### NORTHERN VIRGINIA TRANSPORTATION AUTHORITY



# Project Description Form — 1B

## **Basic Project Information**

- **1. Submitting Agency:** Town of Leesburg
- **2. Project Title:** New grade-separated interchange on Edwards Ferry Road at the Route 15 Leesburg Bypass.
- 3. Project Type:

  ✓ Roadway ☐ Multimodal ☐ Transit
- 4. Project Description/Scope: The project consists of development of a new grade-separated interchange on Edwards Ferry Road at the Route 15 Leesburg Bypass. The existing signalized at-grade intersection at this location is heavily congested. Route 15 serves as a major commuter route, and there are numerous large retail developments in the area that generate significant traffic volumes. Also, currently there is a large volume of pedestrian traffic, which crosses the bypass between the residential areas inside the bypass and the commercial development outside the bypass.
- **5. Route** (*if applicable*)/**Corridor:** Route 15 / Corridor 1
- **6. Total Project Cost:** \$40,000,000
- 7. Total Funds Required: \$1,000,000 (FY 2014); up to \$39,000,000 in six year plan



- 8. Phase/s of Project Covered by Funding: Design \$5,000,000, Construction \$35,000,000
- 9. Project Milestones (by phase, include all phases):
  - Design Start: January 2014
  - Design Complete: June 2018
  - Construction Start: July 2021
  - Construction Complete: December 2024
- 10. In TransAction 2040 plan?
  - Yes No
- 11. In CLRP, TIP or Air Quality Neutral? Yes. CLRP, Yes TIP, ID# 2671
- 12. Leverages Sources:
  - ✓ Local ☐ State ☐ Federal
  - ☐ Other (*please explain*)

PROJECT ANALYSIS		
Tier I ✓ Pass ☐ Fail Tier III Congestion Reduction Relative to Cost:		
Tier II 6 out of 8 points	Plan ☑ CLRP ☐ TA2040 only	Rating Med Low

## **Stated Benefits**

- 1. What regional benefit/s does this project offer? This project enhances regional traffic flow by eliminating an at-grade intersection which experiences significant congestion and vehicle delay. Route 15 is a critical north-south connector through the Town of Leesburg and surroundings areas
- 2. How does the project reduce congestion? The project consists of development of a new grade-separated interchange on Edwards Ferry Road at the Route 15 Leesburg Bypass. The existing signalized at-grade intersection at this location is heavily congested. Route 15 serves as a major commuter route, and there are numerous large retail developments in the area that generate significant traffic volumes. Also, currently there is a large volume of pedestrian traffic, which crosses the bypass between the residential areas inside the bypass and the commercial development outside the bypass.
- 3. How does the project increase capacity? (Mass transit projects only) N/A.
- **4.** How does the project improve auto and pedestrian safety? The project will include infrastructure enhancements that separate pedestrian and vehicle traffic to provide safe connectivity to nearby businesses and residential land uses.
- 5. List internet address/link to any additional information or documentation in support of project benefits. (Optional)

http://maps.google.com/maps?q=Edwards+Ferry+Road+at+Route+15,+Leesburg,+VA&hl=en&ll=39.112847,-77.537684&spn=0.000033,0.019205&sll=37.71871,-122.193438&sspn=0.389984,0.614548&t=h&hnear=U.S.+15+%26+Edwards+Ferry+Rd+NE,+Leesburg,+Loudoun,+Virginia+20176&z=16&layer=c&cbll=39.112938,-77.537691&panoid=RNtXNcN21atQiDt1GtRsXA&cbp=12,0,,0,0

#### 6. Project Picture/Illustratives

Intersection of Edwards ferry Road and Route and Route 15 Leesburg ByPass



Source: Google Maps



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