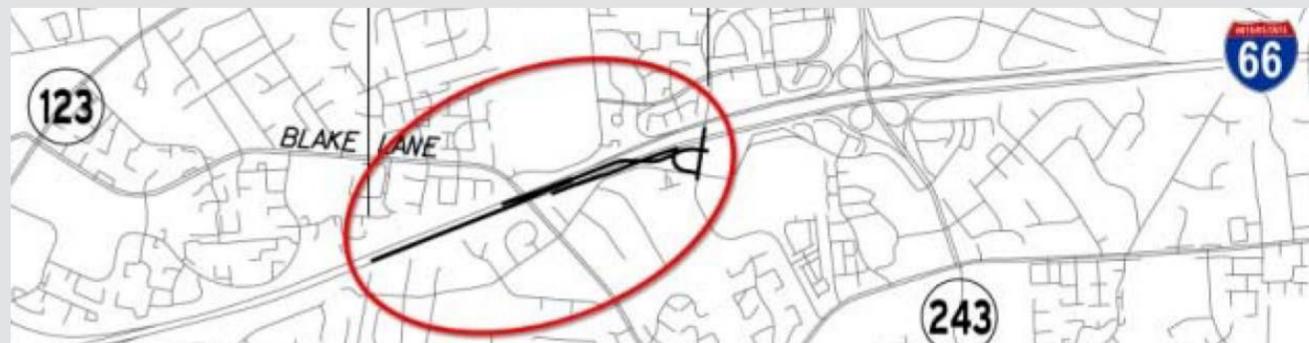
Improvements – New flyover ramp between the I-66 HOV lanes and Vienna/GMU Metro street grid

State Project (FO) 0066-029-132, P101, C501 (UPC 81009) Federal Project STP-5401(773)

PROJECT DESCRIPTION

The purpose of the proposed bus-only ramp connection is to improve the accessibility and reduce travel times for buses traveling to the Vienna Metro Station to/from the HOV lanes of I-66. The I-66 Transit / Transportation Demand Management (TDM) Study identified the need for improved bus access to Metro stations, including the Vienna Metro, to improve transit travel times and reliability, and attract additional riders to the corridor. There are currently 14 bus routes serving approximately 3,000 passengers daily (based on historical ridership data), which originate at the Vienna Metro Station and provide service to/from park-and-ride lots and communities to the west on the I-66 corridor. Transit travel time runs conducted for this study indicated that the last 2 miles of a bus trip from the west on I-66 to the Vienna Metro station are highly variable. The proposed ramp is expected to reduce the typical bus travel times and also to improve travel time reliability for this connection.

Project Graphic



Estimated Project Cost

Total Cost:

\$55 million

Preliminary Engineering:

\$2.8 million

Right of Way Acquisition and Utility Relocation:

\$1.0 million

Construction:

\$51.2 million

This project will be funded with federal and state funds. Costs are subject to change as development of the project is in early design stages. This project has current funding totaling \$41.1M.

Civil Rights

VDOT ensures nondiscrimination in all programs and activities in accordance with Title VI and VII of the Civil Rights Act of 1964. If you need more information in regards to your civil rights on this project or special assistance for persons with disabilities or limited English proficiency, contact the project manager listed in this brochure.

Right of Way

No residences, farms, businesses or non-profit organizations will be displaced. The proposed construction will require transfer of property from WMATA to VDOT to construct the improvements.

As design of this project is finalized, additional right of way may be required beyond the proposed right of way shown on the public hearing plans. The property owners will be informed of the exact location of the easements during the right of way acquisition process and prior to construction.

Information about right of way purchase 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

Design Public Hearing – March 27, 2013

Comment Period Ends – April 11, 2013

Final Design Approval – Fall 2013

Begin Land Acquisition – Fall 2013

Advertise Project – Late 2013

Begin Construction – Late 2014

Environmental Review

In compliance with the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) and 23 CFR Part 771, a Categorical Exclusion was prepared and is available for review.