



FY 2015-16 PROJECT DESCRIPTION FORM (1P)

Basic Project Information

Submitting Agency: Loudoun County/Town of Leesburg

Project Title: New Grade-Separated Interchange on Edwards Ferry Road at the Route 15 Leesburg Bypass (1P)

Project Type (check one):
Roadway (X) Transit ()

VA State Route Number (if applicable) and NVTA Corridor Number (1-8): Dulles/VA7/Corridor 1

1. **Project Description:** The project consists of development 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 services 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.
2. **Requested NVTA Funds:** FY16 = \$1,000,000
3. **Phase(s) of Project Covered by Requested NVTA Funds:** Preliminary Design
4. **Total Cost to Complete Project:** \$50,000,000
5. **Project Milestone -Study Phase:** Start of Study July 2014
6. **Project Milestone -Preliminary Engineering (30% Design):** Start of PE August 2016
7. **Project Milestones -Final Design:** Start of Final Design July 2018
8. **Project Milestones -Right-of-Way:** ROW acquisitions completed January 2019
9. **Project Milestone – Construction:** Start of Construction July 2022
10. **Project Milestone – Mass Transit Vehicle Acquisition:** Start of Construction N/A
11. **Is Project in Transaction 2040:**
Yes (X) No ()



12. Project in 2010 CLRP: N/A

13. Project Leverages other Funding: (please state amount)

- Local (X)
- State (X)
- Federal (X)
- Other: **Proffers**



Stated Benefits

- **What Regional benefit(s) does this project offer?** Route 15 Bypass is part of the National Highway System. Access to Route 15 Bypass is seen as critical for trucking-intensive industries located in this corridor and activity centers in Northern Virginia including pass-through interstate traffic from Maryland/West Virginia/Pennsylvania heading to the Metro Washington Area. This heavily travelled corridor serves as a major access to several large retail centers and to the Leesburg premium Outlet Shopping Mall which attracts traffic from adjoining states.
- **How does the project reduce congestion?** The existing Route 15 Bypass/Edwards Ferry Road intersection is inadequate for current demands and for planned growth in the Northeast area of Leesburg and frequently operates at Level of Service "F". This interchange will separate regional National Highway System Traffic from local traffic and reduce congestion and improve safety along Edwards Ferry Road for local traffic.
- **How does project increase capacity? (Mass Transit Projects only)**
N/A
- **How does project improve auto and pedestrian safety?** Will include a pedestrian walkway over the Route 15 Bypass. Currently, the Town provides a free bus to carry the approximately 200 pedestrians a day that cross the Route 15 Bypass. This interchange will provide a better and safer route for pedestrian traffic in the Northeast area of Leesburg.
- **List internet links below to any additional information in support of this project:**