



Date of Council Meeting: October 27, 2014

**TOWN OF LEESBURG
TOWN COUNCIL MEETING**

Subject: Virginia Department of Transportation Six-Year Improvement Plan Fiscal Years 2017-2022.

Staff Contact: Renée M. LaFollette, P.E., Director of Public Works and Capital Projects
Calvin K. Grow, Transportation Engineer, Public Works and Capital Projects

Council Action Requested: A Resolution is needed for the Town's request to the Commonwealth Transportation Board (CTB) for funding highway projects in the Fiscal Years 2017-2022 VDOT Six-Year Improvement Plan.

Staff Recommendation: That the Town Council include the following urban system and primary system projects in this year's request:

A. 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.

B. Primary System Projects

1. Construct Interchange at Battlefield Parkway and Route 7.
2. Construct Interchange at Route 15 Bypass and Edwards Ferry Road.
3. Construct interchange at Battlefield Parkway and Route 15 Bypass.
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.

Commission Recommendation: Not Applicable.

Fiscal Impact: This item does not impact the Town's budget at this time. The projects that are reimbursement based are currently programmed in the Town's Capital Improvement Program.

Work Plan Impact: The projects listed above are currently in the approved Town Capital Improvement Plan or on the Priority Future List, and are part of the department work plan.

Executive Summary: The Town Council should adopt a Resolution for the Town's request to the Commonwealth Transportation Board (CTB) for Fiscal Years 2017-2022 transportation funding. The Mayor or her designee should attend the Virginia Department of Transportation Public Hearing

scheduled for Monday, November 16, 2015, and present the Town's requests to the Commonwealth CTB. Staff will deliver the Resolution to the drop-box provided at the meeting for public comments.

Background: The Virginia Department of Transportation (VDOT) will be conducting a Northern Virginia (NOVA) District Transportation Public Meeting on the Fiscal Year 2017-2022 VDOT Six-Year Improvement Plan. The NOVA District Public Meeting will be held on Monday, November 16, 2015 at VDOT District Office, 4975 Alliance Drive, Fairfax, Virginia from 6:00 p.m. – 8:00 p.m.

Attached is a copy of Resolution #2014-106 which contains the Town's 2015 request for highway improvement projects for VDOT's Fiscal Year 2016-2021 Six-Year Improvement Plan. The resolution established four (4) urban system projects and seven (7) primary system projects.

A. 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.

B. Primary System Projects include:

1. Route 7 westbound climbing lane from West Market Street to Route 9.
2. Construct Interchange at Route 15 Bypass and Edwards Ferry Road.
3. Construct Interchange at Battlefield Parkway and Route 7.
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 15 Bypass.

A brief status for each of the projects is as follows:

1. **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 VDOT'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 from Meade Drive to southern corporate limits which is planned to start construction in the spring of 2016.
2. **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 start construction in the spring of 2016.

3. **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 serve significant projected urban growth in the area between Leesburg and the Dulles/Route 28 corridor. This project is currently in design with a public hearing scheduled for October 28 from 6:00 p.m. – 8:00 p.m. at the Leesburg Executive Airport. The project is estimated to cost \$11 million with a construction date in the spring of 2017.
4. **Widen Evergreen Mill Road** - Unfunded and not in the proposed VDOT Six-Year Improvement Plan.
5. **Route 7 Westbound Climbing Lane from West Market Street to Route 9** – This is a VDOT design/build project and is underway. Construction should be completed by December 2015 weather permitting.
6. **Interchange of Route 15 Bypass and Edwards Ferry Road** – VDOT will sign a contract with HNTB in November to start the design work on this interchange. The Town has worked with Loudoun County staff and have received \$2,000,000 million in NVTA 70% funding on this project.
7. **Interchange of Battlefield Parkway and Route 7** – Town has requested NVTA 70% funds and received \$13,000,000 for the design of the interchange. VDOT is planning on signing a contract with WRA to begin the design in early 2016.
8. **Interchange at Battlefield Parkway and Route 15 Bypass** – Unfunded and not in the proposed VDOT Six-Year Improvement Plan.
9. **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.
10. **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.

Attachments: (1) Resolution – VDOT Six-Year Improvement Plan
(2) Attachments: (Resolution No. 2014-106; Public Meeting Notice and letter from Helen L. Cuervo, District Administrator, dated October 14, 2015)

The Town of
**Leesburg,
Virginia**

PRESENTED: October 14, 2014

RESOLUTION NO. 2014-106

ADOPTED: October 14, 2014

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 2016-2021

WHEREAS, the Virginia Department of Transportation (VDOT) has requested comments for the preparation of the VDOT Six-Year Improvement Plan for Fiscal Years 2016-2021; 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 safety, decrease congestion and provide a safe pedestrian crossing of the Route 15 Bypass and is in the VDOT Six-Year Improvement Plan as an urban system project; and

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

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WHEREAS, the construction of a climbing lane on westbound Route 7 from West Market Street to Route 9 is under way and will 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 Six-Year Improvement Plan:

<u>Priority</u>	<u>Project Description</u>
1	Widen South King Street Meade Drive 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 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 Six-Year Improvement Plan:

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1. Widen westbound Route 7 by adding a climbing lane from West Market Street to Route 9.
2. Construct interchange at Route 15 Bypass and Edwards Ferry Road to replace the intersections at Edwards Ferry Road and Fort Evans Road.
3. Construct interchange at Route 7 and Battlefield Parkway to replace the intersections at Battlefield Parkway and Cardinal Park Drive.
4. Construct interchange at Route 15 Bypass and Battlefield Parkway.
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.

SECTION IV. VDOT is requested to continue to construct 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 2013 traffic volume on Route 7 west of Market Street exceed 62,000 vehicles per day.
2. Traffic volumes are increasing annually and are expected to exceed 120,000 vehicles per day by the year 2040.
3. An improvement to Route 9 in West Virginia has increased 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 has been included with this project.

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SECTION V. VDOT is requested 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 2013 traffic volume is 46,000 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 a needed project in the TransAction 2040 Northern Virginia Transportation Plan adopted by VDOT and the Northern Virginia Transportation Authority (NVTA).
3. Preliminary concept studies have shown that a modified urban diamond interchange may fit in the space available.
4. The Town has been awarded approximately \$1,000,000 to start the required Interchange Justification Report (IJR) from the NVTA.

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

1. The 2013 traffic volume on Route 7 is 83,000 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 VII. 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).

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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.

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 2013 traffic volume on the Route 7/15 Bypass exceed 62,000 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 2013 traffic volume on the Dulles Greenway (Toll Road), which connects to the Route 7/15 Bypass, exceeds 28,000 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.

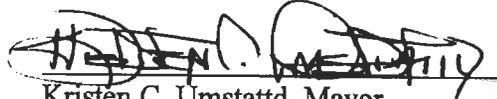
SECTION IX. VDOT is requested to establish a primary system project to widen the Route 7 Bypass from South King Street (Route 15) to West Market Street (Route 7 Business) for the following reasons:

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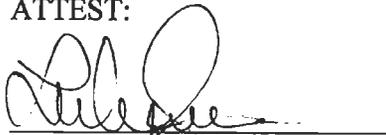
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PASSED this 14th day of October, 2014.


Kristen C. Umstatt, Mayor
Town of Leesburg

ATTEST:


Clerk of Council

October 14, 2015

Dear Local Official:

Subject: 2015 Fall Transportation Meetings
NOVA District Meeting, November 16th; 6:00 - 8:00 p.m.
4975 Alliance Drive, Fairfax, VA 22030

The Commonwealth Transportation Board will conduct nine public meetings across the state in November 2015 to give stakeholders the opportunity to review and provide comments on transportation projects and priorities. Specifically, information will be provided on projects and strategies submitted for consideration through the HB2 prioritization process. I will co-host this meeting with our local CTB representatives and Secretary of Transportation, Aubrey Layne. 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.

Our format will be a little different from last year's meetings. This year's meetings will consist of an Open House format at **6:00 p.m.** The attendees will be able to review and provide feedback on the projects and strategies submitted for consideration for both the High-Priority Projects Program and the Construction District Grant Program during HB2 application phase. Following the Open House, there will be an opportunity to engage with the Secretary at **7:00 p.m.** in a town hall style format for the public and transportation stakeholders. These meetings are intended to be interactive; there will be no formal public comment. Meeting materials will be available on the web at <http://www.virginiadot.org/2015fallmeetings> starting November 2.

Representatives from the Virginia Department of Transportation, Virginia Department of Rail and Public Transportation, Office of Intermodal Planning and Investment, and Office of Transportation Public-Private Partnerships will be available to provide information on current initiatives and to answer any questions.

I encourage you to come and speak with our transportation agency representatives. If you cannot attend the meetings, you may send your comments to Infrastructure Investment Director at 1401 E. Broad Street, Richmond, VA 23219 or e-mail them to Six-YearProgram@vdot.virginia.gov by December 11, 2015. Comments on rail and public transportation projects may be sent to DRPT Public Information Officer at 600 East Main Street, Suite 2102, Richmond, VA 23219 or e-mail them to drptpr@drpt.virginia.gov. I truly appreciate your participation at this session. If you have any questions prior to the meeting, please contact Maria Sinner at 703-259-2342.

Sincerely,

Helen Cuervo, P.E.
District Administrator
Northern Virginia District

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5. Widen Route 7 Bypass from South King Street to West Market Street.

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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.
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PASSED this 27th day of October, 2015.

Kristen C. Umstattd, Mayor
Town of Leesburg

ATTEST:

Clerk of Council