

Investing in Multimodal Solutions

# Project Overview September 16, 2015











 I-66 between the Capital Beltway (I-495) and Rosslyn opened in 1982 as an HOV-4 facility

- Changed to HOV-3 in late 1983
- Changed to HOV-2 in March 1995
- Only Interstate in the Country limited to HOV only traffic during rush hours
  - Current HOV hours
    - Inside Beltway (eastbound): 6:30 a.m. to 9:00 a.m.
    - Inside Beltway (westbound): 4:00 p.m. to 6:30 p.m.
- Stoplight at the end of I-66 eastbound in the District









 Deck over I-66 in Rosslyn and retaining walls constrain ability to widen I-66

Overcrowding of Orange Line





# Changes to I-66 exclusive of this Project

- Transportation Planning Board at MWCOG adopted plan to modify HOV rules in I-66 both inside and outside the Beltway
  - Increase occupancy requirements from 2 to 3 by 2020
- Federal rules require 'limiting or discontinuing' use of HOV lanes by hybrids when lanes are degraded (<45mph)</li>
  - *I-66 is currently degraded and has been for a number of years*
- Bus on-shoulder pilot program underway to allow buses to by-pass significant congestion points
- Spot improvements in westbound direction
  - Spot #1 open to traffic
  - Spot #2 will open to traffic in 2015 and will provide 4 full lanes from Washington Blvd to Dulles Connector Road



### **Project Scope**

- Proposed project is result of detailed multiyear study undertaken in 2011 and completed in 2013
- Recommendations include:
  - Convert I-66 to dynamically priced toll lanes during rush hours
    - AM 5:30 am 9:30 am
    - PM 3:00 pm 7:00 pm
  - Increase HOV requirements to 3 people
  - Enhance bus service throughout the corridor
  - Improve access to Metro
  - Widen I-66 EB from I-495 (the Capital Beltway) to Ballston







# **Multimodal Project List**

- Local and regional projects
  - Multimodal Project List from 2012/2013 Study
  - Projects from agencies and counties including Prince William, Loudoun, Fairfax, and Arlington Counties as well as the Potomac and Rappahannock Transportation Commission (PRTC)
- Projects including:
  - Technology
  - Spot/intersection improvements
  - Transit
  - Transportation demand management (TDM)
  - Bike/pedestrian
  - Tolling
  - Roadway Improvements







Transit (Bus/Rail)

**Original Trip** (During AM/PM Peaks)





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Parallel Routes

Pay Toll

HOV 3+ / Vanpool

Change time of travel



**Project Goals & Benefits** 

- Move more people up to 40,000 per day and enhance connectivity for the I-66 Corridor
- Provide more travel choices for single-occupancy vehicles
- Enhance transit operations
- Improve reliability for all travelers
- Create opportunities for improved level of service on parallel routes
- Provide seamless connectivity to the region's 40+ miles of express lanes
- Provide revenue stream support to multimodal investments on I-66 and complementary corridors adjacent to I-66



# Origin Highlights EB I-66, East of Route 267, Vehicle Trips in 2040





### Destination Highlights EB I-66, East of Route 267, Vehicle Trips in 2040





### Existing HOV-2+ vs. Unrestricted Morning Rush Hour







- **Existing HOV 2+ Period:** Eastbound AM 6:30 am to 9:00 am Westbound PM 4:00 pm to 6:30 pm
- **Unrestricted period study** ۲ reviewed 1.5 hours before and 1 hour after the HOV-2+ restricted period.
- SOV traffic during the ٠ HOV-2+ period consists of Dulles Airport trips, hybrid, police, and violators.
- "Other" vehicles include • vans, trucks, and motorcycles.



### **Tolling Overview**

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#### Scenarios being tested for consideration

- HOV-2+ FREE Start Up in 2017
  - » 4 hour restricted period
    - » AM 5:30 AM 9:30 AM
    - » PM 3:00 PM 7:00 PM
- HOV-3+ FREE Start Up in 2017
  - » 4 hour restricted period
    - » AM 5:30 AM 9:30 AM
    - » PM 3:00 PM 7:00 PM
- HOV-3+ FREE Start Up in 2021
  - » 4 hour restricted period
    - » AM 5:30 AM 9:30 AM
    - » PM 3:00 PM 7:00 PM
- Dynamic Toll Lane operation in both directions during both peak periods (weekdays only)
- Hybrids, law enforcement, airport traffic not exempt from toll
- Toll and Revenue Analysis
- Dynamic tolling to maintain 45 MPH minimum speed
- Toll Day One: Summer 2017



### **Anticipated Toll Rates**

- Tolls may be higher or lower, depending on traffic volumes, to manage demand and ensure free-flow travel for High Occupancy Vehicles, transit and Single Occupancy Vehicle users
- Estimated typical tolls along corridor during peak hours based on modeling are:

	Eastbound		Westbound	
Toll Scenarios	AM-peak	РМ	AM	PM-peak
2017 SOV – Pays the Toll HOV2+ rides for FREE	\$9.00	\$2.00	\$1.00	\$8.00
2017 SOV/HOV2 – Pays the Toll HOV3+ rides for FREE	\$7.00	\$1.00	\$1.00	\$6.00
2021 SOV/HOV2 - Pays the Toll HOV3+ rides for FREE	\$7.00	\$1.00	\$1.00	\$6.00



### **Threshold Requirements**

### Projects must:

- Offer benefits to toll payers
- Create opportunities for new or enhanced free travel options serving the corridor
- Increase person throughput for the corridor



### **Next Steps - Multimodal**

- Continue to review/update multimodal project list
- Develop project selection process
  - Finalize and approve selection criteria
  - Initiate Call for Projects (Fall 2015) to develop initial Capital Improvement Program for 2017
- Confirm entities eligible to review project submittals
  - All Planning District 8 jurisdictions including Prince William County
  - Transit agencies



### Public Outreach and Agency Coordination Outreach

- More than 35 outreach meetings to date
- Upcoming meetings with elected officials and key stakeholder groups
- Public Information Meetings scheduled for Fall of 2015 (*Presentations at 7:30pm*)
  - Monday, October 5, 2015, 7:00-9:00 p.m. VDOT Northern Virginia District Office
  - Tuesday, October 6, 2015, 7:00-9:00 p.m. Mary Ellen Henderson Middle School
  - Wednesday, October 7, 2015, 7:00-9:00 p.m. Washington-Lee High School
- Design Public Hearing
  - Thursday, November 12, 2015, 7:00-9:00 p.m. Washington-Lee High School
- Project Working Group
  - VDOT, DRPT, Arlington County, Fairfax County, City of Falls Church, NVTC
- Inside Stakeholder Technical Advisory Group
  - Including stakeholder jurisdictions, transit providers, transportation agencies & authorities, federal and regional DOT partners





# **Upcoming Project Milestones**

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Key Milestones	Begin Dates/Duration	
Public outreach	Ongoing	
Working Group/Technical Stakeholder Advisory Group meetings	Ongoing	
Traffic and revenue study	Spring 2015/6 months	
Group multimodal solutions according to implementation schedule	Spring 2015/9 months	
Toll system design	Summer 2015/6 months	
Framework agreement	Fall 2015/4 months	
Public Information Meetings	<b>Early October 2015</b> (VDOT NOVA District, Mary Ellen Henderson Middle School and Washington-Lee High School)	
Design Public Hearing	Early November 2015	
Tolling construction	Spring 2016	
Group 1 multimodal solutions selection/implementation	Spring 2016	
Tolling implementation	Summer 2017	
Begin Tolling	Summer 2017	