

March 2024 Public Comment Opportunity
Draft Regionally Significant for Air Quality Project Details

**Leesburg Pike Bypass (VA 7 Bypass)
Widening: Dulles Greenway (VA 267)
to East Market Street**

CE1870

PROJECT DESCRIPTION

Title	VA 7 Leesburg Bypass Widening from Dulles Greenway to East Market Street
Project ID	CE1870
Lead Agency	Virginia Department of Transportation



PROJECT INFORMATION

Route/Facility Name	VA 7/Leesburg Bypass
From	VA 267 Dulles Greenway
To	East Market Street
Primary Project Type	Road - Add Capacity/Widening
County	Loudoun
Municipality	Town of Leesburg
Accommodations	Not Included
Complete Street Advance	Exempt
Primary Contact	Niraja Chandrapu
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Project Information URL	
Project Description	<p>The primary objective of this project is to improve safety and operations along the Route 7/15 Bypass by building two additional lanes. It will relieve traffic congestion, facilitate traffic operations and improve public safety. VA 7 Bypass is a primary east-west highway serving the residents, commuters and visitors of the Washington Metropolitan Region. This route is part of the National Highway System. The Leesburg Bypass is the busiest highway in Leesburg. Widening the bypass is a long overdue transportation project of the regional importance that will greatly improve traffic congestion and safety. Virginia Department of Transportation is the lead agency for the proposed project. The project involves widening this existing highway between the Dulles Greenway (VA RT 267) to 6 lanes. Improvements and widening of VA 7 Bypass and VA 7 to the west of the Dulles Greenway will be completed as part of a multiphase project between VDOT and Loudoun County.</p>

SCHEDULE AND FUNDING INFORMATION

Estimated Project Completion Date	2040
Current Implementation Status	No Project Activity
Total Project Cost	\$70,000,000.00

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CONFORMITY INFORMATION

Con Id	Improvement Type	Location Type	Facility	From	To	Projected Complete
299	Widen	Road Segment	VA 7/Leesburg Bypass	US 15 South King Street	VA 7/US 15 East	2030

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86	Widen	Road Segment	VA 7/Leesburg Bypass	VA 267 Dulles Greenway	VA/US 7/15 Interchange (East Market Street) East	2040

ENVIRONMENTAL REVIEW INFORMATION

Environmental Document Type: Environmental Assessment

Environmental Review Status: Pending

This project has been identified for the following potential environmental mitigation activities.

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REGIONAL POLICY QUESTION RESPONSES

32a. This project promotes non-auto travel or can be expected to reduce VMT in the region.

32b. Please identify all travel mode options that this project promotes, enhances, or supports.

- Carpool/HOV
- Express/Commuter Bus
- Single Driver

33. This project improves accessibility for historically transportation-disadvantaged individuals (i.e., persons with disabilities, low-incomes, and/or limited English proficiency)

34a. This project is physically located in an Equity Emphasis Area (EEA)

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- 34b. Please provide additional written information that describes how this project further supports or advances equity as described by the TPB July 2020 resolution.
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- 35a. This project begins or ends in an Activity Center.
- 35b. This project connects two or more Activity Centers.
- 35c. This project promotes non-auto travel within one or more Activity Centers.
- 35d. This project connects an Equity Emphasis Area to an Activity Center.
36. This project contributes to enhanced system maintenance or preservation.
37. This project is primarily designed to reduce travel time on highways and/or transit without building new capacity (e.g., ITS, bus priority treatments, etc.).
38. This project expected to significantly reduce fatalities or injuries among motorists, transit users, pedestrians, and/or bicyclists.
39. This project is expected to contribute to reductions in emissions of criteria pollutants, specifically, to attainment of ozone levels consistent with the National Ambient Air Quality Standard (NAAQS).
- 40a. This project is expected to contribute to reductions in emissions of greenhouse gases by 50% below 2005 levels by 2030.
- 40b. If the answer to question 40a. regarding contributing to greenhouse gas emission reductions was yes, then how is this project anticipated to reduce emissions?
41. This project enhances, supports, or promotes the following freight carrier modes.
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42. This project enhances, supports, or promotes the following passenger carrier modes.
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43. Please check each strategy that is implemented by this project.
- **Apply best practices to maintain the transportation system.**
 - **Apply the endorsed safety strategies to design and operate safer infrastructure and encourage safer behavior.**
 - **Reduce travel times on all public transportation bus services.**
- 44a. Please provide additional written information that describes how this project further supports or advances the TPB Strategies.
- 44b. Please provide additional written information that describes how this project further supports or advances other regional goals or needs.
45. Federal Planning Factors: This project supports the following planning factors (select all that apply)
- **Enhance the integration and connectivity of the transportation system across and between modes for people and freight**
 - **Increase accessibility and mobility of people**
 - **Increase the ability of the transportation system to support homeland security and to safeguard the personal security of all motorized and non-motorized users**
 - **Increase the safety of the transportation system for all motorized and non-motorized users**
 - **Promote efficient system management and operation**
 - **Protect and enhance the environment promote energy conservation improve the quality of life and promote consistency between transportation improvements and State and local planned growth and economic development patterns**
 - **Support the economic vitality of the metropolitan area especially by enabling global competitiveness productivity and efficiency**