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FROM THE CO-CHAIRS

1. VERY IMPORTANT

The Feb 22, 2023 GC meeting is very important. You will be voting on the proposed bylaws changes (published last month and this month in the RECORD). These proposed changes were suggested by members. The meeting requires 2/3rds of the MVCCA's membership to be on zoom for the vote to take place.

We look forward to seeing each and everyone of you on zoom Feb 22, 2023.

- 2. The Co-chairs are pleased to announce that Jason Zaragoza will be the new Transportation Committee Chair starting with the March meeting.

- 3. The Public Safety Committee is looking for a new chair since Jason is moving over to Transportation. If you or someone in your community would like to chair that committee, please send an email to co.chair1@mvcca.org and co.chair2@mvcca.org and let us know of your interest.
- 4. Leo Milanowski, the chair of the special committee on stormwater, will be the chair of the nominating committee. This committee is responsible for recruiting nominees for the upcoming May 2023 election of the MVCCA's Executive Board (3 Co-chairs, Treasurer and Secretary) positions.
- 5. County 2024 Budget presentation and discussion- March 15 at 7:00 pm virtual. Link will be sent closer to the meeting date.

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MVCCA General Council Meeting Minutes

MVCCA General Council Meeting Minutes January 25, 2023

Attending: Belle Haven CA; Belle View Condominium; Hollin Hills CA; Collingwood Springs; Holland Ct; Hollin Hall CA; Huntington CA; Montebello; Mount Vernon CA; Mt Zephyr; New Gum Springs; Pavilions at Huntington; Potomac Valley River Bend; Stratford Landing; Sulgrave Manor; Wellington Civic; Williamsburg Manor North. Guests: Supervisor Dan Storck; Nick Rinehart, Supervisor Storck's office; County staff Bree Fuller, Meghan Van Dam; Christina Curley; Erika Christ.

Call to order at 7:06 by Co-Chair Pascoe.

Minutes of the December GC meeting approved unanimously, with correction (Belle Haven CA in attendance).

Presentation by Fairfax County Affordable Housing and Community Development:

The development goal is one for one replacement of affordable housing, while factoring in additional density/mixed uses. The goal is 10,000 units by 2024. Manufactured housing has its own, separate, plan amendment. The staff report will be published on January 30; public hearings will be February 15 (Planning Commission) and March 21 (BOS). MVCCA members pointed out that 1) there needs to be equitable distribution throughout the County, and 2) more for sale units (vs rentals) are needed.

Committee Reports:

Education: no meeting. Next meeting will be in the school budget, with School Board member Karen Corbett-Sanders; Membership: no new members; E&R: as published; P&Z: as published; Public Safety: no meeting; Transportation: no meeting; SFDC: an Art-o-matic site coming to Mount Vernon; Fairfax Federation: no report; Stormwater: no meeting. Treasurer’s Report: accepted as published.

Marty Sanchez-Lowery volunteered for the Nominating Committee.

Resolution on Affordable Housing Preservation: modified after discussion, approved unanimously.

Reminder that the February GC meeting will include a vote on changes to the Bylaws, and to please SHOW UP.

Supervisor’s Report:
The February 11 Town Hall Meeting at Mount Vernon High School will be in-person, and streamed live on Facebook and Channel 16. The Mount Vernon Rec Center ground breaking for renovations was held, and the project will last for approximately two years (center will be closed during construction).

Meeting adjourned at 8:33 pm.

Budget & Finance

The Budget and Finance Committee did not meet in February. The next meeting is TBD. We are looking for a chair for this committee - if you are interested, please contact a co-chair.

Education

Meeting minutes not available.

Environment & Recreation

E&R Meeting Minutes February 1, 2023

- Roll Call
- 2023 Chair Goals
 - Develop a new mission statement
 - Tree preservation initiatives
- Calendar Events
 - Mt Vernon Town Hall Next, Saturday Feb. 11 at 7:45am at Mt Vernon High School. Main presentation at 9:30am. Also broadcast and recorded.
- New Committee Business
 - Brian Pagels New Role
 - Focusing on Recreation half of the committee mission
 - Goals
 - Emphasize and clarify the recreation portion of our Mission
 - Apply an expansive definition of recreation: parks, recreational facilities and activities, and cultural assets and programming
 - Increase the number of guest speakers, events, committee items, and resolutions that focus on recreation topics
 - Responsibilities
 - Solicit interests among the committee, and identify and schedule speakers on recreation topics
 - Keep tabs on all of the open items and new business related to recreation
 - Identify ways in which the committee could proactively guide and promote recreational facilities and activities for the district
- Presentation: Clyde Wilber, Wetlands Board
 - Larry Zaragoza introduction
 - Previously had tree commission come
 - Clyde’s group had finished an update to Wetlands Board guidance for Fairfax County through process of consultations

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- Clyde is highly accomplished engineer, designs wastewater treatment facilities, consults on significant issues (e.g. lead piping), also member of EQAC
- Clyde
 - General Assembly passed wetlands protection legislation in the 1970s and established citizens' wetlands boards
 - Purpose of original law and for boards is to preserve and protect tidal wetlands
 - Appointed to board 8 years ago. For first 6-7, examined permits, encouraged people to do best they could, but had limited power to prevent some reduction in tidal wetlands
 - VIMS presented - thought wetlands boards were approving things that were counterproductive
 - In 2020, GA passed legislation making protection of tidal wetlands much more stringent (e.g. modifications through permit process, if living shoreline is appropriate, they are required)
 - If not changing something on property, there is no legal process or means to require a change
 - Guidance developed is designed to allow people who maintain their structural protections of tidal wetlands property to keep them
 - Rub comes when someone wants to build structural protection when that reduces tidal wetlands - will be harder moving forward
 - Living shorelines are not applicable everywhere, like locations right along Potomac River
 - In areas with low sea energy, first option will be for living shoreline
 - Wetlands Board is entirely voluntary. Citizens appointed by elected officials.
- Christopher Morgan
 - How did guidance evolve based on input?
- Clyde
 - Guidance left holes
 - There are situations where tidal wetlands would destroy a tree, so try to balance those things
 - The Virginia Marine Resource Council (VMRC) guidance didn't help addressing any of those things or tell applicants how to apply for a permit
 - Wetlands Board testified that guidance was inadequate and took on task of writing guidance
 - Majority of VMRC Board must be people in charge of commercial fishing. Have power to issue regulations associated with tidal wetlands, but board is focused on fisheries issues.
- Larry
 - VMRC would be appeal body for wetlands board decisions
- Clyde
 - Wetlands Board are your neighbors
- Decider of science is Virginia Institute for Marine Science (VIMS) and have strong authority about whether a tidal wetlands is required or not
- Christina Reitz
 - Where can we locate guidance on permitting?
- Clyde
 - Go to Fairfax County Wetlands Board and that webpage will include guidance
 - 2 principal document - a guidance document and a standard permit application for a tidal wetlands permit. Not a regulatory document. If you are considering doing something that could impact tidal wetlands, call the county Planning & Zoning.
 - This law came amount because in other jurisdictions, we are losing more tidal wetlands
- Larry
 - Wetlands Board is putting together some additional guidance?
- Clyde
 - If you have an issue, call Katherine Hermann from county P&Z.
 - Can be difficult for individual homeowner to implement a tidal wetlands, versus a group of homeowners along a common area. Probably for areas where there are not structural bulkheads present.
 - Grants for tidal wetlands through Virginia Conservation Assistance Program under NOVA Soil and Conservation District are available - 80% grants
- Anita
 - We live on dirt road by Potomac. 10 homeowners own $\frac{3}{4}$ acre park. Stand about 30 feet about the river. Been crumbling into the Potomac, lose 6-8 inches per year. All grass except two benches and a sun dial. Two years ago spent \$50k trying to put in a bulkhead, and it was rejected because the soil sample requirement couldn't be met because of road access issues.
- Clyde
 - As a citizen, probably impractical to install a living shoreline. Call Katherine Hermann and ask what VIMS is recommending for the property.
- Christopher
 - If I had a bulk head on tidal wetlands and it requires repair, what steps do I need to take? Can I just fix it, or do I need to pay for permits
- Clyde
 - First thing is call Katherine Hermann. There are situations where repairs do not require a permit, especially if it can be repaired without impacting wetlands.
- Christopher
 - One of the concerns we had was ambiguity when going to wetlands board.

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- Clyde
 - I agree. The board is asked to balance public, private, environment, and economic impacts.
 - If board didn't exist the GA would have given power to staff at VMRC and they would not consider that balance. With Wetlands Board, you get that balance.
 - Every permit application is unique. Having citizens between property owners and regulators is a benefit.
- Larry
 - Guidance states that a property that does not disturb wetlands permanently or during construction does not require a permit.
- Clyde
 - Most projects do disturb wetlands during construction, through parking a barge
- Larry
 - Extends thanks to Clyde
- Anita
 - What is the definition of tidal wetlands
- Clyde
 - Jurisdiction of Fairfax County wetlands board is from mean low water to mean high water for non-vegetative wetlands. If there is vegetation, there is additional jurisdiction that extends 1.5 times the distance from mean low to mean high upland.
 - Fetch is distance over which wind can produce waves
 - Wetlands Board is not coming for your property. You only hear from us when you are having to do a construction project. If you maintain what you've got and keep in contact with regulators.
- Active Committee Items
 - Wetlands Board Guidance - just had brief from Clyde
 - Floodwall
 - Ellen Young - nothing
 - 6514 Cygnet Drive
 - Brian - nothing
 - Stormwater Coordination
 - Dorothy Keough - nothing
 - Quander/Fairchild Properties
 - Kevin Knappmiller - Got response from Park Service saying it is in the process. 3 months from now for an update to kick off process.
 - CECAP
 - Larry - In process of developing more detailed climate action plan, including reaching out to stakeholders such as green business council. MVCCA could play a role in this.
 - Christina - interest in that. Goal this year is increasing civic association interest and advocacy re: climate change.
 - Larry - chairs EQAC and climate is area of focus.
 - Industrial Flooding at MV Rec Center
 - Kevin - Resolved. Acknowledged they had an issue.

- Sidewalk on Rt. 1
 - Kevin - Don't think they are going to do anything.
- Brookside Motel
 - Larry - nothing
- Parking Reimagined
 - Larry - become more controversial. Big issue people have is as developers are able to reduce their parking, considered by some to be a windfall to developer. Also pushing people toward public transportation. But EJ communities, people without resources, move somewhere without adequate parking. As infill takes place, going to create more issue for parking in communities. Going to planning commission later this month and then to the Board of Supervisors.
- County Budget
 - Larry - has not come out yet.
- GWP Vine Removal
 - Christopher - already happened
- GWP EA Parkway & Trail Repaving
 - Christopher - Stratford Landing submitted comments.
- New Items
 - Larry - Virginia is developing a Coastal Resilience Flood Plan. Request for comment and Larry provided them. Substance of documents will be coming up over next year or so.

Planning & Zoning

Meeting Minutes: February 6, 2023

Attendees Include:

Belle View Condominium
Huntington CA
CA of Hollin Hills
Stratford Landing CA
Belle Haven Terrace Civic Association
Jefferson Community
Collingwood Springs CA
Hollin Hall Village CA
MVCCA Co Chair

Topic: 8850 Richmond Highway (The "IMP Building")
SSPA Nomination: CPN22-MV-005

Current Comprehensive Plan Recommendation:
Planned for office, retail or hotel/conference center at an intensity up to 0.50 FAR. Development proposals should be consistent and compatible with those approved uses within the Woodlawn Historic Overlay District. The environmental quality corridor located in this area should be preserved as open space.

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Summary of Proposed Comprehensive Plan Change:
Propose to add language allowing, as an alternative to office or hotel uses, multifamily residential uses up to 35 feet in height and approximately 30 units/acre.

Speaker: Evan Pritchard of Cozen O'Connor as Agent for Owner

This office building was constructed in 1987 with the current owner purchasing the property in 2003. The building is currently 40% occupied but with the expiration of leases in October 2023, it will only be 15% occupied.

Mr. Pritchard noted that a special exception was already approved for this property over 12 years ago. The current Comprehensive Plan recommends this space for office, retail, or hotel/conference center up to .50 FAR (floor area ratio). However, there are almost 500 hotel rooms within ½ mile of this location.

The proposal calls for approximately 245 units or higher with structured parking. This property includes 2.6 acres in an RPA (resource protection area) which, according to Pritchard will be donated back to Fairfax County. He mentioned that he is interested in pursuing concurrent rezoning as well as affordable housing along the BRT (bus rapid transit) line.

The property is the Woodlawn Plantation and Pope-Leighey House Historic Overlay District. The overlay district was placed to ensure that commercial development does not detract from the historic and visual character of the area. This includes the architecture and landscaping. Mr. Pritchard noted that they already reached out to Shaun Halifax, the Executive Director of Woodlawn and the National Trust's Deputy General Counsel, Ross Bradford who are open to increasing the height away from Jeff Todd parkway but would like to see more definitive plans.

Some suggestions offered to Mr. Pritchard at the meeting included a green roof, and greenery along the garage. The committee suggested that special care needs to be taken during design to consider the bridge that will be built over Dogue Creek because of the BRT line. Suggestions also included a grand entrance as well as an appealing curb cut.

Mr. Pritchard also asked the committee to help him determine any other stakeholders who may interested in this proposal. He also offered to help with a trail connection and help to maintaining the RPA property that will be donated to the county. With regards to density calculations, the RPA area that will be donated to Fairfax County was included in this number.

Mr. Pritchard mentioned that he will be back in touch with the committee and especially if the need helps to get a special exception from the historic overlay requirements.

Public Safety

The Public Safety Committee met jointly with the Transportation Committee in February. See the meeting minutes under Transportation/Public Safety.

We are looking for a chair for this committee. If you or someone in your community are interested, please send an email to co.chair1@mvcca.org and co.chair2@mvcca.org and let us know of your interest.

Transportation/ Public Safety

The Mount Vernon Council of Citizens' Association (MVCCA) Transportation Committee met jointly with MVCCA Public Safety at 7:00 P.M. on February 6, 2023 in a virtual gathering hosted on Zoom. Participating in the meeting, along with others, were Dan Reinhard, Senior Project Manager / Location and Design, Virginia Department of Transportation (VDOT); Houda Ali, PMP, District Assistant Director, Transportation and Land Use for Fairfax and Arlington Counties, VDOT; Thomas W. Burke, Senior Transportation Planner IV, Fairfax County Department of Transportation (FCDOT); AJ Hamidi, Transportation Planner, FCDOT; Eric Teitelman, Capital Projects and Engineering Division Chief, FCDOT; Lynn Pascoe and Katherine Ward, MVCCA Co-Chairs, Jason Zaragoza, MVCCA Public Safety Committee Chair and Attendance-Taker for tonight's meeting, John Bioty, MVCCA Transportation Committee, Note-Taker for tonight's meeting and Bill Kane, MVCCA Treasurer.

Transportation Committee representatives from the following MVCCA Associations were in attendance: Montebello Condominium Unit Owners' Association; Holland Court Property Owners' Association; Mason Hill Citizens' Association; Mount Vee Manor Home Owners' Association; Mount Vernon Manor Citizens' Association; New Gum Springs Civic Association; Spring Bank Community Association; Stratford Landing Citizens' Association; Waynewood Citizens' Association; Wellington Civic Association; Wellington Heights Civic Association and Westgrove Citizens Association.

Public Safety Committee representatives from the following MVCCA Associations were in attendance: Huntington Community Association (Chair); Mason Hill Citizens'

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Association; Mount Vernon Civic Association; and Potomac Valley-River Bend Civic Association
Total attendance for the joint meeting, including several other interested individuals, was 40.

Lynn Pascoe, MVCCA Co-Chair, opened the meeting by thanking all those who were in attendance. He also introduced Public Safety Chair, Jason Zaragoza who welcomed his Committee membership. He also offered apologies for any inconvenience caused by the late cancellation of the January 9th Transportation Meeting. He then welcomed VDOT's Dan Reinhard to begin the briefing by VDOT and FCDOT on the results of the Richmond Hwy (Rt-1) Widening/Turn Lane Analysis/Bus Rapid Transit (BRT) Study.

PRESENTATIONS:

VDOT and FCDOT results of the Richmond Hwy (Rt-1) Widening/Turn Lane Analysis/Bus Rapid Transit (BRT) Study:

MVCCA Co-Chair, Lynn Pascoe introduced VDOT's Dan Reinhard, Senior Project Manager / Location and Design, for Richmond Highway who thanked the MVCCA for the opportunity to update the Committees.

Mr. Reinhard conducted a thorough and informative 24-page VDOT PowerPoint Presentation that included: (1) an overview and update on Richmond Highway Corridor Improvements; (2) an overview and update of the BRT Project and (3) VDOT's conclusions for the Richmond Highway Widening/Turn Analysis.

Mr. Reinhard stated that the Richmond Highway Project included an expansion from four (4) lanes to six (6) lanes. The area includes a three (3) mile stretch beginning at Jeff Todd Way and proceeding northward to Sherwood Hall Lane and is divided into two phases. Phase (1) is Jeff Todd Way to just north of Frye Road and Phase (2) is Frye Road to Sherwood Hall Lane. Each phases has its own schedule with the southern section (Jeff Todd Way to Fry Road) commencing 1st. Corridor modifications for both phases, however, include roadway widening, safety improvements, congestion relief, intersection improvements, a median space reserved for future BRT. It also includes sidewalks and bicycle paths on each side of the road, three (3) bridge replacements, potential for noise walls, utility relocations and storm water management systems.

Mr. Reinhard noted that the Richmond Highway Project requires considerable third-party coordination with organizations such as Fort Belvoir, Dominion Electric, Verizon and Washington Gas as well as others. Right-of-Way negotiations are underway for properties that will be totally purchased for construction. Negotiations on partial property acquisitions would begin sometime this spring.

Mr. Reinhard then turned the presentation over Mr. AJ Hamidi, FCDOT's Transportation Planner for the BRT briefing. Mr. Hamidi stated that the BRT Project is an effort to plan, design, and construct a rapid bus transport system between the Huntington Metrorail Station and Fort Belvoir. He reported nine (9) potential BRT stations along the route. As currently planned, the system will be constructed in two sections. The 1st section would commence at the Huntington Metro Station and include stops as Pen Daw, Beacon Hill Rd., Lockheed Blvd, Hybla Valley, and Gum Springs. The second (2) section would include stops at South County Center, Woodlawn and Ft Belvoir.

Mr. Hamidi displayed BRTs most recent 12-month plan which included Station Renaming Outreach during the fall of 2022 and a Sound-Wall Coordination effort in the winter of 2022. The plan continues in 2023 with a Final Station Renaming Decision, a Readiness to Enter FTA Engineering, an FTA Project Rating in March 2023 and an 80% Design Milestone in June 2023. Continuous efforts in the 12-month plan include Right-of-Way acquisition/demolition negotiations and third party coordination and arrangements for utility relocations.

Returning the briefing back to VDOT, Mr. Reinhard discussed the Turn Lane Analysis. He noted that as part of the BRT Project Design Endorsement, the Board of Supervisors directed Fairfax County Staff to evaluate potential design modifications to narrow cross-sections along Richmond Highway (more of a main street design). The objectives were to enhance pedestrian and bicycle safety, BRT operations, vehicular safety, as well as intersection and corridor operations.

As a result, thirteen (13) intersections were evaluated for potential left/right turn lane reductions to narrow roadway cross sections. The Fairfax County Analysis was coordinated with VDOT and results were presented at a May 3, 2022 public meeting. 12 of 30 submitted recommendations/modifications were approved. In addition, two (2) off-street parking recommendations were also approved. On-line VDOT surveys which extended through May 31, 2022 generally agreed with the Staff's recommendations.

The same recommendations of May 3, 2022 were made to the BRT Executive Committee on June 10, 2022. Considerations were given to the public feedback received. The BRT Executive Committee approved implementation of all but 3 recommendations. The BRT Executive Committee, however, requested additional review of three turn lane recommendations and one crosswalk recommendation. As a result, additional analysis was collected and presented to the BRT Executive Committee on September 28, 2022. Staffs recommended removal of the southbound right turn lane at Beacon Hill (with conditions) and the addition of a crosswalk

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across the north leg of the North Buckman Intersection. The BRT Executive Committee approved these final recommendations.

In conclusion, the Richmond Highway BRT Executive Committee approved 14 of 31 reductions/modifications to be incorporated on Richmond Highway toward reducing highway cross sections. It also approved two (2) recommendations for future off-peak street parking. BRT and VDOT Design Teams are now incorporating the approved changes into their plans.

Note: A complete list of Richmond Highway Turn Lane Analysis recommendations along with approval/disapproval decisions can be found on pages 1 through 13 of the attached VDOT/FCDOT presentation.

Discussion: MVCCA Co-Chairman, Lynn Pascoe thanked Mr. Reinhard and Mr. Hamidi for a thorough and informative presentation. Before offering questions to Committee members, he reiterated that Richmond Highway was “our main street” and not just a thoroughfare. He also stated that the MVCCA has strongly advocated for undergrounding utilities and opposed any sound walls. In addition, Co-Chairman Pascoe indicated that the corridor needed more flashing signs and visible crosswalks since the area has shown to be a high pedestrian fatality risk during the past year. He also mentioned that there was too much distance between crosswalks.

Another Committee member asked when VDOT was going to reduce the speed limit from 45 to 35 MPH along Richmond Highway. Mr. Reinhard said he wasn't aware of a specific date but expected it to be done sometime this spring. Several Committee members echoed Co-Chair Lynn Pascoe's disapproval of noise walls along this section of Richmond Highway. Mr. Reinhard reported that VDOT/FCDOT was wrapping up the noise wall study and he would keep the Committees posted. Committee members from Mt. Vernon Manor asked VDOT if their homes along Richmond Highway would be adversely affected by construction efforts. Mr. Reinhard said that private property owners would probably not be effected but the HOA property might be.

At this point, questions focused on the width of Richmond Highway and efforts of pedestrians to cross it. One Committee member asked about the number of lanes at the intersection of Sherwood Hall Lane and Richmond Highway – noting that the original plan showed thirteen (13) lanes which would be impossible for a pedestrian to cross. Mr. Reinhard showed a graphic diagram of that area and indicated that there would be a total of 9 lanes on the north side of that intersection (3 north-bound, 3 south-bound, 1 turn lane and 2 BRT lanes). The south side of that intersection would have 10 because of an additional turn lane. He added that pedestrian crossings of Richmond Highway would be completed in a two step process.

Pressing a cross-walk button would allow pedestrians to cross and arrive at the center median. A second pushbutton would allow pedestrians to cross the other half of the roadway. When asked how long that would take to cross the entire highway, Mr. Reinhold didn't have an answer but said he would look into it. Questions were also raised regarding access to Central Avenue since the proposed median would block left turns into the affected community. Mr. Reinhard noted that U-turns would be possible at all of the intersections and suggested that the community request a special briefing to discuss their concerns.

When discussing timelines and completion dates for Richmond Highway widening and improvements, VDOT indicated that the both phases should complete in the mid to late 2029 timeframe; for the BRT, however, completion is expected to be in the late 2030 timeframe.

Co-Chair Katherine Ward reported that she had just returned for an MVCCA Planning and Zoning (P&Z) Meeting and felt there were concerns over right-of-ways and easements for commercial and residential properties – especially in the next three years. She wondered if potential buyers were being made aware of VDOT plans along Richmond Highway. Mr. Reinhard stated that VDOT is conversing with County Planning Staffs on proposed changes and right-of way decisions. He added that it's still early in the process.

Discussions concluded with VDOT stating that updated information is available at the VDOT Richmond Highway Project Website <http://www.virginiadot.org/richmondhighway> for those who desire to track progress.

New Items:

No new items were raised by Committee members at tonight's meeting.

Meeting Adjourned:

Without new business or further discussions, the joint MVCCA Transportation and Public Safety Meeting concluded at 8:05 PM.

Future (2023) Scheduled Transportation Committee Meetings:

- Mar 6th,
- Apr 3rd,
- May 1st,
- Jun 5th,
- Jul 10th,
- Aug 28th (this will be our Sep Mtg),
- Sep (see above note),
- Oct 2nd,
- Nov 6th and,
- Dec 4th.

Until further notice, all meetings will be held remotely.

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Special Committee on Stormwater Management

In lieu of the regular meeting the committee is encouraged to attend the virtual County Budget meeting to be held on March 15th in order to address issues about stormwater funding and the funding of the pilot project. The virtual meeting link will be sent out closer to the date of the meeting.

Fairfax Federation

No report this month.

SFDC

HOLD THE DATE! The 2023 Economic Outlook will take place on Thursday, April 13, from 8 to 10 am at the Belle Haven Country Club. The cost is \$35 for individuals, and you can register at cca.MountVernonSpringfield.com.

We will hold a BARBECUE Competition this late summer/early fall. More details to come, however you can sign up early (as a competitor) at www.SFDC.org/bbq.

----- Bylaws Revisions - Resolution and/or GC member VOTE -----

[NOTE: Additions are indicated by an underline, deletions are indicated by a ~~strike-out~~.]

Article III. Member Associations.

Sec 2. VOTING. Each member Association shall be entitled to one vote in the General Council and one vote in each Standing Committee, which shall be exercised by the association's authorized representative, or President, to the General Council and its authorized representative, or President, to any Standing Committee, respectively. Absentee voting and voting by mail shall not be permitted. Any reference to notice is satisfied by emailing authorized representatives, as reflected in Member Associations' annual membership registration.

Article V. General Council Meetings.

Sec 1. SCHEDULE. The regular meetings of the General Council shall be held on the fourth Wednesday of each month, except that there shall be no meeting in August. The November and December meetings, and any regular meetings canceled due to special circumstances, shall be held on dates specified by the Co-Chairs. Notice of each General Council meeting shall be published in the RECORD prior to the meeting. All meetings may be held electronically, to the extent permitted by law.

ARTICLE VII. BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETINGS.

SECTION 1. REGULAR. A regular meeting of the Board of Directors shall be held prior to each regular General Council meeting. Notice of the time and place of the Board of Directors meetings shall be published in the RECORD. All meetings may be held electronically, to the extent permitted by law.

ARTICLE VIII. OFFICERS.

SEC 1. ELIGIBILITY. The elected Officers of the MVCCA shall consist of three Co-Chairs, the Secretary, and the Treasurer. At the time of election, an officer must be a member in good standing of a member association in good standing, and a resident of the Mount Vernon Magisterial District. ~~The Co-Chairs shall include no more than one member of a single member association, and.~~ A co-Chair shall not serve concurrently as the authorized representative, in any capacity, of his or her member association. A Co-Chair shall not serve for more than ~~three~~ two consecutive ~~one-year~~ three-year terms, but shall be eligible to serve again after an intervening period of one year.

SEC 2. ELECTION. The officers of the MVCCA shall be elected by the General Council at the Annual Meeting in May. They shall serve from July 1 following their election until the following June 30 at the end of their elected term. If an officer is elected after July 1, that officer shall serve from the date of his or her election until the following ~~June 30~~ June 30 at the end of their elected term. The Treasurer and the Secretary shall be

elected to three year terms. One Co-Chair shall elected be every year to a three-year term.

The 2023 election shall be for one Co-Chair each to one-year, two-year, and three-year terms.

ARTICLE XI. COMMITTEES.

SEC 7. PARTICIPATION. All meetings of Standing and Special Committees of the MVCCA shall be open to the public. The participation of persons who are not the authorized representatives of member associations shall be at the discretion of the Committee Chair. All meetings may be held electronically, to the extent permitted by law.

From Judy Harbeck and Ellen Young

----- Treasurers Report -----

Mount Vernon Council of Citizens' Associations, Inc.

Treasurer's Report, Current Month and Fiscal Year to Date Compared to Annual Budget
Periods Ending January 31, 2023

	January	Total July 1 to January 31	2022-2023 Annual Budget	Budget Variance To spend or Favorable (Unfavorable)
Cash Receipts (including deposits in-transit):				
Dues - Current Members	\$ -	\$ 4,190	\$ 4,370	
Money Market Interest	0	0	2	
Total Cash Receipts	0	4,190	4,372	\$ (182)
Cash Disbursements (including outstanding checks):				
Administrative	-	383	385	2
Insurance Premium	-	-	687	687
Outreach/Town Hall Meets	-	-	250	250
"Record" Production	70	610	1,400	790
Web Site	101	794	2,425	1,631
Total Cash Disbursements	171	1,787	5,147	3,360
Net Budget - Receipts in Excess(less than) Disbursements:	(170)	2,403	(775)	\$ 3,178

Other Sources/Changes in Cash:

Cash at Beginning of Period	10,586	8,012	8,012	
Total Cash at End of Period	\$ 10,416	\$ 10,416	\$ 7,237	

End of Period Cash Balances by Account (adjusted for outstanding items):

Burke & Herbert - Checking	\$ 4,254			
Burke & Herbert - Money Market	6,161			
Total Cash	\$ 10,416			

Respectfully Submitted,
William J Kane, Treasurer
February 4, 2023

Notes:

- 1 This financial statement uses the cash basis of accounting except as noted on the face of the statement.
- 2 Amounts are rounded to the nearest dollar

NEXT COUNCIL MEETING

Wednesday, February 22, 2022, 7:00 p.m.
Virtual

AGENDA

- Call to order
- Minutes Approved
- Committee Reports
- Treasurer Report
- Co-chairs Report
- Resolutions
- Supervisor's Time
- Members Time
- Adjourn

COMMITTEE CALENDAR

MVCCA Council—February 22, 7:00 p.m., Virtual
MVCCA Board—March 14, 7:00 p.m. Virtual

Comm	Date	Time	Place	Chair
BUDG	TBD	7:00	Virtual	open
EDU	3/1	7:30	Virtual	Hosek
E&R	3/1	7:00	Virtual	Morgan
PL/Z	3/6	7:00	Virtual	Mathur
PS	TBD	7:00	Virtual	open
TRAN	3/6	7:00	Virtual	Zaragoza
MSCS	TBD	7:00	Virtual	Milanowski

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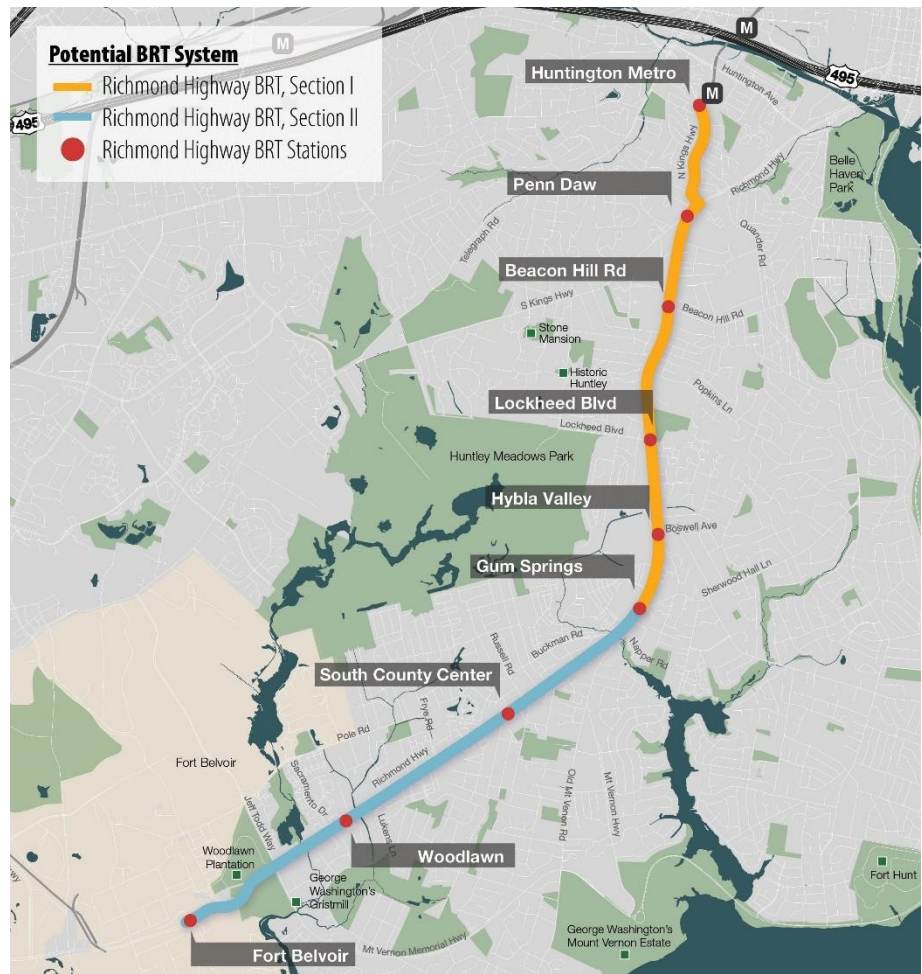


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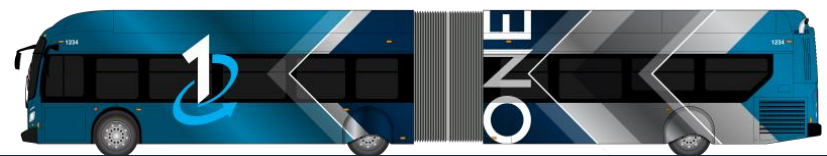


Richmond Highway Bus Rapid Transit and Richmond Highway Widening Turn Lane Analysis

Mount Vernon Council of Civic Associations
February 6, 2023



The Richmond Highway BRT project is funded in part by the Northern Virginia Transportation Authority.



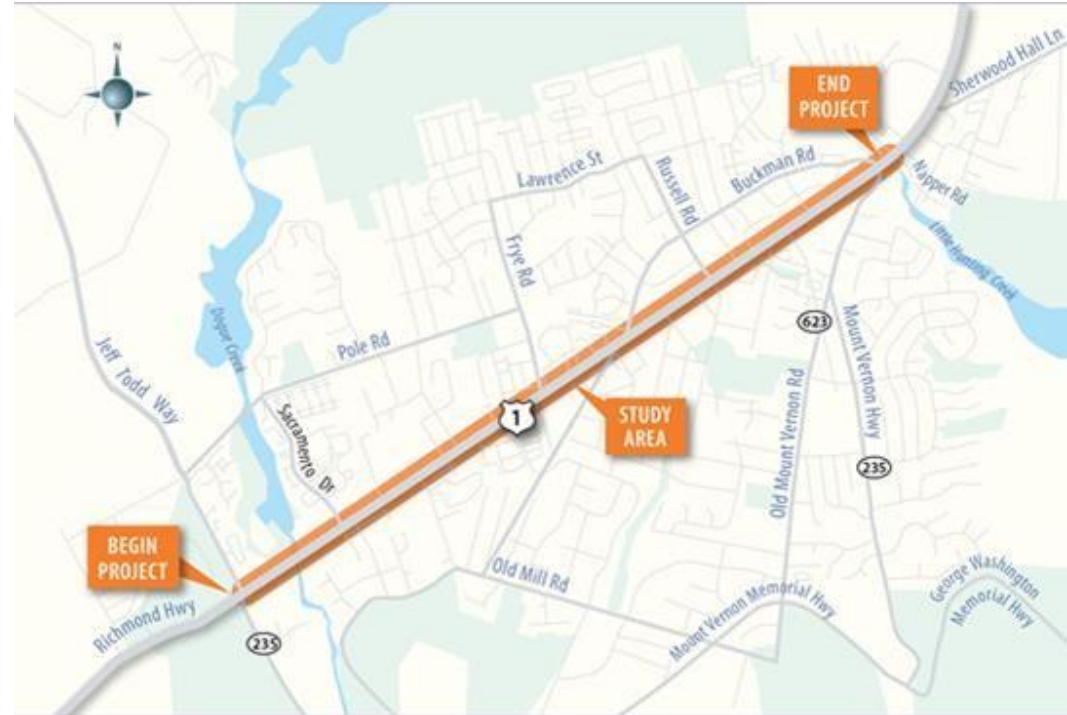
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- **Richmond Highway Corridor Improvements**
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 - Update
- **BRT Project**
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 - 12-Month Outlook
- **Turn Lane Analysis**
 - Background
 - Recommendations
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Project Overview – Richmond Highway Corridor Improvements

- **Widening of Richmond Highway (US Route 1) from four lanes to six lanes**
 - Jeff Todd Way to Sherwood Hall Lane
 - Approximately 3 miles
- **Safety improvements**
- **Congestion relief**
- **Intersection improvements**
- **Median reservation for future Fairfax County Bus Rapid Transit (BRT)**
- **Sidewalks and separate bicycle paths on both sides of road**
- **Three bridge replacements**
- **Potential noise walls**
- **Utility relocations**
- **Stormwater management**



Design Update – Richmond Highway Corridor Improvements

- **Continued coordination with the community**
 - **Mount Vernon Council of Citizens Association (MVCCA) Meetings**
 - **Elected official town halls**
 - **Chamber of Commerce meetings**

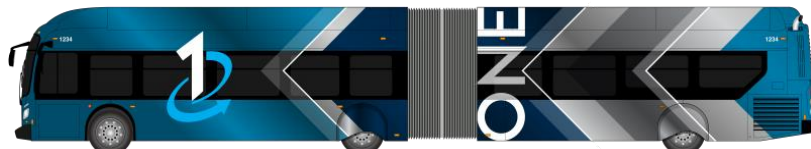
- **Incorporated design adjustments in response to internal/external comments and to meet state and local requirements**

- **Third Party development coordination (Ongoing)**

- **Utility coordination for relocations (Ongoing)**

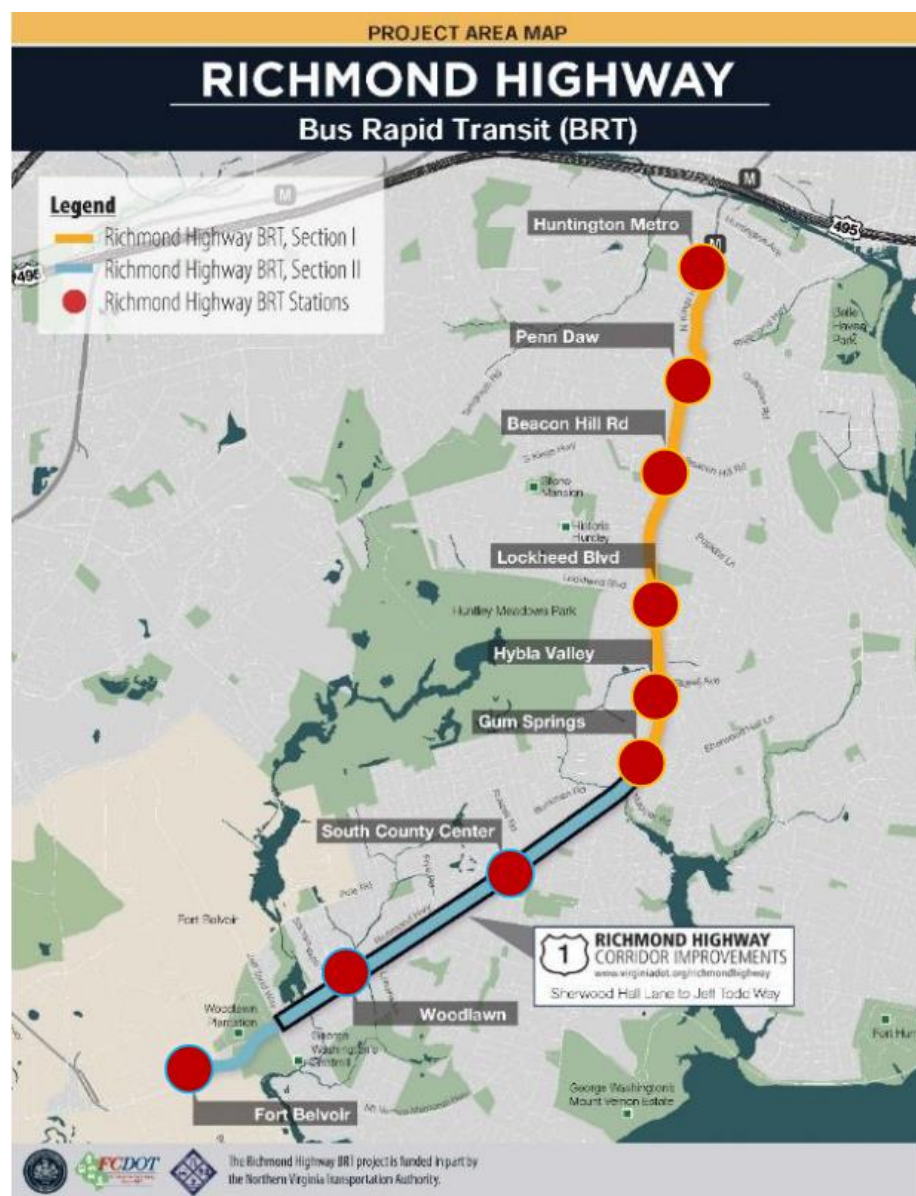
- **Right-of-way acquisitions**
 - **Total acquisitions in process for entire corridor**
 - **14 properties already acquired**
 - **Right-of-way for Phase 1 (southern half) anticipated to begin in spring of this year**

- **More information available at the [project website \(http://www.virginiadot.org/richmondhighway\)](http://www.virginiadot.org/richmondhighway)**



BRT Overview

- The Richmond Highway Bus Rapid Transit (BRT) Project is an effort to plan, design, and construct a BRT system between Huntington Metrorail Station and Fort Belvoir
- Nine potential BRT stations, with the system constructed in two sections





Design Update – BRT

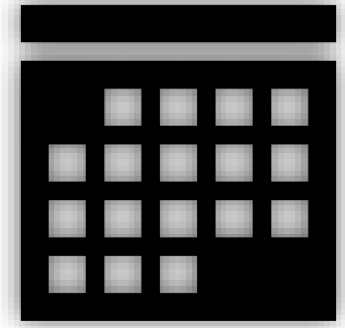
- **Design at approximately 60% complete**
- **Website has updated roll plans**
 - fairfaxcounty.gov/transportation/richmond-hwy-brt/materials
- **National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA)**
 - Federal Transit Administration (FTA) determined the project met criteria for a Categorical Exclusion in January 2022
- **North Kings Highway intersection improvements were presented at a public meeting in April 2022**
- **Branding effort concluded**
 - BRT system is now called “The One”
- **Community Charm outreach and mini-meetings were held in summer 2022**
- **With VDOT concurrence, the design speed for the corridor has been reduced from 45 to 35 mph**
- **Third Party coordination (Ongoing)**
- **Utility coordination for relocations (Ongoing)**

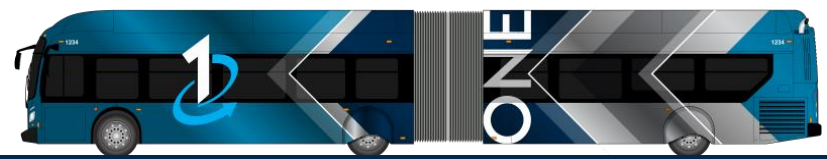




BRT 12-Month Outlook

- **Station Renaming Outreach (Fall 2022)**
- **Sound Wall Coordination (Fall 2022/Winter 2023)**
- **Final Station Renaming Decision (January 2023)**
- **Readiness to Enter FTA Engineering (January 2023)**
- **FTA Project Rating (March 2023)**
- **80% Design Milestone (June 2023)**
- **Right-of-way acquisition/demolition (Ongoing)**
- **Third Party coordination (Ongoing)**
- **Utility coordination for relocations (Ongoing)**

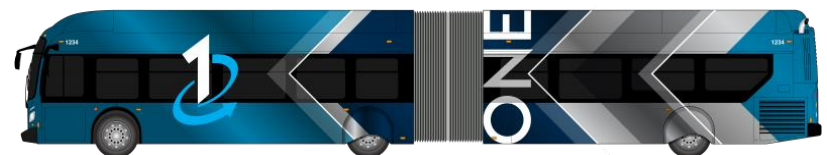




Background

- As part of the BRT project design endorsement, the Board of Supervisors directed County staff to evaluate potential design modifications to narrow cross section along Richmond Highway
- Objectives were to enhance:
 - Pedestrian & bicycle safety
 - BRT operations
 - Vehicular safety
 - Intersection Operations
 - Corridor Operations
- 13 intersections evaluated for potential left/right turn lane reductions
- Analysis was coordinated with VDOT
- Results of the initial analysis presented at May 3, 2022, public meeting
 - 12 of 30 recommendations/modifications to be incorporated
 - Plus 2 recommendations for future off-street parking





Survey Responses

- An online survey was also conducted to receive feedback from the May 3 public meeting
- Survey and comment period was open May 3 - May 31, 2022.
- There were 430 responses overall, though not all respondents answered all questions.
 - About 200-250 people responded to each of the intersection questions.
- Surveys in English and Spanish were available online as well as on paper at the public meeting on May 3.
- The survey results generally agreed with the staff's recommendations

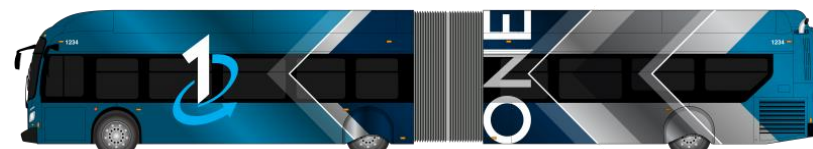




Background

- **The same recommendations made on May 3, 2022, were made to the BRT Executive Committee on June 10, 2022, with consideration given to the public feedback received**
 - BRT Executive Committee approved implementation of all but 3 recommendations
 - BRT Executive Committee requested additional review of three turn lane recommendations and one crosswalk recommendation
 - Southbound right turn lane at Beacon Hill
 - Southbound right turn lane at North Buckman
 - Crosswalk across north leg of North Buckman Intersection
 - Eastbound right turn lane at Sacramento Drive
- **Additional analysis was presented to the BRT Executive Committee on September 28, 2022**
 - Staff recommended removal of the southbound right turn lane at Beacon Hill with conditions and the addition of a crosswalk across the north leg of the North Buckman intersection.
 - BRT Executive Committee approved these final recommendations





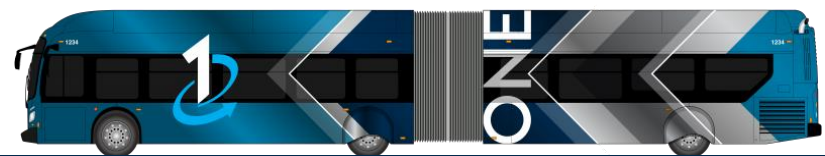
Summary of all Recommendations

Approved recommendations

- 14 of 31 reductions/modifications will be incorporated
- Plus 2 recommendations for future off-peak street parking

Intersection with Richmond Highway	Potential Modification	Recommended for Implementation
Shields Avenue	Remove 2 nd left turn lane along northbound Richmond Highway	No
Shields Avenue	Reduce median width on north side of intersection	Yes
Shields Avenue	Remove dedicated right turn lane along southbound Richmond Highway	Yes
Shields Avenue	Remove 2 nd dedicated right turn lane along eastbound Shields Avenue	No
Shields Avenue	Replace asphalt with landscaped grass median along southbound Richmond Highway south of the intersection	Yes
Shields Avenue	Remove/reduce the width of the grass medians south of the intersection	No
Entrance to Kings Crossing	Remove 4 th through lane along northbound Richmond Highway	No
Furman Lane	Replace asphalt lane with grass median	Yes

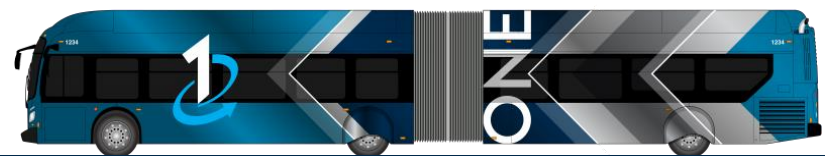




Summary of all Recommendations

Intersection with Richmond Highway	Potential Modification	Recommended for Implementation
Southgate Drive	Remove through/right turn lane along southbound Richmond Highway	Yes
Beacon Hill Road	Remove dedicated right turn lane along southbound Richmond Highway	Changed to Yes (with conditions)
Beacon Hill Road	Remove dedicated right turn lane along northbound Richmond Highway	Yes
Memorial Street	Remove dedicated right turn lane along eastbound Memorial Street	No (dual purposed for future off-peak parking)
Memorial Street	Remove dedicated right turn lane along southbound Richmond Highway	No
Arlington Drive	Remove dedicated right turn lane along westbound Arlington Drive	No
Fordson Road/Boswell Ave	Remove dedicated right turn lane along eastbound Fordson Road	No
Sherwood Hall Lane	Remove dedicated right turn lane along northbound Richmond Highway	No
Sherwood Hall Lane	Remove 2 nd left turn lane along northbound Richmond Highway	Yes
Sherwood Hall Lane	Remove dedicated right turn lane along southbound Richmond Highway	Yes
Sherwood Hall Lane	Remove dedicated right turn lane along eastbound Sherwood Hall Lane	No



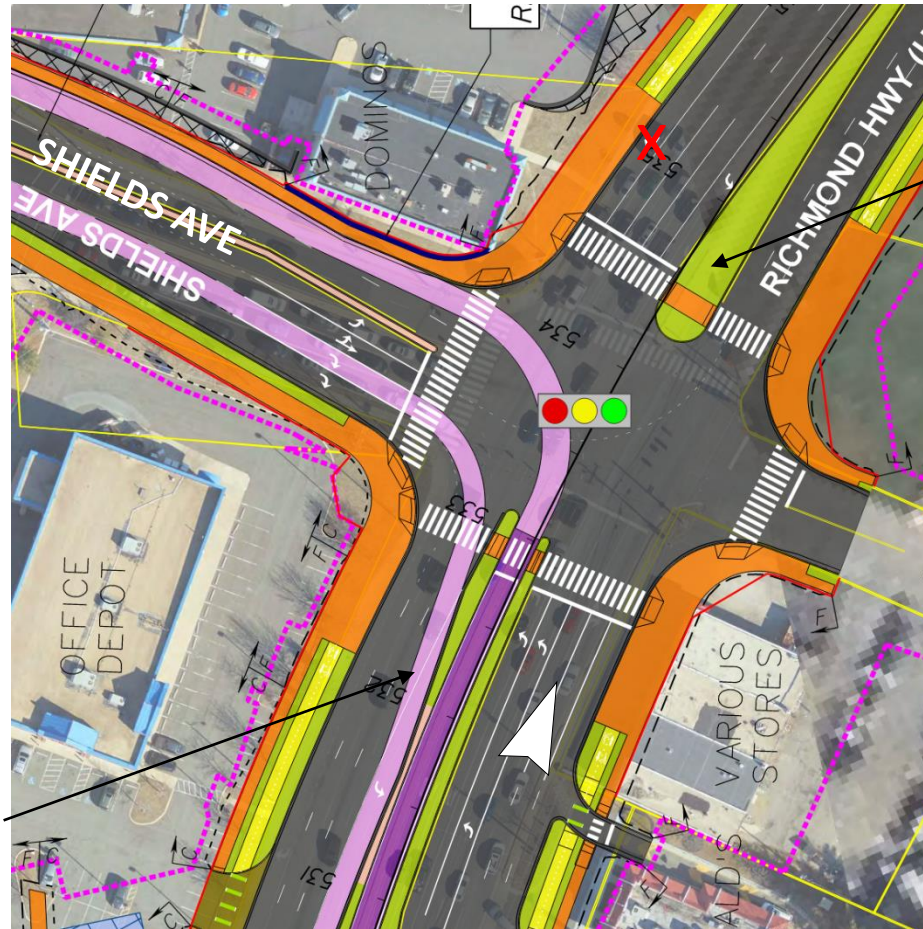


Summary of all Recommendations

Intersection with Richmond Highway	Potential Modification	Recommended for Implementation
Ladson Lane	Remove through/right turn lane along southbound Richmond Highway	No
Ladson Lane	Removed dedicated right turn lane along eastbound Ladson Lane	Yes
Buckman Rd/ Mt Vernon Hwy	Remove through/right turn lane along eastbound Buckman Road	Yes
Buckman Rd/ Mt Vernon Hwy	Remove dedicated right turn lane along southbound Richmond Highway	No
Buckman Rd/ Mt Vernon Hwy	Remove 2 nd left turn lane along southbound Richmond Highway	No
Buckman Rd/ Mt Vernon Hwy	Remove dedicated right turn lane along westbound Mount Vernon Highway	Yes
Buckman Rd/ Mt Vernon Hwy	Remove dedicated right turn lane along northbound Richmond Highway	Yes
Buckman Rd/ Mt Vernon Hwy	Remove dedicated northbound left turn lane along Richmond Highway	Yes
Buckman Rd/ Mt Vernon Hwy	Potential for a crosswalk on the north leg of the intersection	Yes
Sacramento Drive/Cooper Road	Remove dedicated right turn lane along eastbound Sacramento Drive	No (dual-purposed for future off-peak parking)
Jeff Todd Way/Mount Vernon Memorial Highway	Remove dedicated right turn lane along westbound Mt Vernon Memorial Highway	No
Jeff Todd Way/Mount Vernon Memorial Highway	Remove 2 nd left turn lane along westbound Mt Vernon Memorial Highway	No

Shields Ave

- Remove dedicated right turn lane along southbound Richmond Highway
- Reduce the median width on the north side of the intersection



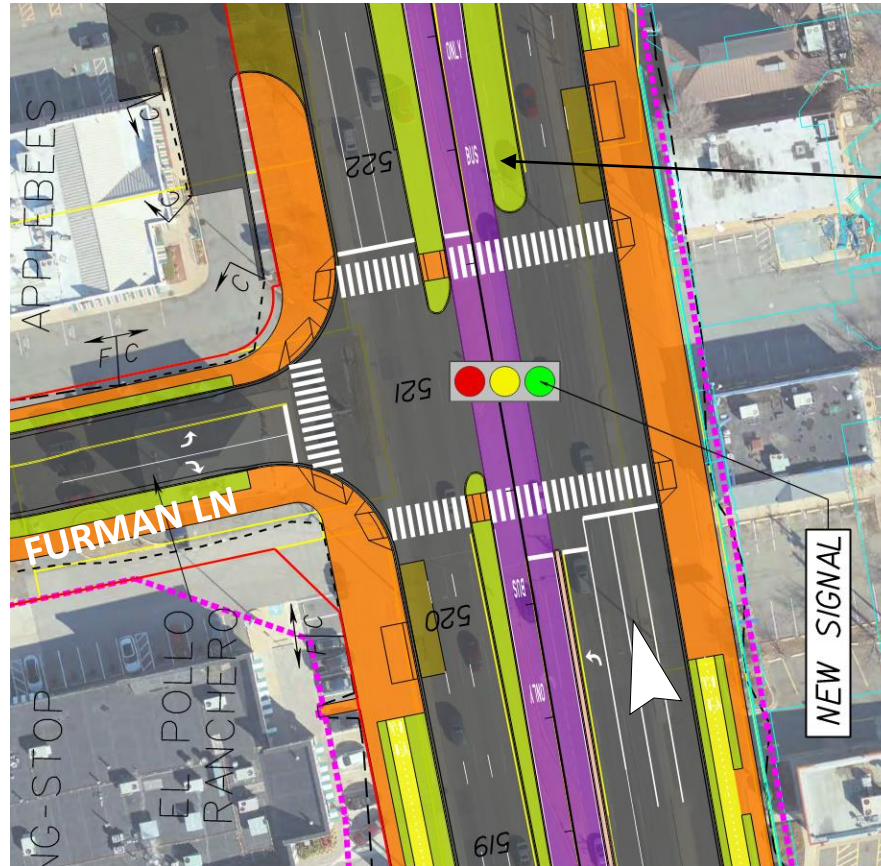
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Furman Lane

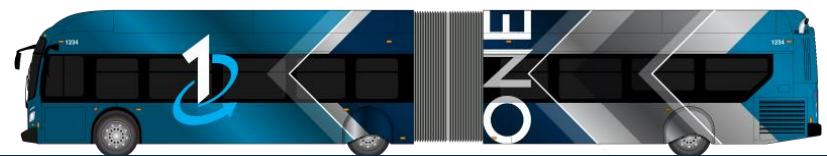
- Remove the 4th northbound lane at the Furman Lane and replace with grass



REPLACE 4TH LANE WITH GRASS MEDIAN

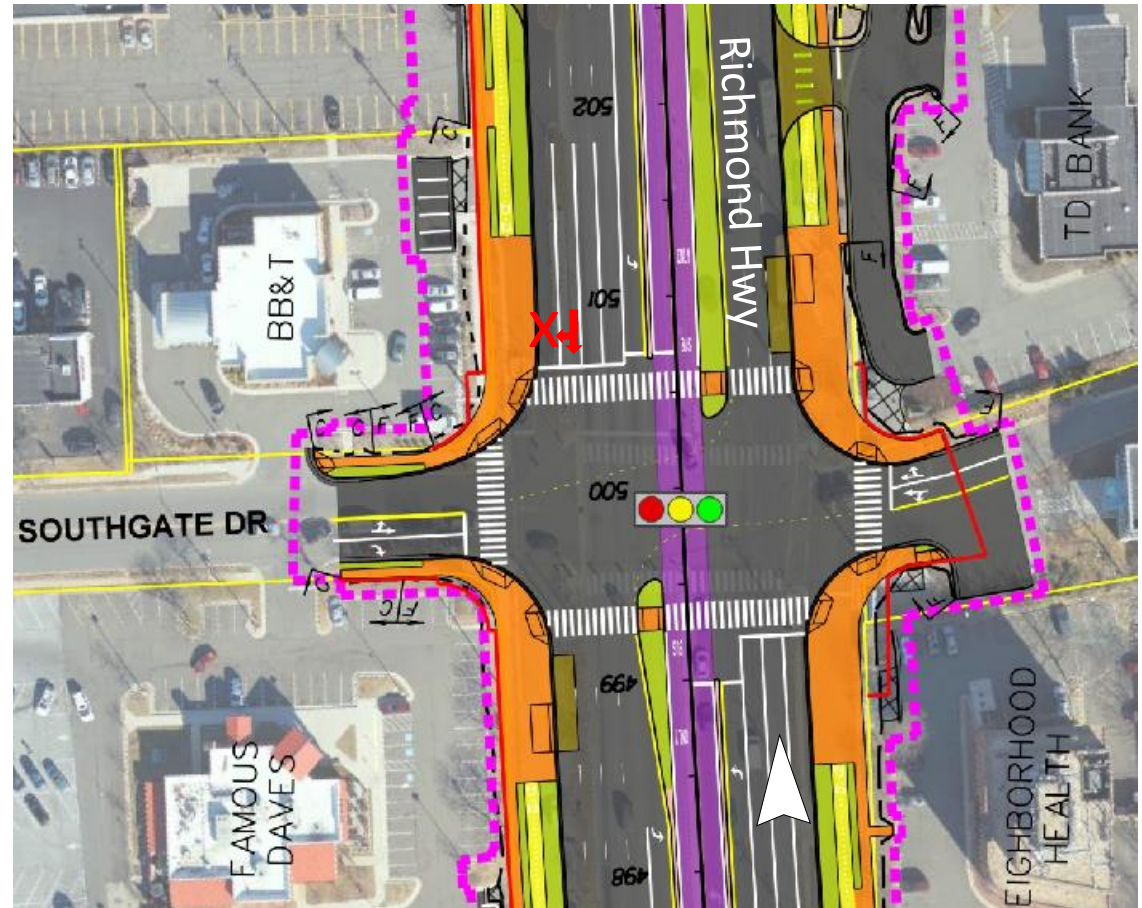
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Southgate Drive

- Remove through/right turn lane along southbound Richmond Highway



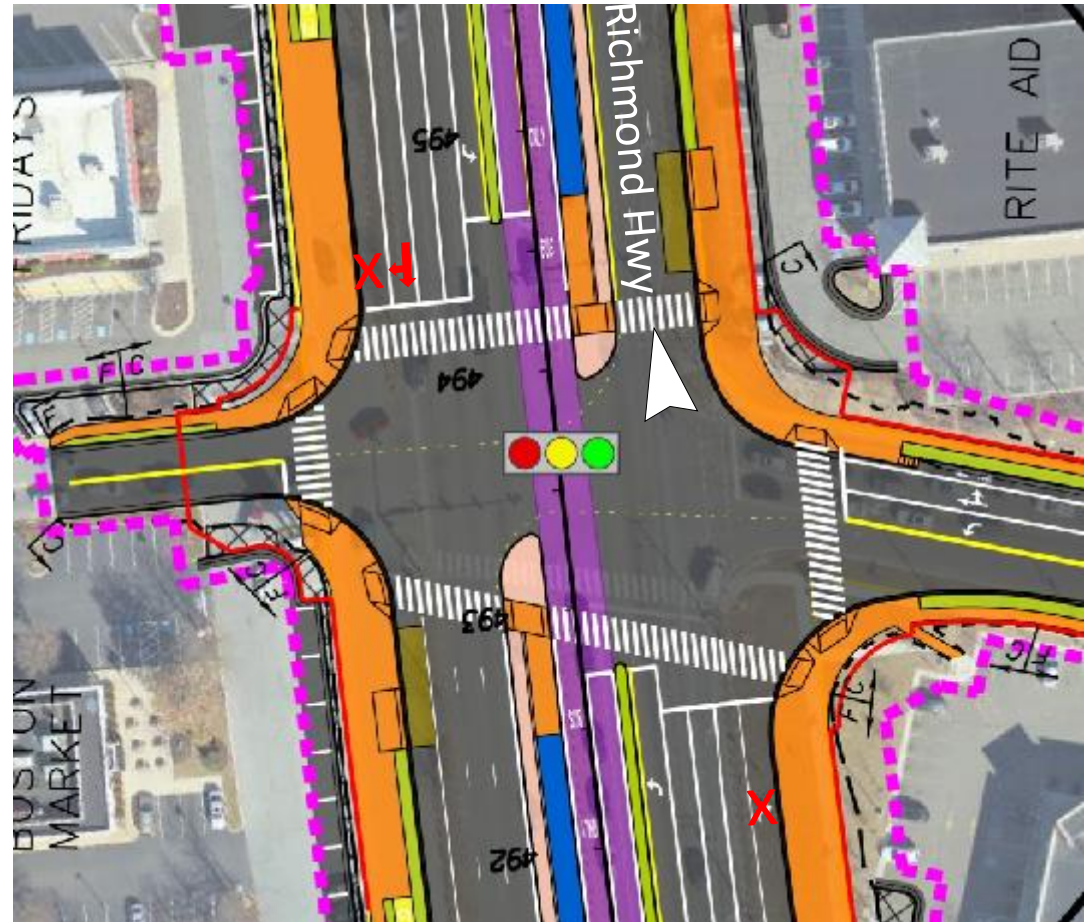
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Beacon Hill Road

- Remove dedicated right turn lane along southbound Richmond Highway
- VDOT has agreed to remove the SB right turn lane with some conditions



Proposed lane configuration



Lane to be removed



Direction of Northbound Richmond Highway Travel



Memorial Street

- Dedicated eastbound right turn lane will not be removed due to significant queues during peak hours
- Embark plan amendment calls for future on-street parking along Memorial
- Eastbound right turn lane will remain for potential future dual purpose (time of day parking)

Potential off-peak on-street parking



	Proposed lane configuration		Lane to be removed		Direction of Northbound Richmond Highway Travel
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Sherwood Hall Lane

- Remove 2nd left turn lane along northbound Richmond Highway
- Remove dedicated right turn lane along southbound Richmond Highway



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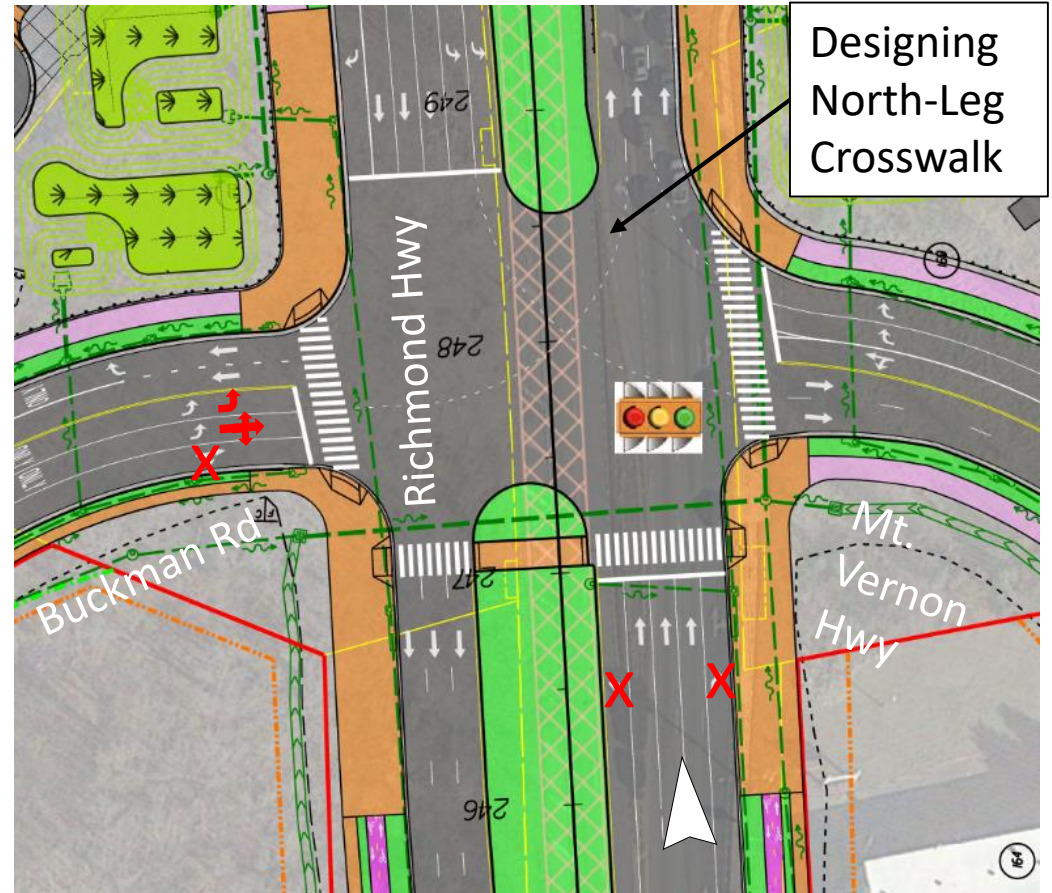
Ladson Lane

- Remove dedicated right turn lane along eastbound Ladson Lane



Mount Vernon/Buckman Intersection

- Remove through/right turn lane along eastbound North Buckman Road
- Remove dedicated right turn lane along northbound Richmond Highway
- Remove dedicated northbound left turn lane along Richmond Highway
- Potential for a crosswalk on the north leg of intersection

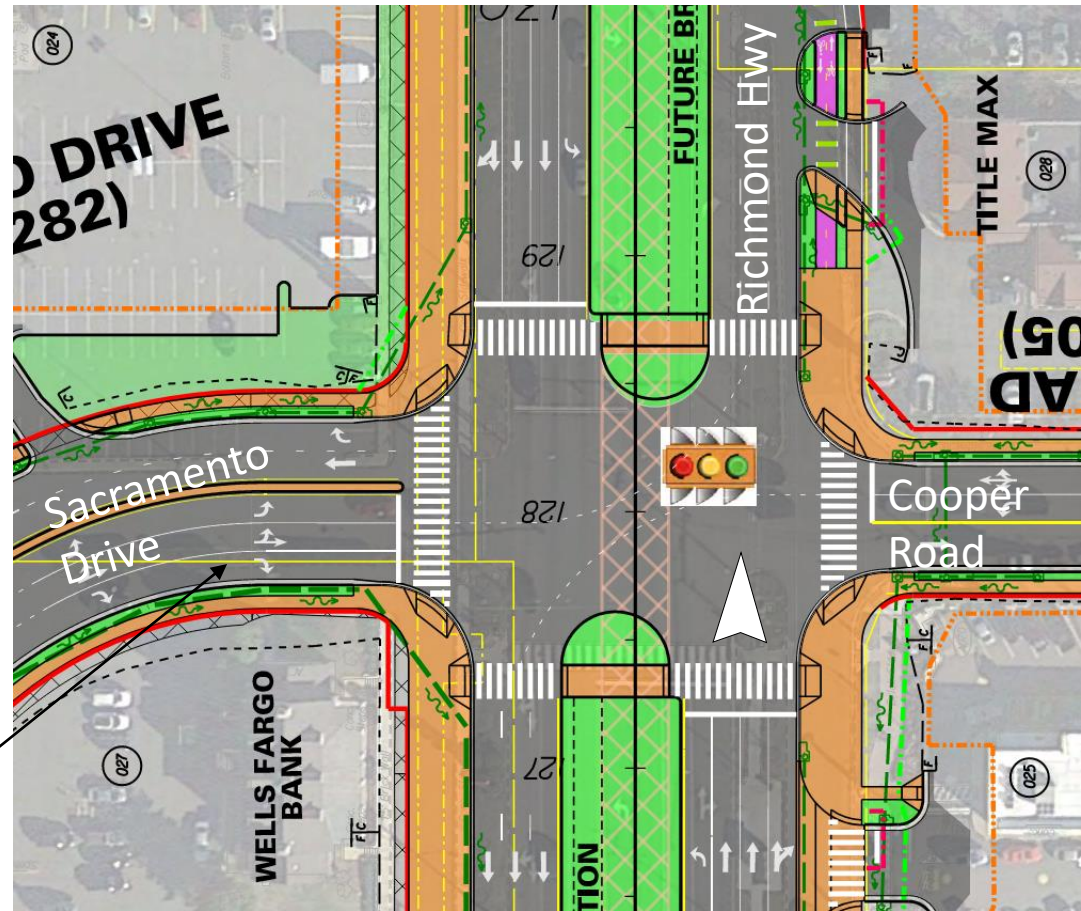


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Sacramento Drive

- Dedicated eastbound right turn lane will not be removed due to significant queues during peak hours
- Embark plan amendment calls for future on-street parking along Sacramento
- Eastbound right turn lane will remain for potential future dual purpose

Potential off-peak on-street parking



	Proposed lane configuration		Lane to be removed		Direction of Northbound Richmond Highway Travel
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Conclusions

- **Richmond Highway BRT Executive Committee Approved Recommendations**
 - 14 of 31 reductions/modifications will be incorporated
 - Plus 2 recommendations for future off-peak street parking
- **BRT and VDOT Design Teams are incorporating the approved changes into the plans**



Questions?

