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Public Meeting Will Share Findings From Study Of Route 7 Bus Service

Monday, November 16, 6:30 – 8:30 p.m. at Bailey's Elementary School

Arlington, Va. - The Northern Virginia Transportation Commission (NVTC), in partnership with Fairfax County and the City of Alexandria, will hold an Envision Route 7 Public Meeting Monday, November 16.

Staff will share findings from a study of the traffic impacts of proposed bus lanes on Route 7 between Seven Corners in Fairfax County and the Mark Center/Southern Towers in Alexandria.

Doors will open at 6:30 p.m., with a presentation by staff at 7 p.m. Come and view displays and chat with staff prior to and following the presentation.

What: Envision Route 7 Public Meeting
When: Monday, November 16, 6:30 – 8:30 p.m.
Where: Bailey's Elementary School, 6111 Knollwood Drive, Fairfax, VA 22041



What is Envision Route 7?

Envision Route 7 will enhance bus service with faster, more reliable trips on Route 7, one of the busiest corridors in the region. Route 7 is home to the F20 Metro Bus, which has the highest ridership in Northern Virginia. The project proposes both short- and long-term

changes that will make it easier for riders to travel along the route and reach work, school, essential services and entertainment.

NVTC is already working with local agencies to improve service along Route 7, through treatments such as Transit Signal Priority (TSP) and expanded bus service, including the upcoming launch of Metro Bus F2X limited-stop service. Envision Route 7 proposes longer-term solutions, including removing buses from traffic congestion through dedicated bus lanes.

What's Happening Now?

In fall 2025 and spring 2026, NVTC's Envision Route 7 team hit the corridor to talk to residents, visitors, business owners and bus riders about their vision for bus service between Seven Corners and Mark Center/Southern Towers. Across hundreds of conversations and online survey responses in five languages, three priorities rose to the top: more frequent service, bus priority and expanded hours.

Cities, counties and agency stakeholders such as the Virginia Department of Transportation, which owns a majority of the roadway, must now consult with the community and decide which parts of the corridor should have center running bus lanes, curb running bus lanes or rely on other technology and service upgrades.

This project is funded through the combination of a federal Community Project Funding grant made possible by U.S. Rep. Don Beyer and the late Rep. Gerry Connolly, Virginia Department of Rail and Public Transportation funds and local matches provided by the Cities of Alexandria and Falls Church and Arlington and Fairfax Counties.

For more information about the Envision Route 7 project, visit novatransit.org/programs/route7.

Two or more elected officials may attend the open house. However, this is not a business meeting and no action will be transacted.

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About NVTC

NVTC works to ensure that businesses and residents are served by a high capacity, high quality network of transit systems that allows the region to thrive. It funds and promotes transit in the Counties of Arlington, Fairfax and Loudoun and the Cities of Alexandria, Fairfax and Falls Church. NVTC supports five local bus systems (ART, CUE, DASH, Fairfax Connector, Loudoun County Transit), Metro and Virginia Railway Express.

About Fairfax County

Since 1977, the Fairfax County Department of Transportation (FCDOT) has served the Fairfax County community by enhancing mobility, safety and the quality of life of residents, businesses and visitors through planning, coordinating, funding, implementing and sustaining a multi-modal transportation system.

About the City of Alexandria

Founded in 1749, the City of Alexandria is a full-service, independent city in Virginia with a national reputation for progressive and responsible government. With a fast-paced business environment and walkable neighborhoods, Alexandria is a world-class destination where businesses and nonprofits choose to call home. Located minutes from the nation's capital, Alexandria's old-world charm and cutting-edge innovation are the perfect mix for attracting a diverse community, talented workforce and enthusiastic visitors.

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