

Do You Commute Along Route 7?

The Northern Virginia Transportation Commission will be holding public meetings in November on their study of improved transit alternatives for Rt. 7 from Alexandria to Tysons Corner. The study is titled “[Envision Route 7](#)” and the meetings will explore three transit modes being considered: light rail, bus rapid transit, and enhanced bus service.

If you're interested in learning more about the initiative or offering your feedback, plan on attending one of the following meetings:

- Wednesday November 4, Mary Ellen Henderson Middle School (Ground Floor Cafeteria), 7130 Leesburg Pike, Falls Church
- Tuesday November 10, Alexandria Health Department Building (5th Floor Conference Room), 4480 King Street
- Wednesday November 18, Glen Forest Elementary School (Tentative), 5829 Glen Forest Drive, Falls Church

I-66 Inside the Beltway: Changes Could Mean More Cars--and Millions in Revenue

VDOT is finalizing the revenue and traffic studies for changing I-66's current HOV-2 rule inside the Beltway to HOV-3 (in 2020) plus tolling for drivers of single occupancy vehicles (SOV) who want to access these lanes. Initial findings by VDOT indicate that allowing SOV drivers to pay tolls to use I-66 will help reduce congestion on parallel roads during peak rush hours.

Preliminary findings also show that the proposed project will move up to 40,000 more people through the corridor in the future and generate millions in toll revenues.

The Virginia Department of Transportation (VDOT) and the Northern Virginia Transportation Commission (NVTC) are working to complete an agreement that will have NVTC distributing some of the toll revenues generated by VDOT's "HOT Lane" revenues on I-66 inside the Beltway to local governments, in order to help finance multimodal transportation improvements in the corridor. These improvements may include enhanced bus service, improved access to Metrorail, and bicycle and pedestrian access improvements.

For more information go to www.tranform66.org.