

PROJECT SCHEDULE

Project Scoping	Ongoing
Data Collection	Winter 2011
Alternatives Development / Citizen Information Meeting	Spring 2011
Draft Environmental Assessment / Citizen Information Meeting	Fall 2011
Final Decision on the Environmental Assessment by FHWA	Early 2012

NEXT STEPS

- Study team review of public comments.
- Evaluation of suggestions and concerns and formulation of project purpose and need.
- Development of alternatives and assessment of environmental impacts.
- Preparation of Draft Environmental Assessment (EA).
- Revision of EA, as appropriate, to reflect changes or new information resulting from comments received on the EA.

FOR PROJECT UPDATES

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ROUTE 1 IMPROVEMENTS AT FORT BELVOIR

December 2, 2010

PUBLIC SCOPING MEETING

WELCOME!

PROJECT OVERVIEW

The Federal Highway Administration, in cooperation with the U.S. Army Garrison Fort Belvoir, Fairfax County, and the Virginia Department of Transportation (VDOT), is conducting this environmental assessment for improvements to Route 1 in Fairfax County between Telegraph Road and Mount Vernon Memorial Highway. The following tasks will be conducted as part of the study:

- Characterize existing conditions in the study area and identify transportation problems and needs. An extensive traffic count program has been conducted to evaluate existing operations and traffic forecasts will be prepared for the design year of 2035 to assess future conditions.
- Identify and evaluate the effectiveness of alternatives to improve mobility, capacity, safety, and other travel conditions on Route 1 within the study limits.
- Study the impacts of alternatives on human, cultural, and natural resources.
- Comply with the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) and other regulatory programs, such as the National Historic Preservation Act.



PURPOSE AND NEED

Current Conditions:

- Route 1 is a four to six-lane urban principal arterial. The roadway is primarily four through lanes within the study limits.
- Current average daily traffic volumes on the roadway within the study area range between 37,000-56,000 vehicles per day.
- The current posted speed limit is 50 mph from Telegraph Road to just north of the Fairfax County Parkway and 45 mph north of the Fairfax County Parkway to Mount Vernon Memorial Highway.

Purpose:

- The anticipated purpose of the project would be to address traffic capacity deficiencies on Route 1 within the study limits.

Need:

- The existing roadway geometry and the forecast travel demand are among the factors to be included in defining and documenting the transportation needs to be addressed by the project.



IMPROVEMENT OPTIONS/IDEAS

During this stage, the study team will identify solutions to the project needs and develop a broad range of preliminary design alternatives, including, but not limited to, the following:

- No-Build
- Transportation System Management (TSM) / Transportation Demand Management (TDM)
- Road widening alternatives (e.g., number of lanes, typical cross section configuration, access points, etc.). The 2009 Metropolitan Washington Council of Governments Constrained Long-Range Plan (and proposed 2010 Update) includes widening this segment of Route 1 from 4 to 6 lanes by 2015.

- Designs that would not preclude transit services in the corridor.
- Provisions for bicycle and pedestrian movements.
- Design concepts and features at intersecting roads (for example, grade separations and turn lane configurations).
- Design features that minimize adverse effects on sensitive historic resources, such as Woodlawn Plantation and the Accotink Wildlife Refuge.

Fort Belvoir currently is developing a schedule to update their Master Plan and accompanying Environmental Impact Statement in 2011. This study will take these planning activities into consideration, along with the more recent changes at the installation due to the 2005 Defense Base Closure and Realignment (BRAC).

ENVIRONMENTAL REVIEWS

The National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) requires consideration of potential environmental consequences of transportation improvements, documentation of the analyses, and making the information available to the public for comment before implementation.

Tonight's meeting is a critical element in the project's initial scoping process whereby public input is gathered to help identify viable courses of action for meeting the identified travel needs and recognize the area's environmental context.

There will be two future opportunities/meetings for public review and comment on preliminary design alternatives and impacts assessment.

