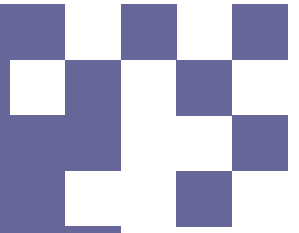




SOAPSTONE CONNECTOR



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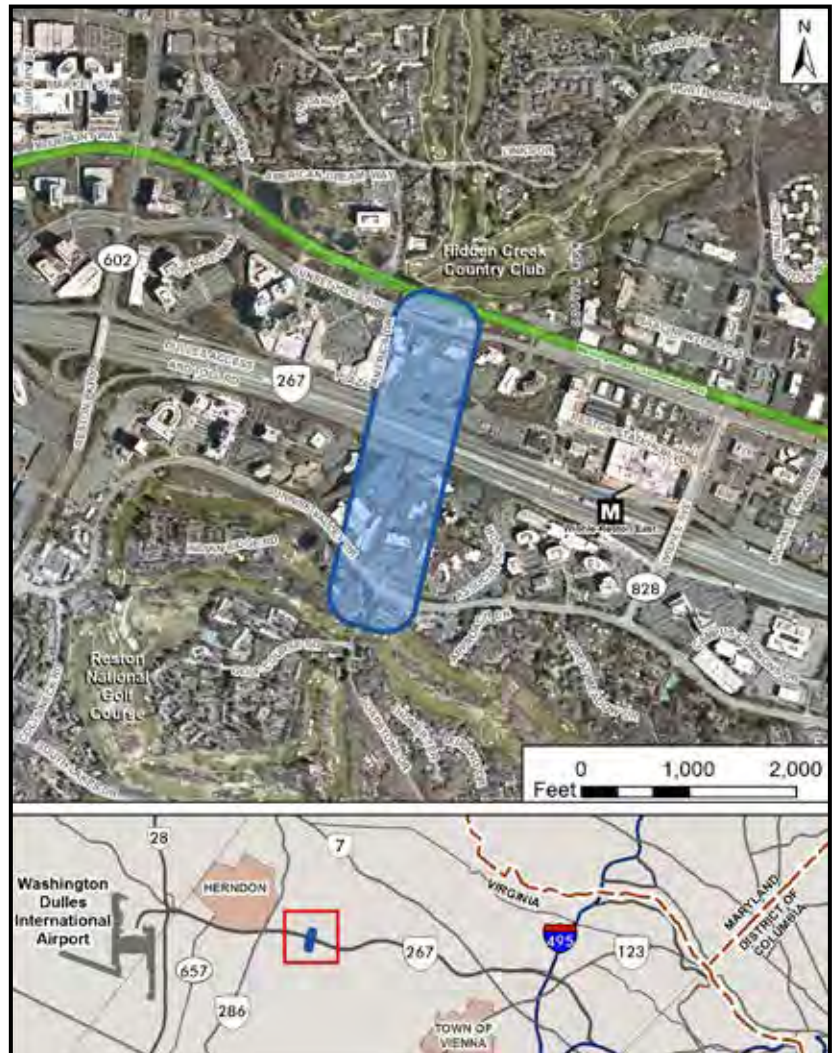
PUBLIC INFORMATION MEETING

W E L C O M E !

Thank you for attending tonight's Public Information Meeting for the Environmental Assessment (EA) of the Soapstone Connector. The EA is being prepared by Fairfax County for a project to improve traffic operations on Wiehle Avenue and enhance multimodal access in the vicinity of the Wiehle-Reston East Metrorail Station. This undertaking is a collaborative effort among Fairfax County, the Virginia Department of Transportation, and the Federal Highway Administration. The purpose of tonight's meeting is:

- To receive citizen suggestions and comments on project purpose and need and conceptual alternatives.
- To share information on the study process and its current status.
- To answer your questions and listen to your concerns.

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.



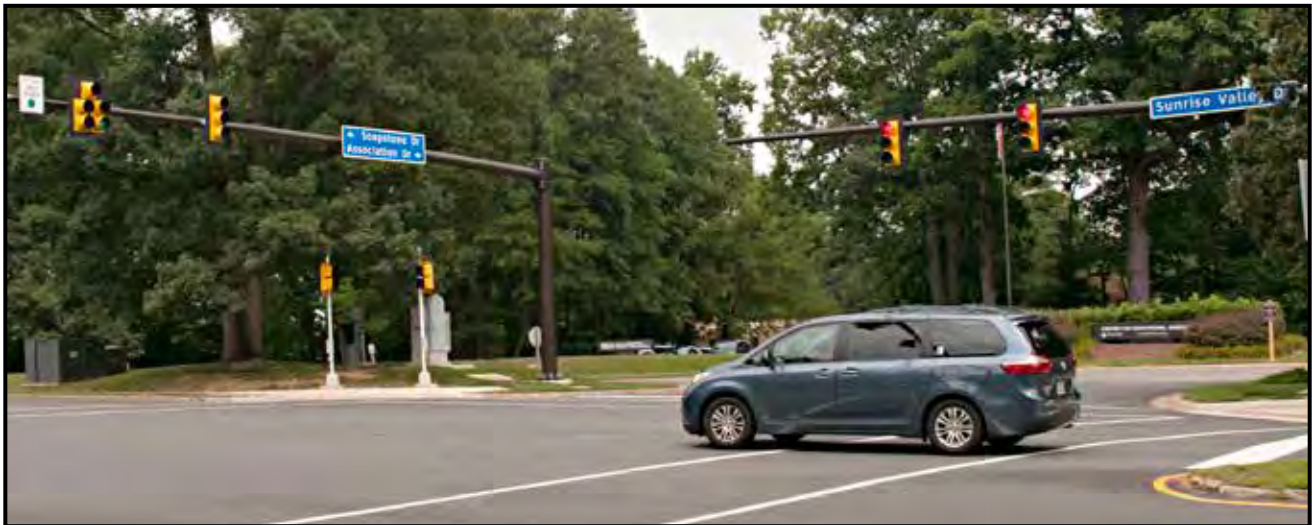
PURPOSE AND NEED

Purpose:

- The purpose of the project is to provide additional multi-modal capacity on a new north-south alternative in order to mitigate congestion on Wiehle Avenue.

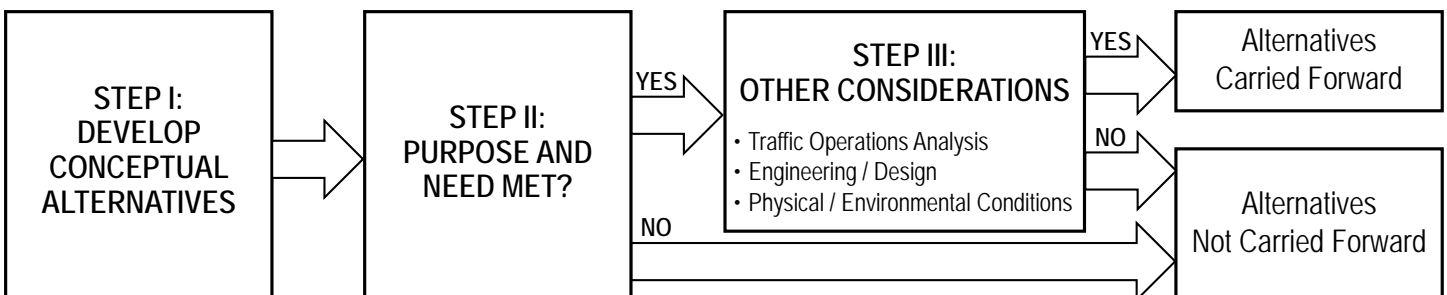
Need:

- The project will address:
 - Inability of Wiehle Avenue to accommodate current and forecasted traffic demand.
 - Delays on Wiehle Avenue at the intersections with Sunset Hills Road and Sunrise Valley Drive.
 - Lack of direct access for buses to the Wiehle-Reston East Metrorail Station without requiring travel on Wiehle Avenue.
 - Lack of connectivity for pedestrians and bicyclists to the Wiehle-Reston East Metrorail Station, from Soapstone Drive and Sunrise Valley Drive on the south and Sunset Hills Road on the north.



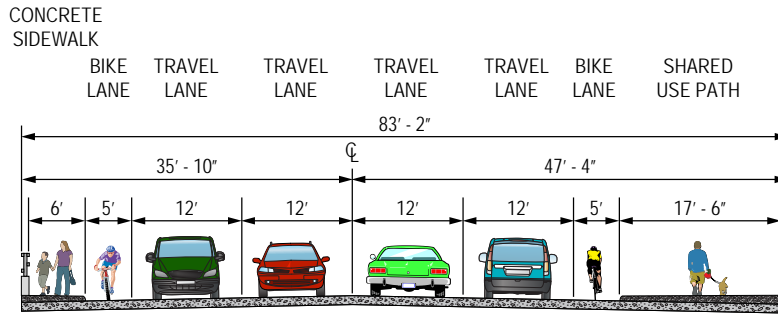
ALTERNATIVES DEVELOPMENT

Alternatives development consists of a collaborative process to develop a range of alternatives to meet the project's needs. The flowchart below illustrates the steps in the process, which involves identifying a range of alternatives initially and then narrowing the options to the Preferred Alternative for detailed consideration.

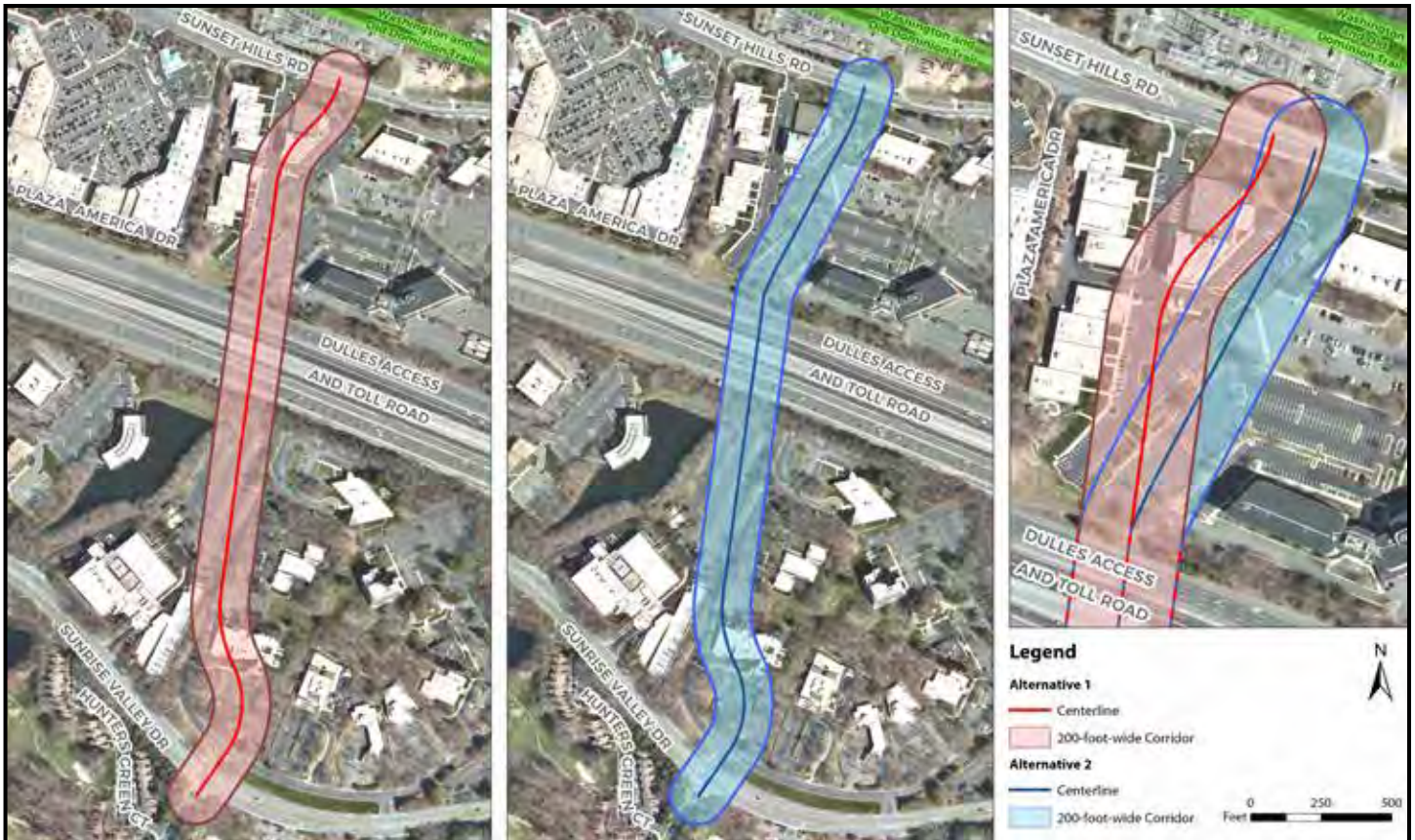
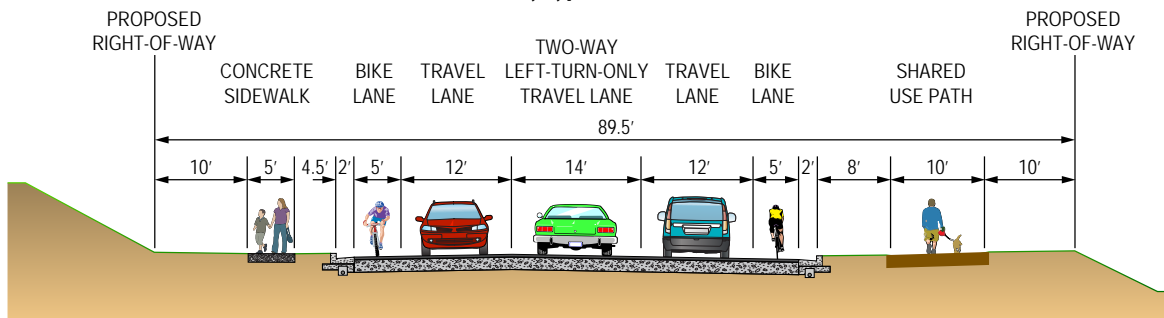


ALTERNATIVES

Bridge Typical Section



Roadway Typical Section

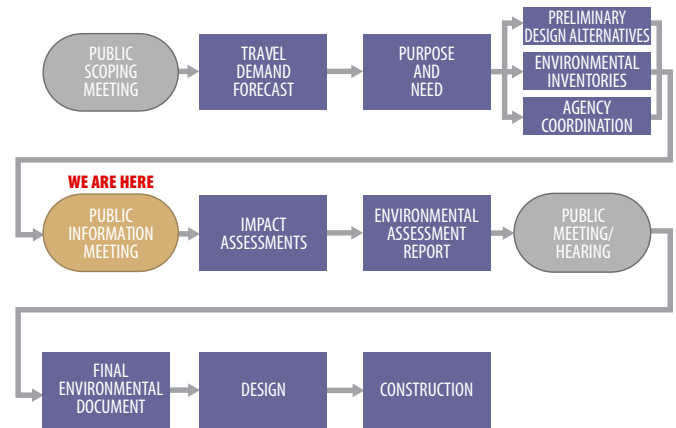


ENVIRONMENTAL REVIEWS

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 an opportunity to update the public on project activities to date and gather input on the alternatives that have been developed to meet the identified travel needs, recognizing the area's environmental context. In addition to the proposed Soapstone Connector, Fairfax County will also consider the cumulative effects of other major projects in the area.

The results of environmental inventories and potential impacts associated with the proposed actions will be documented in an Environmental Assessment and presented at the final public meeting/hearing.



SCHEDULE AND NEXT STEPS

Project Schedule

Project Scoping	Complete
Data Collection	Complete
Alternatives Development / Public Information Meeting	We Are Here
Environmental Assessment / Public Hearing	Fall 2016
Final Decision on the Environmental Assessment by FHWA	Fall 2017

Next Steps

- Study team review of public comments.
- Evaluation of suggestions and concerns about conceptual alternatives.
- Assessment of environmental impacts.
- Preparation of Environmental Assessment (EA).
- Revision of EA, as appropriate, to reflect changes or new information resulting from comments received on the EA.
- Submission of EA to FHWA, along with a copy of the public meeting transcript and a request that a decision be made by FHWA.
- Receipt of decision document from FHWA.

Thank You!

Thank you for taking the time to review the materials presented at this public meeting. Your comments are valuable and greatly appreciated. Fairfax County 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 June 27, 2016** and may be submitted in three ways:

At this Meeting: Put written comments in the designated box.

By E-mail: audra.bandy@fairfaxcounty.gov

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For project updates, please visit Fairfax County's website, <http://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/fcdot/soapstoneconnector.htm>

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