

Providing Your Input

VDOT representatives will review and evaluate comments received at this meeting, and through other public comment options.

You can provide comments by:

- Filling out a comment sheet at the meeting
- Emailing comments to 495NorthernExtension@vdot.virginia.gov
- Submitting your comments online at 495NorthernExtension.org/Comments
- Mailing comments to VDOT Northern Virginia District Office (address on right), attn: Abi Lerner

Comments must be postmarked or submitted to VDOT by **April 15, 2020**, to be included in the public hearing record. Following this public comment period, a meeting transcript, summary, and comments will be available.

Project materials and information are available online at www.495NorthernExtension.org.

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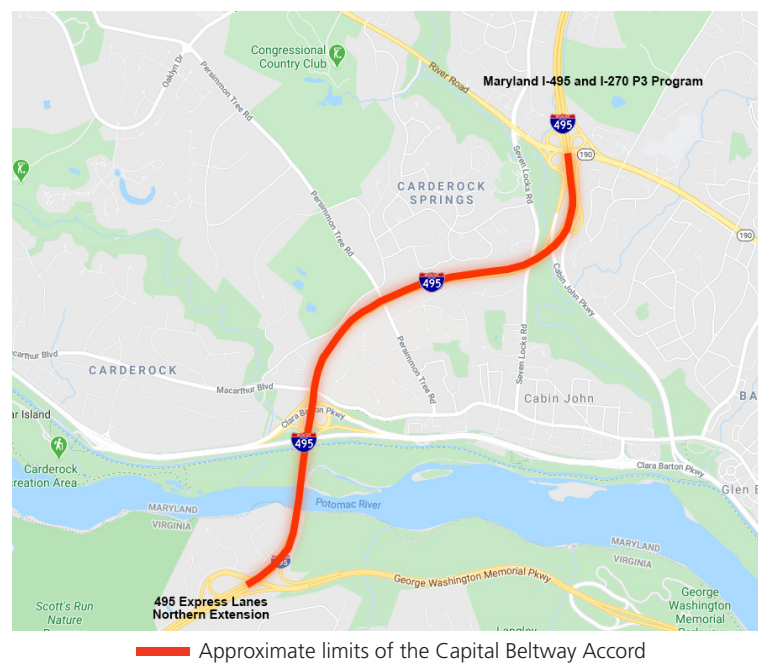
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Regional Coordination

The 495 NEXT project is an independent, stand-alone project conducted by VDOT. VDOT is coordinating with improvements to I-495 and I-270 under study in Maryland to ensure that the plans are compatible.

Under the Capital Beltway Accord, Virginia and Maryland have agreed to fund a new American Legion Bridge and infrastructure for connections between George Washington Memorial Parkway and River Road.

Additionally, Virginia and Maryland are conducting a high-level transit needs study for I-495 that is anticipated to be completed in late 2020.



Location and Design Public Hearing

I-495 Express Lanes Northern Extension Project Fairfax County

Thursday, March 12, 2020

6:30 to 8:30 p.m., Presentation at 7 p.m.

Langley High School

6520 Georgetown Pike, McLean, VA 22101

Location and Design Public Hearing

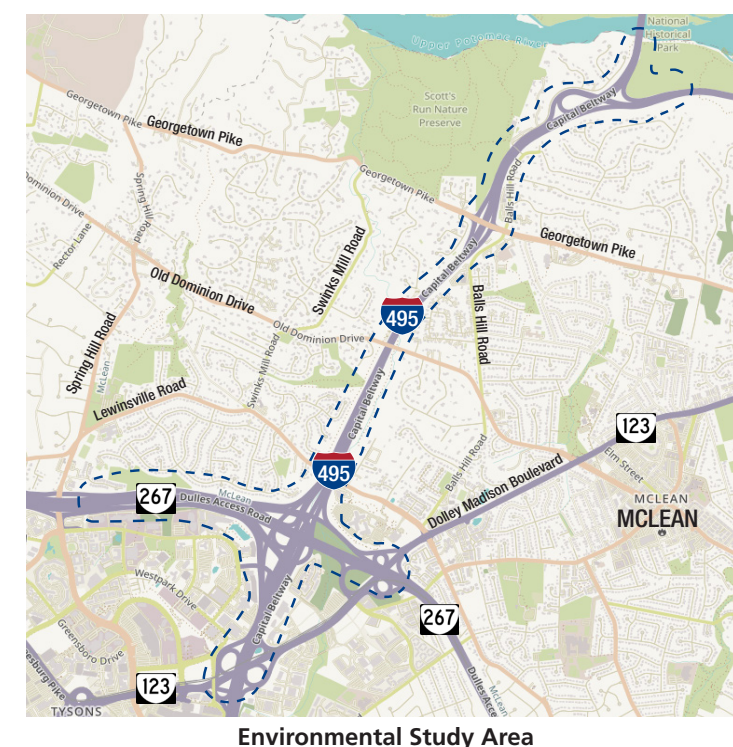
Welcome to the Virginia Department of Transportation's (VDOT) Location and Design Public Hearing on proposed plans to extend the I-495 Express Lanes by approximately three miles from the Dulles Toll Road interchange to the George Washington Memorial Parkway in the vicinity of the American Legion Bridge. We look forward to your active participation.

This design public hearing is being held to provide an opportunity for individuals and organizations to give VDOT comments and/or suggestions on the proposed project. VDOT

strives to ensure that all members of the community have the opportunity to participate in public decisions on transportation projects and programs affecting them.

VDOT representatives are present to discuss the project and answer your questions. A comment sheet is included in this brochure and your input is encouraged. All comments received will be reviewed by the project team and made available at www.495NorthernExtension.org. A court reporter is also present at tonight's meeting to take your comments.

Project Overview



Purpose:

Reduce congestion, provide additional travel choices, improve travel reliability, and enhance safety

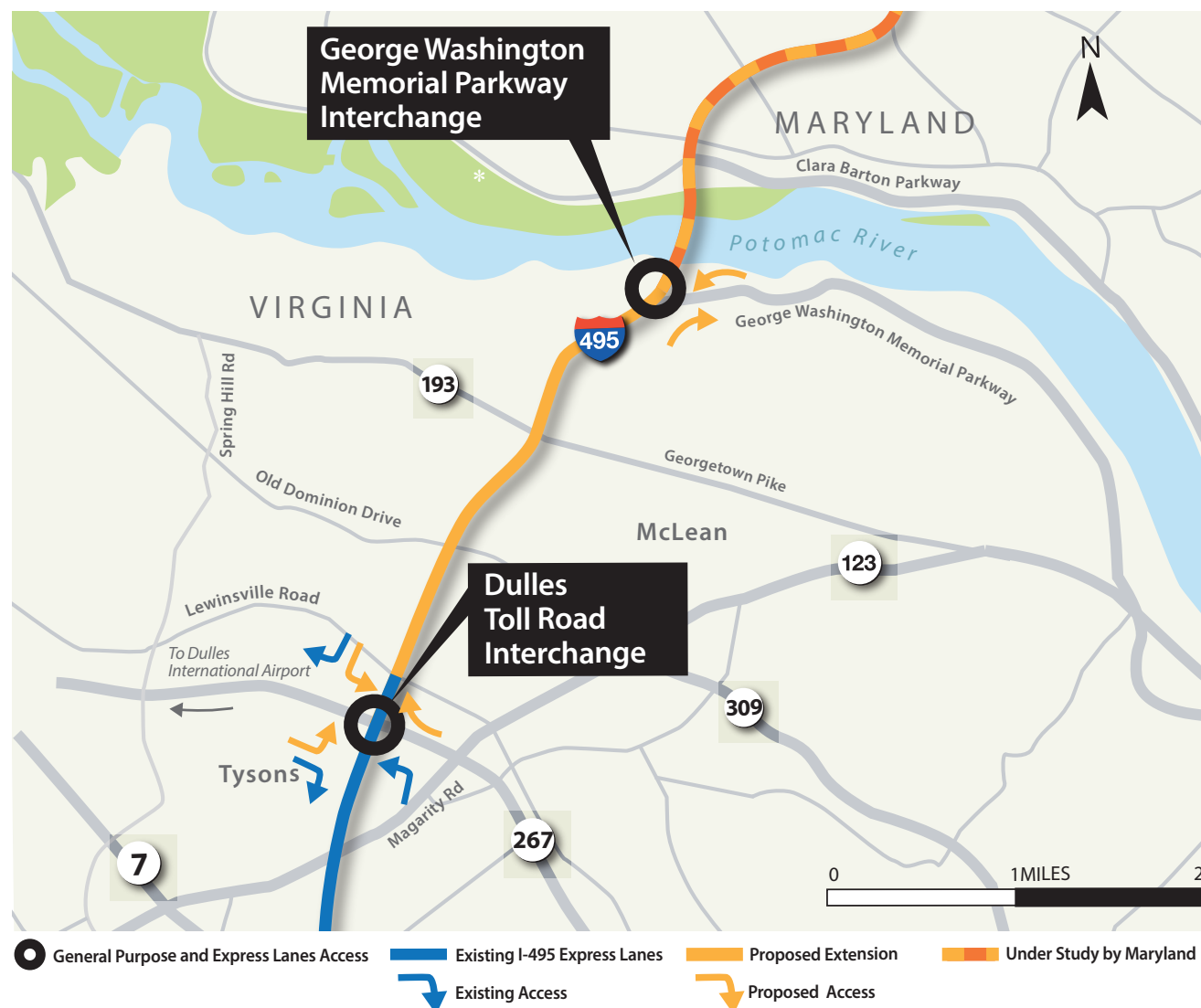
Project Length:

About three miles from the Dulles Toll Road (VA 267) interchange to the George Washington Memorial Parkway in the vicinity of the American Legion Bridge

Improvements:

- Extend 495 Express Lanes to George Washington Memorial Parkway
- Rebuild overpasses for Live Oak Drive, Georgetown Pike, Old Dominion Drive, and I-495 North over Dulles Toll Road
- Add bicycle and pedestrian facilities
- Replace existing and construct new noise walls
- Provide stormwater management facilities

495 Express Lanes Extension Project Area



Project Description

The 495 Express Lanes Northern Extension Project began in 2018 to help address one of the most congested areas in the region by adding new capacity, providing new travel choices, decreasing travel times during peak periods and reducing cut-through traffic on local roads.

The project includes an evaluation of a build alternative with design options and a no-build alternative. The build alternative is an extension of the existing 495 Express Lanes north to George Washington Memorial Parkway in the vicinity of the American Legion Bridge. This build alternative includes a study of access at the Dulles Toll Road (VA 267) and George Washington Memorial Parkway, as well as potential access between

the express lanes and general purpose lanes. An environmental assessment, traffic and other technical studies, preliminary design concepts, pedestrian and bicycle improvements along the corridor, and project delivery and implementation plans have been developed for the project.

The 495 Express Lanes Northern Extension is being developed as an independent, stand-alone project that will be closely coordinated with improvements to I-495 and I-270 under study in Maryland to ensure that the plans are compatible.

Traffic Study Findings

The 495 Express Lanes Northern Extension (495 NEXT) Project is expected to provide the following traffic improvements:

Move More People

The project will move more people per hour in both directions than the no-build condition and will better accommodate future travel demand.

Year	People Moved Per Hour
2045	Up to 7,600 more
2025	Up to 5,400 more
2025*	Up to 2,500 more

*Prior to Maryland Managed Lanes System

Reduce Cut-Through Traffic

By increasing the person-carrying capacity of I-495 and improving trip time and travel reliability in both the express lanes and regular lanes, drivers will have less incentive to use local cut-through routes.

The 495 NEXT project, combined with Maryland's managed lanes project, will result in intersections operating at higher levels of service (LOS) A-D, while there will be a reduction in intersections that operate at a lower level of service (E-F).

Improve Travel Reliability

Under existing conditions, during the morning peak period, northbound travel times average approximately 13 minutes for the five-mile segment on I-495 from south of the Dulles Toll Road interchange to the vicinity of the American Legion Bridge. During the afternoon peak period, northbound travel times average 39 minutes for this same segment.

With the 495 NEXT project completed and Maryland's managed lanes project in place, travel times in the express lanes consistently would be about five minutes. Travelers in the general purpose lanes would experience an average time savings of four minutes in the morning peak period, and four and a half minutes in the evening peak period.

Enhances Safety

The project is expected to make the corridor safer.

Project Cost

Approximate cost: \$500 million

Anticipated Project Schedule

Public Outreach and Technical Coordination
Ongoing

Public Meetings
June 11, 2018 and May 20, 2019

Location and Design Public Hearing
March 12, 2020

Environmental Assessment Decision
Interchange Justification Report Approval
June 2020

Project Procurement, Final Design and
Construction Start
2021

Open to Traffic
2024

Right of Way

Preliminary right of way (ROW) impacts shown on the display maps are conceptual and may change as the project design is refined. In February 2020, 89 property owners were notified of potential ROW impacts on their property as a result of the 495 NEXT project. ROW impacts will not require relocations or the purchase of homes.

Property owners will be informed of the exact location of fee simple and/or easements to be acquired during the ROW acquisition process and prior to construction.

Information about ROW purchase is discussed in VDOT's brochure, "Right of Way and Utilities: Guide for Property Owners and Tenants." Copies of this brochure are available here from VDOT personnel. After this meeting, information regarding right of way may be obtained by calling 703-691-6715.

Environmental Review

In compliance with the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) and 23 CFR 771, an Environmental Assessment (EA) (which includes a preliminary noise analysis) was prepared and approved by the Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) for public availability. 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. This project will involve a change in Limited Access Control.