

U.S. 301/Route 207 Arterial Preservation Plan

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Frequently Asked Questions

Q. What is an Arterial Preservation Plan?

A. A transportation plan to preserve and enhance the capacity and safety of the Commonwealth's key arterial roadways, while accommodating economic development and avoiding wide-scale road widenings.

Q. Why was the U.S. 301/Route 207 corridor selected for a preservation plan?

A. This 42-mile corridor in Virginia is a key link between I-95 and major urban areas such as Washington D.C., Baltimore and points north. The planned widening of the Governor Harry W. Nice Bridge over the Potomac River is also expected to place increased pressure on the corridor, especially as planned construction projects along I-95 in the Fredericksburg area will result in diversion to this arterial link.

Q. What is traffic demand on the U.S. 301 /Route 207 corridor?

A. Existing daily traffic volume on the corridor ranges from 10,000 on the south end to 26,000 in the Dahlgren area. With the widening of the Nice Bridge and other anticipated development along the 42-mile stretch, these volumes are expected to increase to an average of 19,200 – 49,900 vehicles a day by the year 2040.

Q. Are these recommendations final?

A. Yes. However, this is a planning-level exercise. Before any action would take place, VDOT will work with the local government to finalize the details during a detailed design process. As some of these recommendations may not be implemented for years, any new information will be taken into account in the event the concepts need to be revised.

Q. When will these recommendations be constructed?

A. These recommendations will still need to undergo a design process and will need to be funded before any construction can take place. Not all corridor improvements will occur at the same time. This study effort serves as a master plan for the corridor and the Commonwealth will look for opportunities to accomplish these goals. Some may occur within a few years and others may be 10+ years off.

Q. Where can I find materials from tonight's meeting, and a copy of the completed study?

A. The presentation, displays, and Frequently Asked Questions sheet from tonight's meeting are posted online at VDOT's website at www.VirginiaDOT.org. From the home page, click on "Projects & Studies," and then "Fredericksburg." Under "Studies," you will see a link to the Route 301 and Route 207 Corridor Study page. All meeting materials are posted to this page. The final recommendations are online now, and the final study report will be posted in late May 2018. The direct link to the study page on www.VirginiaDOT.org is http://www.virginiadot.org/projects/fredericksburg/route_301_and_route_207_corridor_study.asp