



## **FY 2015-16 PROJECT DESCRIPTION FORM (1L)**

### **Basic Project Information**

**Submitting Agency:** Loudoun County/Town of Leesburg

**Project Title:** Route 7 (East Market Street)/Battlefield Parkway Interchange (1L)

**Project Type (check one):**

Roadway (X)    Transit ( )

**VA State Route Number (if applicable) and NVTA Corridor Number (1-8):** Dulles/VA 7/NVTA Corridor 1

1. **Project Description:** The purpose of the Route 7 (East Market Street)/Battlefield Parkway Interchange is to improve safety and pedestrian/vehicle flow by building a grade-separated interchange which will allow Route 7 to become a limited-access freeway through the Town of Leesburg Corporate Limits.
2. **Requested NVTA Funds:** FY 15 = \$2,000,000    FY16 = \$11,000,000
3. **Phase(s) of Project Covered by Requested NVTA Funds:** Final Design
4. **Total Cost to Complete Project:** \$58,000,000
5. **Project Milestone -Study Phase:** Start of Study - July 2015
6. **Project Milestone -Preliminary Engineering (30% Design):** Start of PE August 2016
7. **Project Milestones -Final Design:** Start of Final Design December 2017
8. **Project Milestones -Right-of-Way:** ROW acquisitions completed July 2018
9. **Project Milestone – Construction:** Start of Construction July 2019
10. **Project Milestone – Mass Transit Vehicle Acquisition:** Start of Construction N/A
11. **Is Project in Transaction 2040:**  
Yes (X)    No ( )
12. **Project in 2010 CLRP:** N/A



**13. Project Leverages other Funding:**

- Local ( )
- State ( )
- Federal ( )
- Other: All NVTA Funding



## Stated Benefits

- **What Regional benefit(s) does this project offer?** Route 7 (East Market Street)/Battlefield Parkway Interchange will eliminate the last two (2) traffic signals on Route 7 within the Town of Leesburg. The project will improve capacity and reduce congestion. It is in Corridor #1 of the TransAction 2040 Plan, and carries inter-state traffic and intra-state traffic coming from the West and the South to the employment corridors and activity centers in the Dulles area and the Metropolitan region.
- **How does the project reduce congestion?** The Route 7 Corridor continues to be one of Northern Virginia's worst bottlenecks. This intersection is travelled by approximately 80,000 vehicles per day, is well over capacity and offers travelers an extremely poor Level of Service "F". Route 7 between Algonkian Parkway and East Market Street is planned to be limited access. All at-grade access points have either transitioned to grade-separated interchanges or are in the planning stages and are funded for grade separation. This is the last interchange in the corridor to make the entire corridor fully limited access.
- **How does project increase capacity? (Mass Transit Projects only )** N/A
- **How does project improve auto and pedestrian safety?** The grade-separated project is clearly of significant regional importance which will help connect major employment population centers in Loudoun County and the region in Virginia's fastest growing and most economically vibrant communities. The interchange will help pedestrians and bicycles cross Route 7 safely by providing a bike trail connection to residential and commercial/retail areas of Town.
- **List internet links below to any additional information in support of this project:**