



STUDY OVERVIEW



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INTERCHANGE IMPROVEMENTS STUDY

The Bowers Hill Interchange Improvements Study covers the junction of I-664, I-64, I-264, U.S. Route 13, U.S. Route 58, U.S. Route 460 and VA Route 191 (Jolliff Road), plus seven miles of I-664 to near College Drive (exit 8A).

To view previous study materials, visit our study website: bowershillinterchange.com.



PURPOSE



The purpose of this presentation is to:

- Provide an update on the study
- Provide an opportunity for the public to offer comments
- Share the next steps for the study
- Share the range of alternatives that will be carried forward in the Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) as documented in the Notice of Intent (NOI)



HISTORY OF STUDY



APRIL 2019

FHWA issued the Bowers Hill Interchange Improvements Study Environmental Assessment (EA)

MAY 2020

The study area was expanded to incorporate seven miles of I-664 to College Drive and to consider interaction with existing and planned Express Lanes in the region

FALL/WINTER 2020

VDOT conducted early planning activities to prepare for the NEPA process:

Study Methodologies concurred upon Sept. 2020

Purpose & Need Statement concurred upon Dec. 2020

MARCH 2021

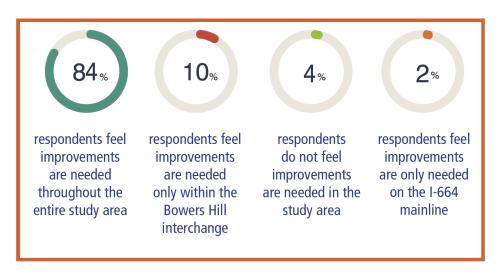
VDOT held a Citizen Comment Opportunity to present preliminary alternative concepts and receive public comments

CITIZEN COMMENT OPPORTUNITY



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- In February/March 2021, VDOT held a Citizen Comment Opportunity to collect public input on the concepts developed to date.
- Nearly 1,700 people viewed the online materials and 244 comments were received.
- 84% of respondents indicated that improvements are needed throughout the entire study area.







NOTICE OF INTENT



- The U.S. Army Corps of Engineers and U.S. Environmental Protection Agency provided concurrence on the range of alternatives to be carried forward in the EIS.
- The Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) has issued the NOI for the Bowers Hill Interchange Improvements Study, formally initiating the National Environmental Policy Act, or NEPA, process.
- NOI and supporting documentation available at bowershillinterchange.com
- VDOT is seeking public input on the range of alternatives carried forward in the EIS.



PURPOSE AND NEED



The alternatives were evaluated based on how well they met the purpose and need of this study which is to:





Current and future travel demand exceed capacity that causes congestion and gridlock on I-664 in the Study Area



Improve Travel Reliability

Current and future congestion will increase travel time while reducing travel speed and the reliability of trips on I-664 in the Study Area



Provide Additional Travel Choice

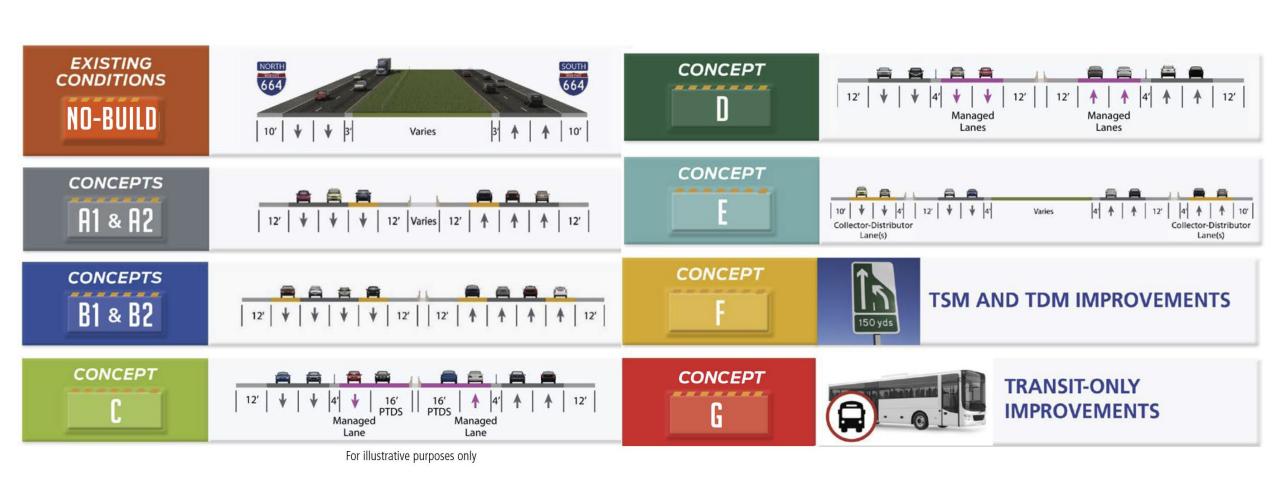
Current and future lack of roadway travel choices exacerbates congestion and reduces travel reliability

PRELIMINARY CONCEPTS CONSIDERED



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CONCEPT	MEETS PURPOSE AND NEED?			
	Reduce Congestion on I-664	Improve Travel Reliability	Provide Additional Travel Choice	Carried Forward for Additional Study?
No Build				Yes, retained for basis of comparison.
A1/A2: Adds 1 General Purpose Lane	/			No, would not meet Purpose and Need.
B1/B2: Adds 2 General Purpose Lanes				No, would not meet Purpose and Need.
C: Adds 1 Managed Lane + Part-time Drivable Managed Shoulder				Yes.
D: Adds 2 Managed Lanes				Yes.
E: C/D Lanes Around Interchanges on I-664				No, would not meet Purpose and Need.
F: TSM/TDM				No, would not meet Purpose and Need.
G: Transit-Only Improvements				No, would not meet Purpose and Need.

ALTERNATIVES TO BE CARRIED FORWARD



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No-Build

- Addition of one managed lane and a part-time drivable shoulder (Concept C)
- Addition of two managed lanes (Concept D)



For illustrative purposes only, widening may occur to the inside or outside.

NEXT STEPS



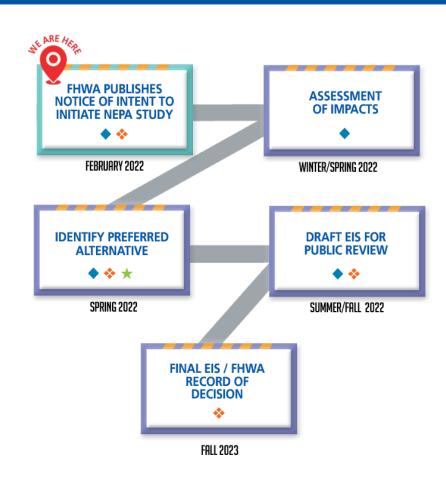
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- Assess potential impacts to surrounding resources and properties and estimated costs associated with each alternative
- Identify a preferred alternative
- Issue a Draft EIS for public review

◆ Agency Involvement
◆ Public Involvement
★ Agency Concurrence Point

NOTE: Funding for a subsequent phase of the project (o.g., detailed design final design.)

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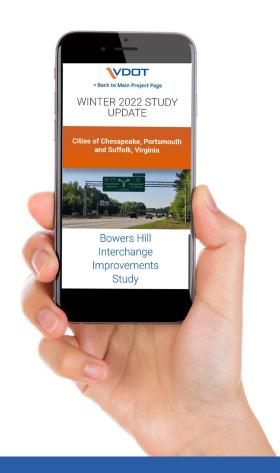
SHARE COMMENTS



How to Provide Input

- Comment online at vdotmeeting.com/bowershill
- Mail comments to:
 Bowers Hill Interchange Improvements Study
 11827 Canon Blvd., Suite 402
 Newport News, VA 23606
- Email comments to: <u>bowershill@vdot.virginia.gov</u> using subject line: Bowers Hill Interchange

Comments must be submitted or postmarked by the date posted on the Bowers Hill Study website.



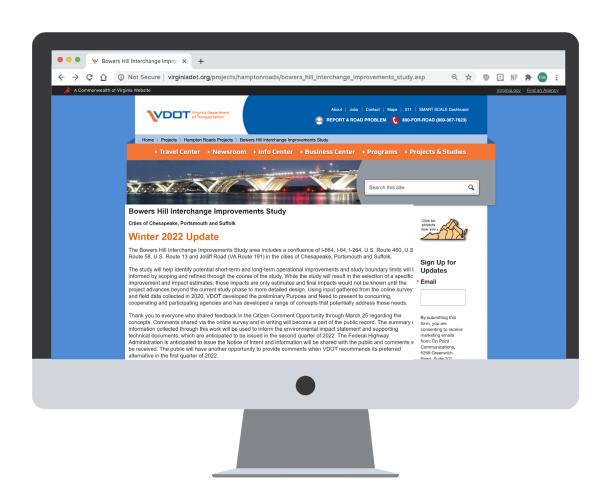
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Get Updates

- Visit the study website at <u>bowershillinterchange.com</u> for updates on the study
- Sign up for the monthly email newsletter
- Participate in future public comment opportunities



THANK YOU!



