

**Jurisdiction and Agency Coordinating Committee  
Northern Virginia Transportation Authority**

**MEMORANDUM**

**TO:** Martin E. Nohe, Chairman  
Northern Virginia Transportation Authority

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**FROM:** Tom Biesiadny, Chairman  
Jurisdiction and Agency Coordinating Committee  
Northern Virginia Transportation Authority

**SUBJECT:** Update on I-66 Projects and Studies (Agenda Item 6.B.)

**DATE:** July 2, 2010

In June, Governor McDonnell announced that the Commonwealth Transportation Board (CTB) advanced \$61 million in the six-year program in support of his efforts to reduce congestion along I-66. The following is a summary of changes to several I-66 projects and studies since the May 13, 2010, NVTA meeting.

**I-66 Spot Improvements**

Governor McDonnell referred to the CTB's approval of the contract award for the first spot improvement, between Fairfax Drive and North Sycamore Street, in the amount of \$10.2 million, and indicated that the second and third spot improvements are estimated to cost of \$49.6 million for both of them. They will be funded after the I-66 study (Inside the Beltway) described below.

**I-66 Multimodal Study (Outside the Beltway)**

During the week of June 14, 2010, the Virginia Department of Transportation made significant changes to the I-66 Multimodal Study. The management of the project was transferred from VDOT's Northern Virginia District office to VDOT's Central Office in Richmond. In addition, the current contractor, Dewberry, was released without cause. A new solicitation has been issued to secure a replacement contractor. This study is expected to cost \$6 million. Proposals are due on August 12, 2010. The solicitation can be found at:

<http://www.virginiadot.org/business/rfps.asp#Environmental>

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It is unclear how these developments will be affected the approach or the projected December 2011 completion date for the study. The complete I-66 National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) Study (outside the beltway) that will include an environmental impact statement is expected to take about 32 months and \$20.3 million has been allocated for it, according to Governor McDonnell's news release.

### **I-66 Multimodal Study (Inside the Beltway)**

The Governor's news release says that a multimodal study will identify and evaluate options to address the long-term mobility needs of the corridor, specifically the portion of the corridor from the Capital Beltway (I-495) east to the Virginia/District of Columbia border.

The study will examine a wide range of options including bus, transportation demand management (TDM), High Occupancy Vehicle (HOV), High Occupancy Toll (HOT), congestion pricing, managed lanes and road improvements. The study will build on the I-66 Transit/TDM study completed by the Virginia Department of Rail and Transportation in 2009.

The study will include objective technical analyses that address both demand and operational considerations. Changes in occupancy level for HOV, changes to time of day of HOV, tolling, integrated corridor management measures, additional HOV lanes, HOT lanes and additional general purpose lanes will be examined.

The goal of the \$4 million effort is to identify feasible solutions to reduce congestion and improve mobility within the corridor and along major nearby arterial roadways.

Jurisdiction and Agency Coordination Committee members and I will be available at the July 8, 2010, NVTA meeting to answer questions.

Cc: Members, NVTA Jurisdiction and Agency Coordinating Committee