

**Jurisdiction and Agency Coordinating Committee
Northern Virginia Transportation Authority**

MEMORANDUM

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FROM: Tom Biesiadny, Chairman
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SUBJECT: Update on I-66 Projects and Studies (Agenda Item 5.A.)

DATE: February 5, 2010

The following is a summary of changes to several I-66 projects and studies since the January 14, 2010 NVTA meeting.

I-66 Transit/Transportation Demand Management (TDM) Study

The I-66 Transit/TDM Study is essentially complete. The final report has been posted on the Department of Rail and Public Transportation website:

http://www.drpt.virginia.gov/studies/files/_FR1_I66TransitTDMStudy_FinalReport.pdf

The study contains information about improvements that can be implemented immediately and recommendations for future bus service in the corridor from Washington, D.C. to Haymarket. The study recommendations lay the ground work for future rail improvements in the corridor. These recommendations include a mix of enhanced point-to-point service, line-haul service that will run the length of the corridor and express bus service on Routes 29 and 50. The report also includes recommendations for transportation demand management (TDM); transit stations; direct connections from high occupancy vehicle lanes to stations; intelligent transportation systems; and park-and-ride lots. Finally, it provides cost estimates for these improvements. The recommendations from the report will become inputs into the I-66 Multimodal Study.

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I-66 Multimodal Study

I-66 Multimodal Study activities are underway. VDOT staff is working with its consultants to refresh data that was previously collected for the study, explore issues, and define the modeling needed for the study. Based on the conclusions of the earlier Major Investment Study, it is anticipated that no one project will solve the congestion in the corridor, but a suite of multimodal projects will be needed. The study will conceivably produce a variety of different recommendations with different timelines, funding sources and sponsors. The draft National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) documents are due in late 2011.

I-66 Westbound Spot Improvements

The design for the westbound spot improvements between Glebe Road and Sycamore Street is nearly complete, and the construction project is expected to be advertised in February 2010. The other two spot improvements (Route 29 to Glebe Road and Westmoreland Street to the Dulles Toll Road Connector) are not yet funded.

Transportation Forum on I-66

Representative Frank Wolf scheduled a Transportation Forum on I-66 for Saturday, February 6, 2010. Due to the inclement weather, the forum was canceled.

Jurisdiction and Agency Coordination Committee members and I will be available at the February 11, 2010, NVTA meeting to answer questions.

Cc: Members, NVTA Jurisdiction and Agency Coordinating Committee