Virginia Department of Transportation

495 Express Lanes Northern Extension Study (NEXT)

I-495 (Capital Beltway) in the vicinity of the Dulles Toll Road interchange to the George Washington Memorial Parkway interchange in the vicinity of the American Legion Bridge Fairfax County

Virtual Location & Design Public Hearing Monday, October 5, 2020, 7 - 9:30 p.m. 495NorthernExtension.org for details

In-person by Appointment Location & Design Public Hearing Thursday, October 8, 2020, 4 - 8 p.m. McLean Community Center 1234 Ingleside Avenue, McLean, VA 22101

Learn about and provide input on the Virginia Department of Transportation's environmental assessment and draft design plans to extend the 495 Express Lanes by approximately three miles from the Dulles Toll Road interchange to the George Washington Memorial Parkway in the vicinity of the American Legion Bridge to reduce congestion, improve safety and travel reliability, and provide additional travel choices. This project will involve a change in limited access control.

The virtual public hearing will be held Monday, October 5, 2020, with a presentation beginning at 7 p.m. followed by a formal comment session. Afterwards, a 30-minute question and answer period will be offered if time allows. Visit the project webpage (495NorthernExtension.org) or call 703-691-6715 for information on how to access and participate in the virtual public hearing and provide formal comments. Due to COVID-19 health concerns and safety requirements, the public is encouraged to participate in this virtual hearing.

For people who are unable to participate in the virtual public hearing, VDOT is planning a by-appointment-only, in-person hearing on Thursday, October 8, 2020, from 4-8 p.m. at the above address. A video presentation, display boards, and project staff will be available to answer questions and receive public comments. CDC-recommended health measures, including mask requirements and social distancing will be in place. Reservations are required to attend, please call 703-691-6715 or sign up at **495NorthernExtension.org** to make a reservation.

In compliance with the requirements of the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) and 23 CFR Part 771, an environmental study in the form of an Environmental Assessment (EA), which includes a Preliminary Noise Analysis, was approved by the Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) for public review and comment. Pursuant to the National Historic Preservation Act, Section 106 and 36 CFR 800, information concerning the potential effects of the proposed improvements on historic properties is also included in the EA.

Review information on the project website (495northernextension.org), during the virtual or in-person meeting, or during business hours at VDOT's Northern Virginia District Office at 4975 Alliance Drive, Fairfax, VA 22030. Please call ahead at 703-691-6715 or TTY/TDD 711 to ensure appropriate personnel are available to answer your questions.

Give your written comments at the meeting or submit them by October 23, 2020 to Abi Lerner, P.E., Virginia Department of Transportation, 4975 Alliance Drive, Fairfax, VA 22030, or email 495NorthernExtension@VDOT.virginia.gov. Please reference "495 Express Lanes Northern Extension Study" in the subject line.

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