



Press Release

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Transit Options for Route 7 Are Focus of November Public Meetings

Arlington, VA – Imagine a bus or rail car that whisks riders along Route 7, getting them to work, school or an appointment in half the time it now takes. Envision Route 7 is setting the stage for that by identifying a new transit service that will provide a more reliable and faster trip for more people. The public is invited to learn more about transit options and share thoughts and ideas about the future of transportation in the Route 7 corridor on November 4, 10 and 18.

Featuring an open house format, the meetings will allow the public to explore the extent to which bus rapid transit or light rail will increase transit use along Route 7 and the cost to provide high-capacity transit service. Research findings pertaining to ridership and cost will be on display as will information about the possible alignments, or routes, for several types of transit, including improved standard bus service.

Envision Route 7 focuses on a 14-mile stretch of road running from Tysons – through Falls Church, Seven Corners, Bailey’s Crossroads and Skyline – to Alexandria. With the number of jobs and residents each expected to rise by more than a third over the next 25 years, improving transportation options in the corridor is of interest to many.

The November meetings are designed to be interactive, providing those in attendance with an opportunity to ask questions and comment on the study. That input will be used to identify a preferred alternative – one that will reduce travel time and move more people through the corridor – in spring 2016.

Envision Route 7 Public Meeting Schedule:

Wednesday, November 4, 2015 (7-9 p.m.)
Alexandria Health Department Building, 5th Floor Conference Room
4480 King Street, Alexandria, VA 22302

Tuesday, November 10, 2015 (7-9 p.m.)
Mary Ellen Henderson Middle School, Ground Floor Cafeteria
7130 Leesburg Pike, Falls Church, VA 22043

Wednesday, November 18, 2015 (7-9 p.m.)
Glen Forest Elementary School, Ground Floor Cafeteria
5829 Glen Forest Drive, Falls Church, VA 22043

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Those unable to attend the public meetings are encouraged to visit the Envision Route 7 website (www.EnvisionRoute7.com) following the November 4 public meeting to view materials and share their thoughts. Comments are accepted online, via a crowdsourcing map, and by email (EnvisionRoute7@nvtvc.org) and phone (1-844-RT7STUDY).

NVTC brings the region together to ensure that Northern Virginia businesses and residents are served by a network of transit systems that allows our diverse region to thrive economically. NVTC funds and promotes transit in the counties of Arlington, Fairfax and Loudoun and the cities of Alexandria, Fairfax and Falls Church, a 1,000 square-mile region with a population of 1.7 million. NVTC includes eight bus systems as well as Metrorail and the Virginia Railway Express. For more information, visit www.NoVaTransit.org or call 703-524-3322.

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