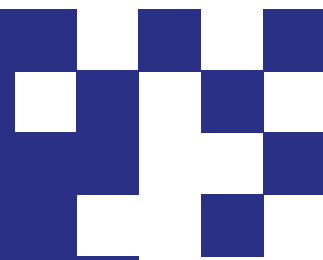


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Welcome to the

PUBLIC SCOPING MEETING

Welcome! Thank you for attending tonight's Public Scoping Meeting for the Environmental Assessment (EA) of Route 1 Improvements at Fort Belvoir. Preparation of the EA has been initiated by the Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) to address deficiencies in the Route 1 corridor between Telegraph Road and Mount Vernon Memorial Highway in Fairfax County. This undertaking is a collaborative effort among Fairfax County, the Virginia Department of Transportation, the Department of the Army, and FHWA. Tonight is your opportunity to provide suggestions and comments to help define the scope of the study:

- Tell us about transportation problems in the Route 1 corridor within the study limits.
- Consider both existing and future conditions (for example: travel patterns not adequately served, travel demands of future growth, safety issues).
- Give us suggestions for solving those problems.
- Tell us what issues, environmental resources, or other factors are most important to you and should receive the greatest consideration in the study.

Please take the time to examine the information provided, ask as many questions as you wish, and give us your comments and suggestions. Your input is needed as part of the environmental review process and it is important.

Comment sheets are available for written comments and a verbatim recorder is here to document your oral comments. All comments received will be reviewed and considered by the project study team.

Thank you for attending!

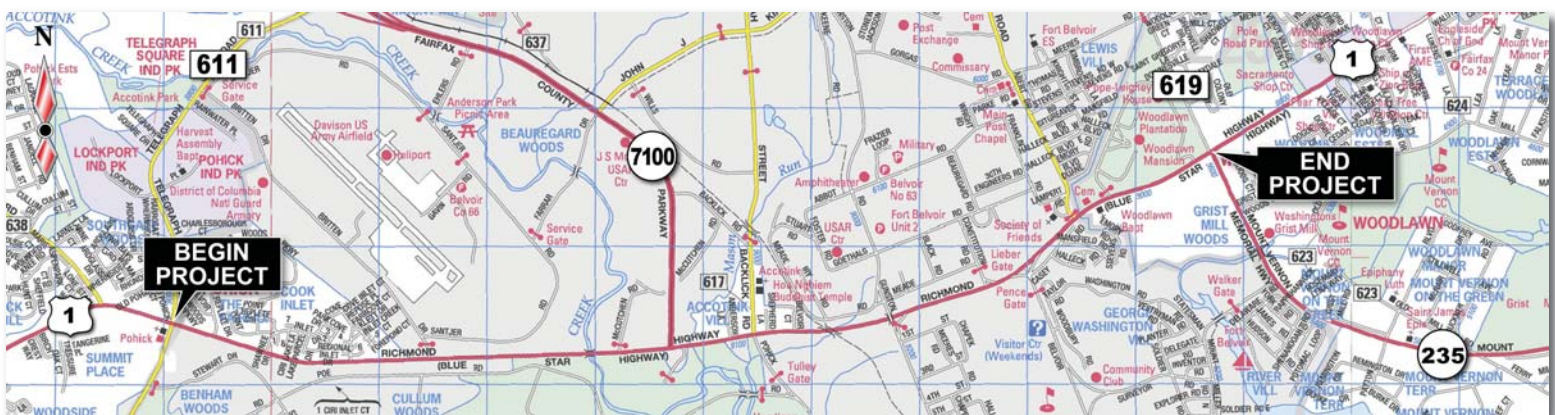
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PROJECT OVERVIEW

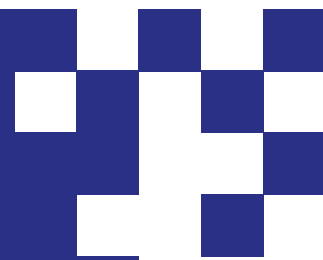
The Federal Highway Administration, in cooperation with the U.S. Army Garrison Fort Belvoir, Fairfax County, and the Virginia Department of Transportation (VDOT), is conducting this environmental assessment for improvements to Route 1 in Fairfax County between Telegraph Road and Mount Vernon Memorial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



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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.



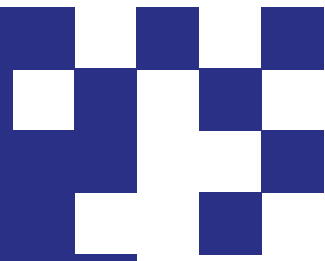
Purpose:

- 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.

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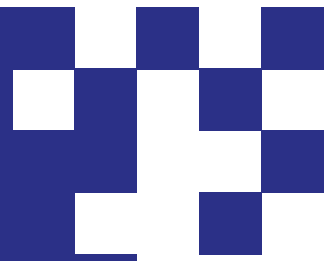
ENVIRONMENTAL CONSIDERATIONS

Some resources/issues to be studied include:

- Land Use and Development
- Impacts to Communities
- Historic and Archaeological Resources
- Parklands and Recreation Areas
- Traffic and Safety
- Wetlands
- Topography/Landscape
- Noise
- Water Quality
- Air Quality
- Hazardous Materials
- Cumulative Impacts
- Indirect Impacts



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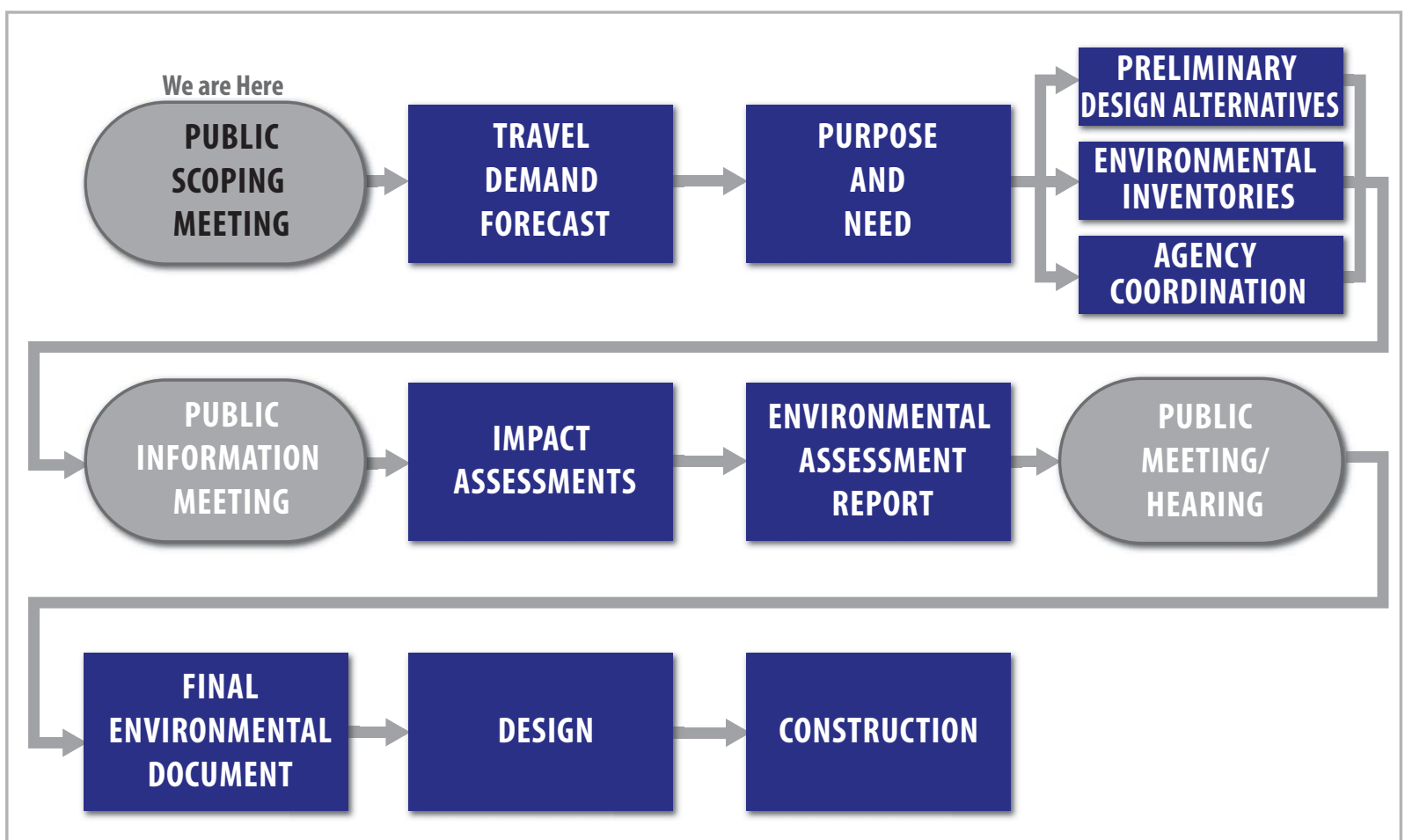


ENVIRONMENTAL REVIEWS

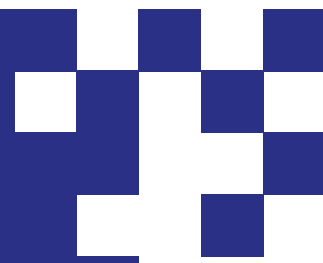
The National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) requires consideration of potential environmental consequences of transportation improvements, documentation of the analyses, and making the information available to the public for comment before implementation.

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.



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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:

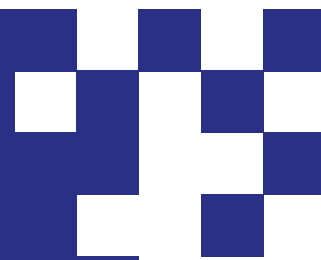
- No-Build
- Transportation System Management (TSM) / Transportation Demand Management (TDM)
- Road widening alternatives (e.g., number of lanes, typical cross section configuration, access points, etc.). The 2009 Metropolitan Washington Council of Governments Constrained Long-Range Plan (and proposed 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.

Documents from previous and other nearby studies have been acquired for use as background material and, to the extent appropriate, sources of data for use in the current study, such as:

- Route 1 Improvements Project C Environmental Assessment and associated documents
- Richmond Highway – Telegraph Road Connector Environmental Assessment
- Fort Belvoir BRAC Environmental Impact Statement

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).

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SCHEDULE AND NEXT STEPS

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.

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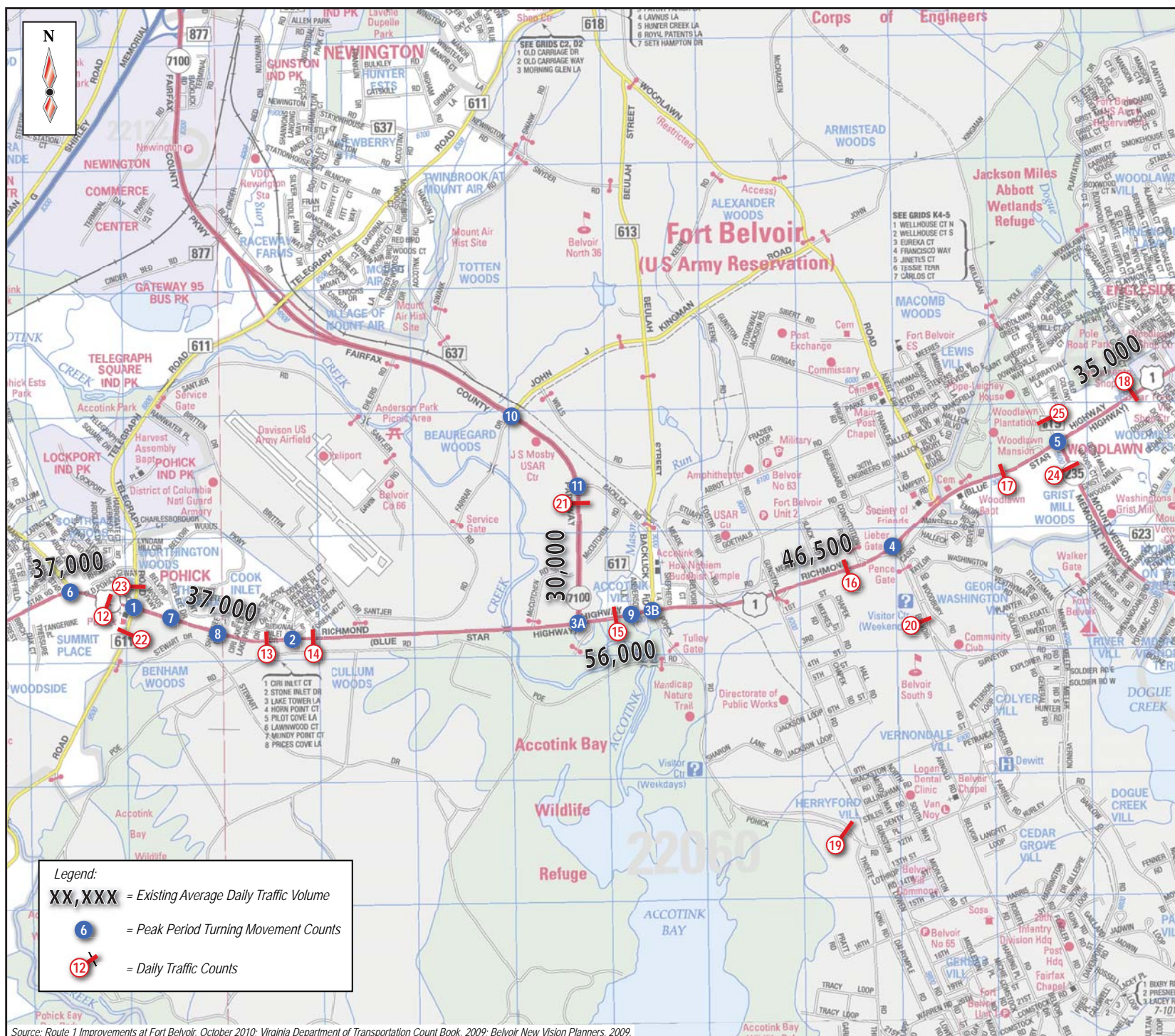
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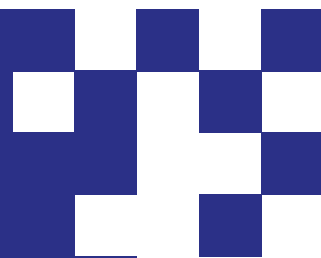
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TRAFFIC COUNTS



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PUBLIC COMMENTS

Thank You

Thank you for taking the time to review the materials presented at this public meeting. Your comments are valuable and greatly appreciated. FHWA will carefully consider all comments received at this meeting and during the comment period.

Written comments must be postmarked or sent electronically no later than December 13, 2010 and may be submitted in three ways:

At this Meeting:

Put written comments in the designated box or make a verbal comment to the Verbatim Recorder.

By Mail:

Submit written comments to:

Mr. Jack Van Dop

Environmental Specialist

Federal Highway Administration

Eastern Federal Lands Highway Division

21400 Ridgetop Circle

Sterling, VA 20166

By E-mail:

Send e-mails to:

Jack.VanDop@dot.gov

All comments submitted at this meeting and during the comment period will be incorporated in the meeting record, which is subject to public review.