

#### The Goal of Envision Route 7

Identify the best transit option for the corridor. One that...
connects people and businesses to economic opportunity
improves mobility and relieves congestion

#### **Creating a Vision for Route 7**

Requires that we...

identify the mode of transit and route for service determine the level of public support assess the financial, economic and technical viability identify steps to move the project forward

#### **Exploring the Options for Route 7**

Phase I narrowed the transit alternatives to three modes...





Light Rail Transit (LRT)

Bus Rapid Transit (BRT)

Standard Buses

Possible routes depend on the mode selected, but include...

LRT from Tysons to Van Dorn Street Metrorail Station via East Falls Church Metrorail Station

BRT from Tysons to Van Dorn Street Metrorail Station via East Falls Church Metrorail Station

BRT from Tysons to Van Dorn Street Metrorail Station

BRT from Tysons to King Street Metrorail Station via East Falls Church Metrorail Station

#### **INTERESTING FACTS**

#### **Route 7/Leesburg Pike**

...began as a buffalo trail connecting the Potomac River in present-day Old Town Alexandria to the foot of the Blue Ridge Mountains at Leesburg.

...called the Great Eastern Ridge Road by the Necostin Indians until they abandoned it in the late 1670s to traders, colonists and early postal carriers.

...included in Lord William
Fairfax's original royal grant and
first appeared on a plat prepared
for him in 1739.

...became home in 1837 to Hachaliah Bailey, one of the nation's first elephant owners and the father of the American circus. Bailey's son Lewis, a clown whose circus would stop in Alexandria, made Hachaliah aware of the 536 acres for sale.

...saw tolls levied beginning in 1785 to pay for maintenance but the advent of the Civil War put an end to the practice.

...supported a Confederate fort that was stocked with faux artillery, tree trunks made to look like weapons. Called "Quaker guns," after the religious sect's aversion to war, the tree trunks fooled the Union army.

...was the site of President Abraham Lincoln's 1861 formal military review of 50,000 Union troops, a spectacle that inspired Julia Ward Howe to write "The Battle Hymn of the Republic."

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#### **WHY ENVISION ROUTE 7?**

### To ensure transit options that...

#### accommodate 2040 growth

- •the population will increase by 42% to 368,667
- •there will be a need for 54,491 new residential units
- •the number of jobs will grow by 50% to 299.118
- •there will be a need for 16.3million square feet of new office space to meet additional demand and replace obsolete space

#### support all households

- •7% live below the poverty level
- •10% have annual incomes less than \$25,000
- •14% earn between \$25,000 and \$49,999 annually
- •28% have annual incomes between \$50,000 and \$99,999
- •47% earn more than \$100,000 annually

#### Improve mobility and access

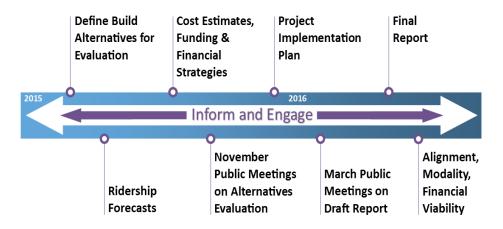
- •relieve congestion
- connect business to workers
- •improve commute times
- •improve travel-time reliability

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#### **Envision Route 7 Timeframe**



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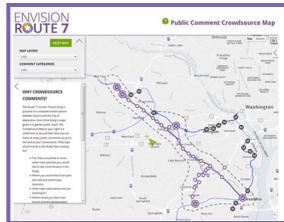


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