



**Date of Council Meeting:** October 9, 2012

## **TOWN OF LEESBURG TOWN COUNCIL MEETING**

**Subject:** Request Virginia Department of Transportation (VDOT) Funding for Highway Projects within the Town of Leesburg in the Department of Transportation Six-Year Improvement Plan for Fiscal Years 2014-2019

**Staff Contact:** Calvin K. Grow, P.E, Transportation Engineer

**Recommendation:** I recommend that the Town Council include the following urban system and primary system projects in this year's request. I also recommend that the Mayor or her designee attend the VDOT Public Hearing scheduled for Tuesday, October 30, 2012 and present the Town's request to the Commonwealth Transportation Board (CTB). As you know, there are no new urban funds allocated to the Town of Leesburg in the Six-Year Plan.

### Urban System Projects

1. Widen South King Street-Phase II from Greenway Drive to the southern corporate limits.
2. Construct Battlefield Parkway from South King Street to Dulles Greenway.
3. Sycolin Road Widening-Phase IV (Tolbert Lane to southern corporate limits).
4. Widen Evergreen Mill Road to four (4) lanes from South King Street to Battlefield Parkway.

### Primary System Projects

1. Sycolin Road Overpass over the Route 7/15 Bypass
2. Route 7 westbound climbing lane from West Market Street to Route 9.
3. Construct Interchange at Route 15 Bypass and Edwards Ferry Road.
4. Widen the Route 7/15 Bypass from four (4) to six (6) lanes including the completion of the interchange at Route 15 and the Route 7 Bypass.
5. Widen Route 7 Bypass from South King Street to West Market Street.
6. Construct Interchange at Battlefield Parkway at Route 7.

**Issue:** A resolution adopted by the Leesburg Town Council is needed for the Town's request to the Commonwealth Transportation Board for funding highway projects in the Virginia Department of Transportation Six-Year Improvement Plan.

**Fiscal Analysis:** This item does not impact the Department of Public Works operating budget.

**Background:** The Virginia Department of Transportation will be conducting its annual Northern Virginia (NOVA) District Transportation Meeting (Public Hearings) for preparation of the FY 2014-2019 Virginia Transportation Six-Year Improvement Plan. The NOVA District Public Hearing will be held on Tuesday, October 30, 2012 at VDOT District Office, 4975 Alliance Drive, Fairfax, Virginia at 6:00 p.m.

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Attached is a copy of Resolution #2011-123, which contains the Town's 2013 request for highway improvement projects for VDOT's Six-Year Improvement Plan. The resolution established four (4) urban system projects and six (6) primary system projects.

Urban System Projects are:

1. Widen South King Street from Evergreen Mill Road (Route 621) to southern corporate limits.
2. Construct Battlefield Parkway from South King Street to Dulles Greenway.
3. Sycolin Road Widening- Phase IV (Tolbert Lane to southern corporate limits).
4. Widen Evergreen Mill Road to four (4) lanes from South King Street to Battlefield Parkway.

Primary System Projects include:

1. Sycolin Road Overpass over the Route 7/15 Bypass.
2. Route 7 westbound climbing lane from West Market Street to Route 9.
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A brief status for each of the projects is as follows:

**South King Street** – Widening the section of South King Street between Governor's Drive and the southern corporate limits to four (4) lanes has been a long standing project that is currently included in Council of Government's (COG's) long range plan and the Virginia Department of Transportation's Statewide 2020 Plan. Funds for design and construction of this project are now available to the Town from the Regional Surface Transportation Program (RSTP) and the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act (ARRA). Phase I of this project is under construction from Route 621 to Greenway Drive and will be completed in the Fall of 2013. Phase II from Greenway Drive to southern corporate limits will start construction in the Fall of 2014.

**Battlefield Parkway – South King Street to Dulles Greenway** – The project is currently under design and includes construction of a 0.7 mile segment of Battlefield Parkway on an alignment from South King Street to Dulles Greenway. A public hearing will be scheduled for November 2012. This project is planned to be completed in 2015.

**Sycolin Road Widening – Phase IV** – Upgrade Sycolin Road (Route 643) from a two (2) lane to a four (4) lane road. This section will include an area from Tolbert Lane to the southern corporate limits. Route 643 will service significant projected urban growth in the area between Leesburg and the Dulles/Route 28 corridor. The project is estimated to cost \$10.5 million, with a construction date TBD.

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**Widen Evergreen Mill Road** - Unfunded and not in the current Virginia Department of Transportation Six-Year Improvement Plan.

**Sycolin Road Overpass at the Route 7/15 Bypass** – VDOT will start construction on this project in June of 2013. Selection of the design-build team is expected in October with award of the contract in December 2012.

**Route 7 Westbound Climbing Lane from West Market Street to Route 9** – This is a VDOT project and will start construction in the Fall of 2013.

**Interchange of Route 15 Bypass and Edwards Ferry Road** – 2011 traffic counts show that the traffic volumes at the Route 15 Bypass at Edwards Ferry Road have reached 44,000 ADT. It will take four (4) to six (6) years to design and construct the needed interchange after it is funded. At the September 24, 2012 Town Council Worksession, Mr. Farid Bigdeli, P.E., Transportation and Land Use Director for VDOT informed Council that VDOT will commit \$5,000,000 toward the design of the interchange in this year's FY14-FY19 Six-Year Plan (see attached email). This funding will help the Town hire consultants to prepare the required Interchange Justification Study to explore different interchange designs: diamond, single-point diamond or roundabout to improve safety and capacity.

**Route 7/15 Bypass 6 (Six) Lane Widening including the completion of the interchange at Route 15 and the Route 7 Bypass** – Unfunded, preliminary cost estimates are \$60,000,000. Traffic volumes are expected to exceed 113,000 vehicles per day on the Route 7/15 Bypass by 2040 according to the Town of Leesburg Traffic Model.

**Widening of Route 7 Bypass and Route 7 from South King Street to Route 9** – Unfunded and not in the current Virginia Department of Transportation Six-Year Improvement Plan.

**Interchange of Battlefield Parkway and Route 7** – Unfunded and not in the current Virginia Department of Transportation Six-Year Improvement Plan.

We recommend the following comments be presented by the Mayor or her designee at the October 30, 2012 Public Hearing:

**Recommended Comments:**

1. Confirm Town Council transportation priorities per the attached draft Resolution.
2. Continue to look for new sources of funding for the greatly needed transportation projects in and around Leesburg.

**Attachments:** 1. Resolution  
2. Attachments: (Resolution No. 2011-123, Public Hearing Notice, Map of Six-Year Improvement Projects and Email from Farid Bigdeli, dated 9/26/12)

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The Town of  
**Leesburg,  
Virginia**

PRESENTED: October 11, 2011

RESOLUTION NO. 2011-123

ADOPTED: October 11, 2011

A RESOLUTION: REQUESTING VIRGINIA DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION (VDOT) FUNDING FOR HIGHWAY PROJECTS WITHIN THE TOWN OF LEESBURG IN THE VIRGINIA DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION SIX-YEAR IMPROVEMENT PLAN FOR FISCAL YEARS 2013-2018

WHEREAS, the Virginia Department of Transportation (VDOT) is conducting the Virginia Department of Transportation Six-Year Improvement Plan for fiscal years 2013-2018; and

WHEREAS, VDOT will be conducting a Northern Virginia (NOVA) Transportation Meeting at the VDOT District Office, Fairfax, Virginia to gather information to determine funding for urban system and primary system projects in the Northern Virginia Construction District; and

WHEREAS, it is necessary that a request by Council resolution be made for the Virginia Department of Transportation Six-Year Improvement Plan for urban system projects; and

WHEREAS, the widening of South King Street from Route 621 to the southern corporate limits is already in the VDOT Six-Year Plan as an urban system project; and

WHEREAS, the Town would like to add new urban projects to complete the Sycolin Road Widening – Phase IV and construct four (4) lanes of Evergreen Mill Road from South King Street to Battlefield Parkway; and

WHEREAS, the completion of the Sycolin Road Overpass will greatly improve safety on both Sycolin Road and the Route 15 Bypass and would reduce congestion and greatly improve the flow of traffic around the Town of Leesburg; and

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WHEREAS, the construction of a climbing lane on westbound Route 7 from West Market Street to Route 9 would greatly reduce congestion on roads within the Town of Leesburg; and

WHEREAS, the construction of an interchange at the intersection of the Route 15 Bypass and Edwards Ferry Road will improve the safety and level of service of the existing at-grade intersection.

THEREFORE, RESOLVED by the Council of the Town of Leesburg in Virginia as follows:

SECTION I. VDOT is requested to include and fund the following urban system projects as part of its Virginia Department of Transportation Six-Year Improvement Plan:

<u>Priority</u>	<u>Project Description</u>
1	Widen South King Street from Route 621 to the southern corporate limits to accommodate a four (4) lane divided travel way
2	Construct Battlefield Parkway from South King Street to Dulles Greenway
3	Sycolin Road Widening -- Phase IV
4	Widen Evergreen Mill Road to four (4) lanes from South King Street to Battlefield Parkway

SECTION II. The Town agrees to pay its share of the total costs for preliminary engineering, right-of-way acquisition and construction of these projects in accordance with Section 33.1-44 of the Code of Virginia, as amended, and that, if the Council subsequently elects to stop or cancel any of the projects, the Town hereby agrees to reimburse VDOT for the total

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amount of the costs expended by VDOT through the date VDOT is notified of such suspension or cancellation.

SECTION III. VDOT is requested to include and fund the following primary system projects as part of its Virginia Department of Transportation Six-Year Improvement Plan:

1. Construct the Sycolin Road Overpass over the Route 7/15 Bypass.
2. Widen Westbound Route 7 by adding a climbing lane from West Market Street to Route 9.
3. Construct interchange at Route 15 Bypass and Edwards Ferry Road.
4. Widen the Route 7/15 Bypass from four (4) to six (6) lanes including the completion of the interchange at Route 15 and the route 7 Bypass.
5. Widen Route 7 Bypass from South King Street to West Market Street.
6. Construct interchange at Battlefield Parkway and Route 7.

SECTION IV. VDOT is requested to continue to include and fund a primary system project to construct the Sycolin Road Overpass.

1. An overpass of Sycolin Road at the Route 7/15 Bypass is ultimately desired in order to close the current at-grade intersection.
2. Improvements to construct a grade separation/overpass at Sycolin Road were dependent on the completion of Battlefield Parkway between Kincaid Boulevard and Route 7 which was opened in September 2009.
3. The future of commerce and economic development in Leesburg depends a great deal on the ability of the Route 7/15 Bypass to function at an acceptable level of service.
4. The Northern Virginia Transportation Authority and the Virginia Department of Transportation have determined the Sycolin Road Overpass is a needed regional transportation improvements project and has approved Parson Inc. to proceed with the design and Public Hearing stage.

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SECTION V. VDOT is requested to continue to include and fund a primary system project to widen Route 7 from West Market Street to Route 9 by adding a westbound climbing lane for the following reasons:

1. The 2009 traffic volume on Route 7 west of Market Street exceed 59,000 vehicles per day.
2. Traffic volumes are increasing annually and are expected to exceed 110,000 vehicles per day by the year 2030.
3. Proposed improvements to Route 9 in West Virginia will increase the capacity of Route 9 up to the state line and plans to handle the increase in traffic are not yet in place.
4. The Route 9/Route 7 corridor is an important regional transportation link.
5. The accident history on Route 9 warrants major roadway improvements.
6. Since the free flow nature of Route 7 must be maintained, the implementation of the Route 7 limited access plan should be included with this project.

SECTION VI. VDOT is requested to establish a primary system project to construct an interchange at the intersection of the Route 15 Bypass and Edwards Ferry Road.

1. Traffic volumes on the Route 15 Bypass have nearly reached the 2030 VDOT prediction of 59,000 vehicles per day. The 2009 traffic volume is 52,773 vehicles per day.
2. Concept studies have shown that a modified urban diamond interchange will fit in the space available.
3. The interchange will allow safe passage for pedestrians to cross the Route 15 Bypass highway, which currently exceed 120 pedestrians per day.

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SECTION VII. VDOT is requested to widen the Route 7/15 Bypass from four (4) to six (6) lanes and to complete the interchange at Route 15 and Route 7/15 Bypass for the following reasons:

1. The 2009 traffic volume on the Route 7/15 Bypass exceed 65,000 vehicles per day.
2. Increasing traffic volumes are causing a decrease in safety and level of service along the Route 7/15 Bypass.
3. Current traffic volumes on the Dulles Greenway (Toll Road), which connects to the Route 7/15 Bypass, exceed 33,000 vehicles per day.
4. Traffic volumes are expected to exceed 118,000 vehicles per day on the Route 7/15 Bypass by 2030 according to Town of Leesburg Traffic Model.
5. VDOT should perform the proper noise studies during the design stage of this project and include the installation of appropriate noise mitigation reduction measures with the construction phase.

SECTION VIII. VDOT is requested to establish a primary system project to widen Route 7 Bypass between South King Street (Route 15) to West Market Street (Route 7 Business).

1. Traffic volumes are increasing annually and are expected to exceed 110,000 vehicles per day by the year 2030.
2. VDOT should perform the proper noise studies during the design stage of this project and include the installation of appropriate noise reduction measures with the construction of this project.

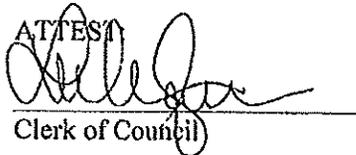
SECTION IX. VDOT is requested to establish primary system project to construct an interchange at Battlefield Parkway and Route 7.

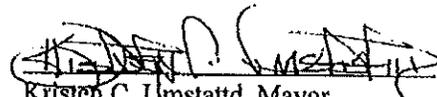
1. The 2009 traffic volume on Route 7 is 75,000 average daily trips (ADT). The Town's 2030 prediction is 106,000 ADT.

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2. The elimination of all signalized intersections from the Route 7/15 Bypass to Route 28 is part of the VDOT, Loudoun County, and Town of Leesburg Transportation Plans.

PASSED this 11<sup>th</sup> day of October, 2011.

ATTEST  
  
Clerk of Council

  
Kristen C. Umstadd, Mayor  
Town of Leesburg



# COMMONWEALTH of VIRGINIA

## DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

4975 Alliance Drive  
Fairfax, VA 22030

GREGORY A. WHIRLEY  
COMMISSIONER

September 7, 2012

Ms. Lee Ann Green  
Town Clerk  
Town of Leesburg  
25 West Market Street  
Leesburg, VA 20176

Dear Ms. Green:

The Secretary of Transportation and the Commonwealth Transportation Board will again conduct nine 2012 Fall Multimodal Transportation Public Meetings across the state in October and November to give stakeholders the opportunity to review and provide comments on projects and programs to be included in the Fiscal Year 2014-2019 Six-Year Improvement Program (FY14-19 SYIP), including highway, rail and public transportation initiatives. We want to build on the efforts during last year's fall meetings, and it is important that we hear from you and your constituents about those projects you feel are the highest priority for the state's limited transportation funds.

Representatives from all of Virginia's modal agencies – Virginia Department of Transportation, Virginia Department of Rail and Public Transportation, Virginia Department of Aviation, Virginia Department of Motor Vehicles, Motor Vehicle Dealer Board, and Virginia Port Authority – are invited to attend and provide information on current initiatives.

In addition, all Metropolitan Planning Organizations (MPOs) and Planning District Commissions (PDCs) are invited to participate in the meetings in their region. Space will be reserved at each meeting location for the respective MPO and PDC staff to display presentation materials regarding regional initiatives and priorities. Please let us know if you will be participating and provide a point of contact so that we can coordinate meeting logistics.

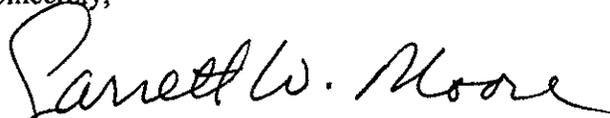
As we did last year, these meetings will consist of an open house format from 6:00 p.m. to 6:30 p.m. where attendees can review materials produced by agency staff and discuss specific projects or issues. Written comments may also be submitted during this informal session, or they may be mailed or e-mailed until November 30, 2012. Following the open house, an opportunity will be provided for comments from the public and transportation stakeholders with a formal comment session beginning at 6:30 p.m. Attached is the Fall Multimodal Meeting Schedule.

Ms. Lee Ann Green  
September 7, 2012  
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You are invited to come and speak with our transportation agency representatives. If you cannot attend one of the meetings, you may send your comments to Diane Mitchell, Virginia Department of Transportation, 1401 E. Broad Street, Richmond, VA 23219 or e-mail them to [Six-YearProgram@vdot.virginia.gov](mailto:Six-YearProgram@vdot.virginia.gov) by November 30, 2012. Comments on rail and public transportation may be sent to the Department of Rail and Public Transportation Public Information Officer at 600 East Main Street, Suite 2102, Richmond, VA 23219 or e-mail them to [drptpr@drpt.virginia.gov](mailto:drptpr@drpt.virginia.gov).

If you have any questions prior to the meeting, please contact Joan Morris, our Public Affairs Manager, at (703) 259-1799.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Garrett W. Moore". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large initial 'G'.

Garrett W. Moore, P.E.  
District Administrator  
Northern Virginia District

Attachment

Copy: Joan Morris

**COMMONWEALTH OF VIRGINIA**  
**2012 Fall Multimodal Transportation Meeting Schedule**

**Thursday, October 25 - Hampton Roads**

Hampton Roads Transportation Planning Organization  
723 Woodlake Drive  
Chesapeake, VA

**Monday, October 29 - Fredericksburg**

~~To Be Determined~~

**Tuesday, October 30 - Northern Virginia**

Virginia Department of Transportation  
District Office Potomac Conference Center  
4975 Alliance Drive  
Fairfax, VA

**Thursday, November 1 - Culpeper**

Germanna Community College  
Daniel Technology Center  
18121 Technology Drive  
Culpeper, VA 22701

**Monday, November 5 - Staunton**

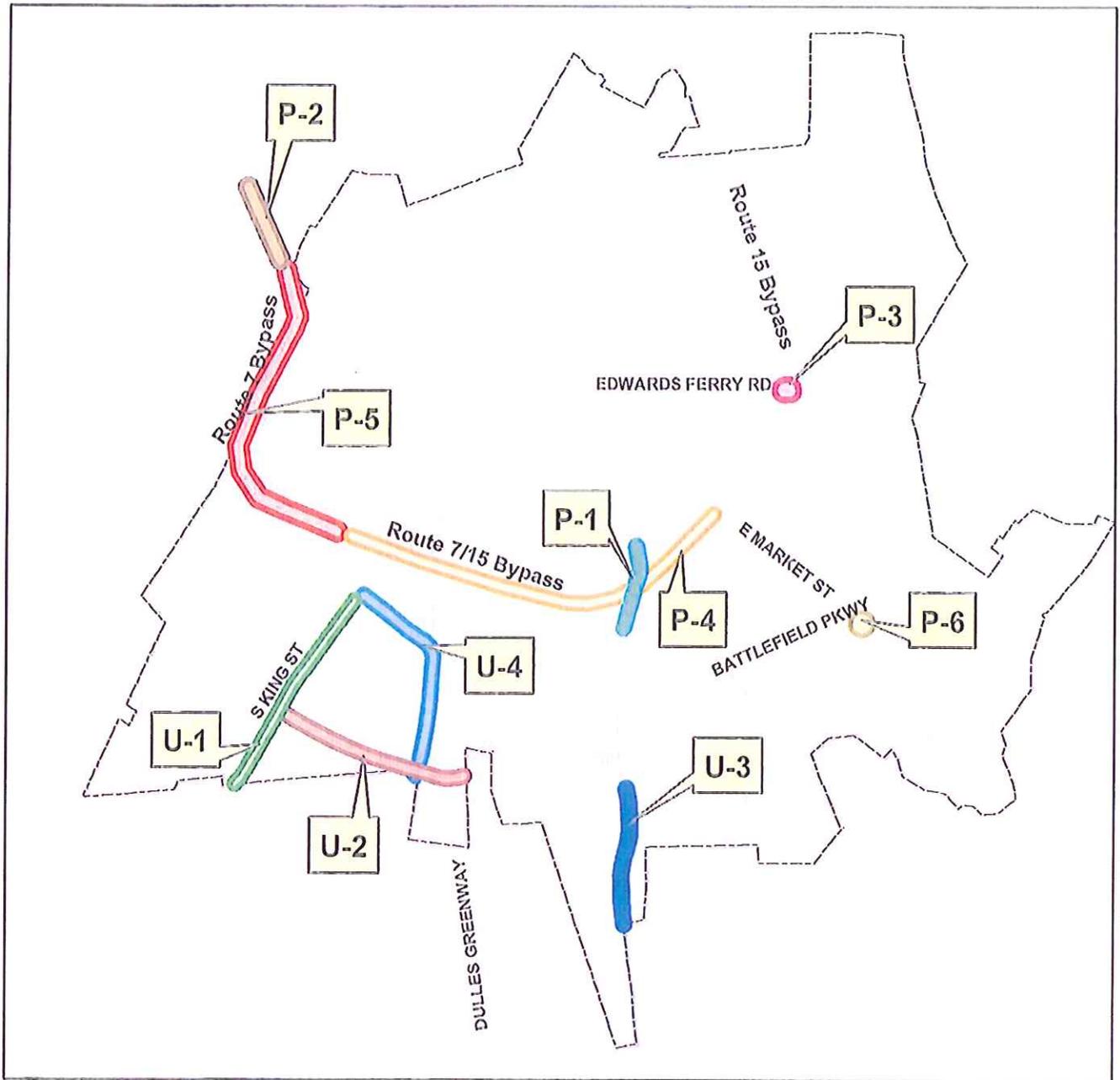
Augusta Government Center  
18 Government Center Lane  
Verona, VA 24482

**Wednesday, November 7 - Salem**

Montgomery Government Center  
755 Roanoke Street  
Christiansburg, VA

**Thursday, November 8 - Lynchburg**

Kirkley Hotel and Conference Center  
2900 Chandlers Mountain Road  
Lynchburg, VA 24502



-  P-1: Sycolin Road Flyover
-  P-2: West Bound Climbing Lane on Route 7 (From West Market Street to Route 9)
-  P-3: Route 15 Bypass / Edwards Ferry Road Interchange
-  P-4: Route 7 / 15 Bypass Widening Project
-  P-5: Route 7 / 15 Bypass Widening to 6 - Lanes (From South King Street to West Market Street)
-  P-6: Interchange at Battlefield Parkway at Route 7
-  U-1: South King Street Widening Project
-  U-2: Battlefield Parkway from South King Street to the Dulles Greenway
-  U-3: Sycolin Road Widening Phase IV
-  U-4: Evergreen Mill Road (Route 621) from South King Street to Battlefield Parkway

## VDOT Six Year Improvement Plan Town of Leesburg Major Road Projects



2010-14  
Revised: May 12, 2010  
October 15, 2007

## Calvin Grow

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**From:** Bigdeli, Farid, P.E. (VDOT) [Farid.Bigdeli@VDOT.Virginia.gov]  
**Sent:** Wednesday, September 26, 2012 4:42 PM  
**To:** Tom Mason  
**Cc:** John Wells; Calvin Grow; Burke, Richard 'Dic' W. II (VDOT); Vaughan, Jan (VDOT)  
**Subject:** Additional Funding for Town of Leesburg

Tom,

As I noted during the Leesburg Town Council Work Session on Monday night (9/24), Secretary Connaughton has asked VDOT to provide \$5M for preliminary engineering to grade/separate the intersection of Route 15 Bypass and Edwards Ferry Road.

As I indicated this project will be added to the draft FY14-FY19 Six-Year Improvement Program (spread over several years) for the CTB's approval in June of 2013.

Thanks - Farid

Farid Bigdeli, P.E.  
Transportation & Land Use Director, Loudoun County  
VDOT Northern Virginia  
4975 Alliance Drive  
Fairfax, VA 22030  
(703) 259-2954  
(571) 641-0872 (cell)  
[Farid.Bigdeli@VDOT.Virginia.gov](mailto:Farid.Bigdeli@VDOT.Virginia.gov)

PRESENTED: October 9, 2012

RESOLUTION NO. 2012 -

ADOPTED: \_\_\_\_\_

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5. Selection of the design-build team is expected in October with award of the contract in December 2012.
6. Design-build team means any company or entity permitted by law to practice engineering and construction contracting in Virginia which can expedite the project by designing and building the project at the same time.

SECTION V. VDOT is requested to continue to include and fund a primary system project to widen Route 7 from West Market Street to Route 9 by adding a westbound climbing lane for the following reasons:

1. The 2011 traffic volume on Route 7 west of Market Street exceed 64,000 vehicles per day.
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3. Proposed improvements to Route 9 in West Virginia will increase the capacity of Route 9 up to the state line and plans to handle the increase in traffic are not yet in place.
4. The Route 9/Route 7 corridor is an important regional transportation link.
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SECTION VI. VDOT is requested to establish a primary system project to construct an interchange at the intersection of the Route 15 Bypass and Edwards Ferry Road.

1. The 2011 traffic volume is 44,000 vehicles per day. Traffic volumes on the Route 15 Bypass will reach the 2040 Town model prediction of 59,000 vehicles per day sooner than expected.

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2. Preliminary concept studies have shown that a modified urban diamond interchange may fit in the space available.
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4. The Town will need approximately \$1,000,000 to start the required Interchange Justification Study.

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4. Traffic volumes are expected to exceed 103,000 vehicles per day on the Route 7/15 Bypass by 2040 according to Town of Leesburg Traffic Model.
7. VDOT should perform the proper noise studies during the design stage of this project and include the installation of appropriate noise mitigation reduction measures with the construction phase.

SECTION VIII. VDOT is requested to establish a primary system project to widen the Route 7 Bypass between South King Street (Route 15) to West Market Street (Route 7

Business).

1. Traffic volumes are increasing annually and are expected to exceed 105,000 vehicles per day
2. VDOT should perform the proper noise studies during the design stage of this project and include the installation of appropriate noise reduction measures with the construction of this project.

A RESOLUTION: REQUESTING VIRGINIA DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION (VDOT) FUNDING FOR HIGHWAY PROJECTS WITHIN THE TOWN OF LEESBURG IN THE VIRGINIA DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION SIX-YEAR IMPROVEMENT PLAN FOR FISCAL YEARS 2014-2019

SECTION IX. VDOT is requested to establish primary system project to construct an interchange at Battlefield Parkway and Route 7.

1. The 2011 traffic volume on Route 7 is 77,000 average daily trips (ADT). The Town's 2040 prediction is 113,000 ADT.
2. The elimination of all signalized intersections from the Route 7/15 Bypass to Route 28 is part of the VDOT, Loudoun County, and Town of Leesburg Transportation Plans.

PASSED this 9<sup>th</sup> day of October, 2012.

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Kristen C. Umstattd, Mayor  
Town of Leesburg

ATTEST:

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Clerk of Council