



Date of Council Meeting: April 22, 2014

TOWN OF LEESBURG TOWN COUNCIL MEETING

Subject: 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 2015-2020

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 Thursday, April 24, 2014 and present the Town's request to the Commonwealth Transportation Board (CTB). There are no new urban funds allocated to the Town of Leesburg in the VDOT Six-Year Improvement Plan.

Urban System Projects

1. Widen South King Street-Phase II from Meade 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. Construct Interchange at Battlefield Parkway and Route 7.
5. 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.
6. Widen Route 7 Bypass from South King Street to West Market Street.
7. Construct interchange at Battlefield Parkway and Route 15 Bypass.

Issue: A resolution adopted by the Leesburg Town Council is needed for the Town's request to the Commonwealth Transportation Board (CTB) for funding highway projects in the VDOT 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 a Northern Virginia (NOVA) District Transportation Public Hearing for preparation of the FY 2015-2020 VDOT Six-Year Improvement Plan. The NOVA District Public Hearing will be held on Thursday, April 24, 2014 at VDOT District Office, 4975 Alliance Drive, Fairfax, Virginia at 6:00 p.m.

Attached is a copy of Resolution #2013-064, 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 seven (7) primary system projects.

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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.
3. Construct Interchange at Route 15 Bypass and Edwards Ferry Road.
4. Construct Interchange at Battlefield Parkway and Route 7.
5. 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.
6. Widen Route 7 Bypass from South King Street to West Market Street.
7. Construct interchange at Battlefield Parkway and Route 15 Bypass.

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). Phase II of the project is Meade Drive to southern corporate limits will start construction in the fall of 2015.

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. This project is planned to be completed in 2016.

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 \$11 million, with a construction date TBD.

Widen Evergreen Mill Road - Unfunded and not in the proposed VDOT Six-Year Improvement Plan.

Sycolin Road Overpass at the Route 7/15 Bypass – Project to be completed by August 15, 2014.

Route 7 Westbound Climbing Lane from West Market Street to Route 9 – This is a VDOT design/build project and is underway. Construction is planned to start in May of 2014.

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Interchange of Route 15 Bypass and Edwards Ferry Road – The proposed VDOT Six-Year Improvement Plan shows \$4,000,000 from VDOT. The 2012 traffic counts show that the traffic volumes at the Route 15 Bypass at Edwards Ferry Road have reached 45,000 ADT. It will take four (4) to six (6) years to design and construct the needed interchange.

Interchange of Battlefield Parkway and Route 7 – Unfunded and not in the proposed VDOT Six-Year Improvement Plan. Town has requested NVTAF funds.

Route 7/15 Bypass 6 (Six) Lane Widening including the completion of the interchange at Route 15 and the Route 7 Bypass – Unfunded and not in the proposed VDOT Six-Year Improvement Plan. 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 proposed VDOT Six-Year Improvement Plan.

Interchange at Battlefield Parkway and Route 15 Bypass – Unfunded and not in the proposed VDOT Six-Year Improvement Plan.

We recommend the following comments be presented by the Mayor or her designee at the April 24, 2014 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. 2013-064, Public Hearing Notice and letter from Helen L. Cuervo, District Administrator, dated March 7, 2014)

The Town of
Leesburg,
Virginia

PRESENTED: October 9, 2012

ADOPTED: October 9, 2012

AMENDED: May 28, 2013

RESOLUTION NO. 2013-064

A RESOLUTION: AMENDING RESOLUTION #2012-113 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

WHEREAS, the Virginia Department of Transportation (VDOT) is revising the Virginia Department of Transportation Six-Year Improvement Plan for fiscal years 2014-2019; 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, on October 9, 2012 the Leesburg Town Council adopted Resolution No. 2012-113 requesting VDOT to include and fund the following urban system projects as part of its VDOT Six-Year Improvement Plan, and

WHEREAS, the Town Council is requesting to amend Resolution No. 2012-113 to include the interchange at Battlefield Parkway and Route 15; and

WHEREAS, the construction of an interchange at the intersection of Battlefield Parkway and Route 15 Bypass will improve the safety and level of service at this congested location and provide safe passage for pedestrian traffic across the Route 15 Bypass; 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

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

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 at this congested location and provide a safe pedestrian crossing of the Route 15 Bypass; 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

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

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.

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 |

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- 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 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 to replace the intersection of Edwards Ferry Road and Fort Evans Road.
4. Construct interchange at Route 7 and Battlefield Parkway to Replace the Intersections of Battlefield Parkway and Cardinal Park Drive.
5. 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.
6. Widen Route 7 Bypass from South King Street to West Market Street.
7. Construct interchange at Route 15 Bypass and Battlefield Parkway.

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SECTION IV. 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.
2. Preliminary concept studies have shown that a modified urban diamond interchange may fit in the space available.
3. VDOT has committed \$5,000,000 toward the design of the interchange in the FY14-FY19 Six-Year Plan.
4. The Town will need approximately \$1,000,000 to start the required Interchange Justification Study.

SECTION V. 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 improvement project and has been approved as a design-build proposal.
5. Selection of the design-build team is expected in October with award of the contract in December 2012.

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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 VI. 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.
2. Traffic volumes are increasing annually and are expected to exceed 120,000 vehicles per day by the year 2040.
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 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 2011 traffic volume on the Route 7/15 Bypass exceed 63,000 vehicles per day.
2. Increasing traffic volumes are causing a decrease in safety and level of service along the Route 7/15 Bypass.

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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 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.

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.

SECTION X. VDOT is requested to establish a primary system project to construct an interchange at Battlefield Parkway and Route 15 Bypass.

1. The 2011 traffic volume on Route 15 Bypass at Battlefield Parkway is 24,000 average daily trips (ADT).
2. The elimination of all signalized intersections from the Route 15 Bypass is part of VDOT, Loudoun County and Town of Leesburg Transportation Plan.

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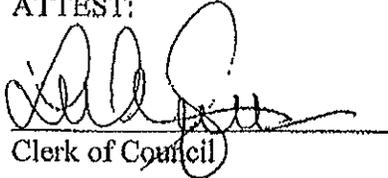
3. Interchange will provide safe passage for pedestrian traffic across the Route 15 Bypass.

PASSED this 28th day of May, 2013.



Kristen C. Umstatt, Mayor
Town of Leesburg

ATTEST:



Clerk of Council

(C) Mayor & Council (s)
Public Works
CPM



COMMONWEALTH of VIRGINIA

DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

4975 Alliance Drive
Fairfax, VA 22030

CHARLES A. KILPATRICK, P.E.
COMMISSIONER

RECEIVED

March 7, 2014

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Town of Leesburg
Town Manager

Mr. John A. Wells
Town Manager
Town of Leesburg
25 West Market Street
Leesburg, VA 21076

Dear Mr. Wells:

The Commonwealth Transportation Board will conduct a public hearing in Northern Virginia to give citizens the opportunity to review and provide comments on projects and programs to be included in the Fiscal Year 2015-2020 Six-Year Improvement Program (FY2015-2020 SYIP), including highway, rail, and public transportation initiatives. These projects and programs represent important improvements to address safety, congestion, and preservation of Virginia's transportation network.

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. The public hearing for citizens in our region will be held at the Virginia Department of Transportation, Northern Virginia District Office, Potomac Conference Center, 4975 Alliance Drive, Fairfax, VA 22030 on April 24, 2014 beginning at 6:00 p.m. Written comments may also be submitted during the hearing, mailed or e-mailed afterwards.

You are encouraged to attend the public hearing in our region or one of the other hearings on the attached listing if it is more convenient for you. If you cannot attend the hearing, you may send your comments to Programming Director, Virginia Department of Transportation, 1401 E. Broad Street, Richmond, VA 23219 or e-mail them to Six-YearProgram@vdot.virginia.gov.

We would truly appreciate your attendance at this session. If you have any questions prior to the meeting, please contact Joan Morris, our Public Relations Manager, at (703) 259-1799.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Helen L. Cuervo".

Helen L. Cuervo
District Administrator
Northern Virginia District

Attachment

Copy: Joan Morris

VirginiaDot.org
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DRAFT FY 2015-2020 SYIP PUBLIC HEARING DATES AND LOCATIONS

Thursday, April 17, 2014

Hampton Roads Planning District Commission
723 Woodlake Drive
Chesapeake, VA 23320

Tuesday, April 22, 2014

Holiday Inn Hotel & Suites
Bristol Convention Center
3005 Linden Drive
Bristol, VA 24202

Thursday, April 24, 2014

VDOT
Northern Virginia District Office
Potomac Conference Center
4975 Alliance Drive
Fairfax, VA 22030

Tuesday, April 29, 2014

Rockingham County Administration Center
Board of Supervisors Room
20 East Gay Street
Harrisonburg, VA 22802

Monday, May 5, 2014

VDOT
Central Office Auditorium
1221 E. Broad Street
Richmond, VA 23219

Monday, May 12, 2014

Essex High School
833 High School Circle
Tappahannock, VA 22560

Wednesday, May 14, 2014

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

Thursday, May 15, 2014

VDOT
Lynchburg District Complex
Ramey Memorial Auditorium
4303 Campbell Avenue
Lynchburg, VA 24501

Monday, May 19, 2014

Northside High School
6758 Northside High School Road
Roanoke, VA 24019

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RESOLUTION NO. 2014 -

ADOPTED: _____

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WHEREAS, the Virginia Department of Transportation (VDOT) has released the DRAFT of the Virginia Department of Transportation Six-Year Improvement Plan for fiscal years 2015-2020; and

WHEREAS, VDOT will be conducting a Northern Virginia (NOVA) Transportation Public Hearing at the VDOT District Office, Fairfax, Virginia to gather information regarding 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 VDOT Six-Year Improvement Plan for urban system projects; 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 at this congested location and provide a safe pedestrian crossing of the Route 15 Bypass; and

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

WHEREAS, the Town would like to add a new urban project to complete the Sycolin Road Widening – Phase IV; and

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 2015-2020

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

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.

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

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

1. Construct the Sycolin Road Overpass over the Route 7/15 Bypass.
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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 (NVTA) and VDOT have determined the Sycolin Road Overpass is a needed regional transportation improvement project and has been approved as a design-build proposal.
5. The Sycolin Road Overpass will be completed by the required August 15, 2014 date.

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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 2012 traffic volume on Route 7 west of Market Street exceed 63,000 vehicles per day.
2. Traffic volumes are increasing annually and are expected to exceed 120,000 vehicles per day by the year 2040.
3. 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/Route 7 corridor 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 continue to include and fund a primary system project to construct an interchange at the intersection of the Route 15 Bypass and Edwards Ferry Road.

1. The 2012 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.
2. An interchange at this location is included as a needed project in the TransAction 2040 Northern Virginia Transportation Plan adopted by VDOT and NVTA.
3. Preliminary concept studies have shown that a modified urban diamond interchange may fit in the space available.
4. VDOT has committed \$4,000,000 toward the design of the interchange in the FY2015-FY2020 Six-Year Improvement Plan.

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 2015-2020

5. The Town has been awarded approximately \$1,000,000 to start the required Interchange Justification Report (IJR) from the NVTA.

SECTION VII. VDOT is requested to establish primary system project to construct an interchange at Battlefield Parkway and Route 7 for the following reasons:

1. The 2012 traffic volume on Route 7 is 79,000 average daily trips (ADT). The Town's 2040 prediction is 113,000 ADT.
2. An interchange at this location is included as a needed improvement in the TransAction 2040 Northern Virginia Transportation Plan adopted by VDOT and NVTA.
3. 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.

SECTION VIII. 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 2012 traffic volume on the Route 7/15 Bypass exceed 63,000 vehicles per day.
2. Increasing traffic volumes are causing a decrease in safety and level of service along the Route 7/15 Bypass.
3. The 2012 traffic volume on the Dulles Greenway (Toll Road), which connects to the Route 7/15 Bypass, exceeds 29,000 vehicles per day.
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.
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.

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SECTION IX. VDOT is requested to establish a primary system project to widen the Route 7 Bypass from South King Street (Route 15) to West Market Street (Route 7 Business) for the following reasons:

1. Traffic volumes are increasing annually and are expected to exceed 105,000 vehicles per day by the year 2040.
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 X. VDOT is requested to establish a primary system project to construct an Interchange at Battlefield Parkway and Route 15 Bypass for the following reasons:

1. The 2011 traffic volume on Route 15 Bypass at Battlefield Parkway is 24,000 average daily trips (ADT).
2. An interchange at this location is included as a needed project in the TransAction 2040 Northern Virginia Transportation Plan adopted by VDOT and NVTA.
3. The elimination of all signalized intersections from the Route 15 Bypass is part of the VDOT, Loudoun County and Town of Leesburg Transportation Plan.
4. This Interchange will provide safe passage for pedestrian traffic across the Route 15 Bypass.

PASSED this _____ day of _____ 2014.

Kristen C. Umstattd, Mayor
Town of Leesburg

ATTEST:

Clerk of Council