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Agenda item # 6

RESOLUTION OF THE COMMONWEALTH TRANSPORTATION BOARD

October 22, 2024

MOTION

Made By: Mr. Gribbin, **Seconded By:** Mr. Kasprowicz

Action: Motion Carried, Unanimously

Title: Location Approval for the Van Buren Road North Extension from Dumfries Road (Route 234) to Cardinal Drive

WHEREAS, State Highway Project 0627-076-321, (UPC 118643) will extend Van Buren Road in Prince William County, between Dumfries Road (Route 234) and Cardinal Drive (the "Project"); and

WHEREAS, in accordance with the § 33.2-208 of the *Code of Virginia* and the policies and regulations of the Commonwealth Transportation Board (CTB), including 24 VAC 30-380-10, a Location Public Hearing (the "Hearing") was held in Prince William County, Virginia, on March 14, 2024, at Henderson Elementary School for the purpose of considering the location of the Project, as shown on Attachment A, as well as the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) Environmental Assessment and associated studies that accompany the NEPA study; and

WHEREAS, proper notice of the Hearing and the proposed Project were given in advance, and all those present were given a full opportunity to express their opinions and recommendations on the Project, and their statements have been duly recorded; and

WHEREAS, the economic, social and environmental effects of the Project have been examined and given proper consideration and this evidence, along with all other relevant evidence has been carefully reviewed; and

WHEREAS, the Prince William County Department of Transportation has completed environmental reviews and coordination to identify environmental resources in the Project vicinity, provide natural and historic resource agencies an opportunity to review and comment on the Project during development, determine the potential for environmental impacts upon the local community and surrounding area and identify opportunities for avoidance and minimization of potential and unavoidable environmental impacts; and

WHEREAS, the Project is programmed with federal funding, therefore NEPA applies to this Project; and

WHEREAS, the Project is in compliance with the NEPA requirements and an Environmental Assessment was prepared under an agreement between the Virginia Department of Transportation (VDOT) and the Federal Highway Administration and approved for public availability on February 5, 2024; and

WHEREAS, the Board of County Supervisors for Prince William County voted to endorse the proposed location of the Project as generally presented at the Hearing, during their board meeting on July 16, 2024; and

WHEREAS, review of all data resulted in VDOT's recommendation that the location of the Project as presented at the Hearing be approved.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the CTB hereby approves the location of the Project as proposed and presented at the Hearing.

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Commonwealth Transportation Board (CTB) Decision Brief

Location Approval for the Van Buren Road North Extension from Dumfries Road (Route 234) to Cardinal Drive

Issue: The Van Buren Road North Extension (UPC 118643) project proposes a number of transportation improvements along Van Buren Road in Prince William County, from Dumfries Road (Route 234) to Cardinal Drive. Pursuant to § 33.2-208 of the *Code of Virginia*, the Commonwealth Transportation Board (CTB) is required to locate and establish the routes to be followed by the highways comprising the systems of state highways.

Facts:

- The major elements of the Van Buren Road North Extension project include a new four lane divided roadway from Route 234 to Cardinal Drive, a new bridge over Powells Creek, signal improvements at the intersection of Van Buren Road and Route 234 and Van Buren Road and Cardinal Drive, and pedestrian access/connectivity between Route 234 and Cardinal Drive (the “Project”). The new section of Van Buren Road will extend an existing portion (currently undivided) at the southern portion near Route 234 beyond its dead-end location through rolling, wooded terrain. After crossing Powells Creek, the roadway will align with pre-determined right-of-way within the Cardinal Grove neighborhood, connecting to an existing four-lane divided section of Van Buren Road. The improvements will culminate at the intersection of Van Buren Road and Cardinal Drive. The proposed roadway shall include grading and construction of a four-lane divided Urban Collector roadway with a minimum 16 ft. median, 10 ft. shared use path and 5 ft. sidewalk.
- The Project provides an important local roadways connection in the County’s Comprehensive Plan linking Route 234 and Cardinal Drive, a north-south connection which currently must use Route 1 or the community roadway Waterway Drive. These existing routes are not suitable, as the use of Waterway Drive has proved to be a safety concern to the residents within this community, and the Route 1 alternative is increasingly more congested and inadequate.
- The Project supports the County’s goal to promote pedestrian connectivity through the shared use path and sidewalk connections, as proposed with the Van Buren Road typical section.
- The Project complies with NEPA requirements, with an Environmental Assessment was prepared by Virginia Department of Transportation (VDOT) and the Federal Highway Administration and approved for public availability on February 5, 2024. This assessment thoroughly examines environmental, safety, traffic engineering, and

conceptual geometry aspects providing a strong basis for confirming the roadway location and its community and regional benefits.

Public Comments/ Reaction:

- The Hearing was held on March 14, 2024, at the Henderson Elementary School located in Prince William County. Those that attended were able to view displays for the proposed Project, converse with County and Project representatives, ask questions, and provide public commentary.
- One-hundred-thirty-one (131) citizens attended the hearing. There were ninety-four (94) written (comment sheets, letters, emails) and twenty-four (24) oral comments received for the record. For the comments received via comment sheets, letters, and emails, sixty-five (65) were in support of the Project, twenty-six (26) were opposed to the Project, and three (3) were neither for nor against.
- On July 16, 2024, the Prince William County Board of Supervisors voted to endorse the Project location as generally presented at the Hearing and has voiced strong support for the Project.

Recommendations: VDOT recommends approval of the location of the Project presented at the March 14, 2024, Location Public Hearing (the “Hearing”) as shown in the attached exhibit.

Action Required by CTB: The *Code of Virginia* § 33.2-208, requires a majority vote of the CTB to locate and establish the routes to be followed by the roads comprising systems of state highways between points designated in the establishment of such systems.

Result, if Approved: If approved by the CTB, the Project will move forward to the final design phase.

Options: Approve, Deny or Defer



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October 1, 2024

The Honorable W. Sheppard Miller, III
The Honorable E. Scott Kasprovicz
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The Honorable Wayne Coleman
The Honorable H. Randolph Laird
The Honorable Thomas Moore Lawson
The Honorable Darrell R. Byers
The Honorable Laura A. Sellers
The Honorable J. Rex Davis
The Honorable Linda Green
The Honorable D.J. Gribbin
The Honorable Becky Norton Dunlop
The Honorable John P Good, Jr.
The Honorable Stephen C. Brich, P. E.
The Honorable Zach Trogdon

Subject: Location Approval for the Van Buren Road North Extension in Prince William County.

Dear Commonwealth Transportation Board Members:

The Department has initiated the above request for Location Approval for your consideration. The proposed Location Approval on State Highway Project 0627-076-321, P101, R201, C501 has been recommended for approval by the Department's staff.

I have reviewed the staff's recommendations and determined that this request should be considered by the Board.

Sincerely,

R. Shane Mann
Barton A. Thrasher, P.E.
Chief Engineer

MOTION: BAILEY

**July 16, 2024
Regular Meeting
Res. No. 24-534**

SECOND: ANGRY

**RE: ENDORSE THE LOCATION OF THE VAN BUREN ROAD NORTH EXTENSION,
ROUTE 234 TO CARDINAL DRIVE PROJECT, PROJECT NUMBER 0627-076-321, UPC
118643 – POTOMAC MAGISTERIAL DISTRICT**

ACTION: APPROVED

WHEREAS, the Van Buren Road North Extension, Route 234 to Cardinal Drive Project (Project) consists of constructing a new section of Van Buren Road between Route 234 and Cardinal Drive at its intersection with Benita Fitzgerald Drive. The new roadway will be designed as a four (4) lane divided major collector, which includes a ten (10) foot shared-use path and a five-foot sidewalk consistent with the Prince William County Comprehensive Plan. The Project also includes the design of a new bridge over Powell's Creek; and

WHEREAS, on April 28, 2020, via Resolution Number (Res. No.) 20-333, the Prince William Board of County Supervisors (Board) budgeted and appropriated \$2,000,000 in Northern Virginia Transportation Authority (NVTA) 30% local funding to the Van Buren Road Environmental Study. The completed study of the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) included determining specific project alignment, design criteria, and assessing the social, economic, and environmental impacts of the ultimate extension of Van Buren Road. The NEPA study included public involvement and community outreach; and

WHEREAS, on April 6, 2021, via Res. No. 21-191, the Board authorized the execution of a project administration agreement with the Virginia Department of Transportation (VDOT) to provide VDOT with oversight expenses on the Project due to its size and complexity, as well as its impact on the transportation network, thus requiring VDOT experts to perform technical reviews of the environmental document and the Project's preliminary plans necessary for the preparation of the study; and

WHEREAS, a virtual public information meeting was held on July 22, 2021, to facilitate public education and outreach concerning the Project. The public was invited to ask questions before and during the meeting, and comment sheets were provided to submit questions and comments outside of the meeting. These comments were incorporated as much as possible; and

WHEREAS, on September 21, 2021, via Res. No. 21-503, the Board endorsed and authorized applications for the NVTA Fiscal Year (FY) 2022 - 2027 Six Year Program (SYP), which included funds for the Project. NVTA adopted their FY 2022 - 2027 SYP on July 14, 2022, providing \$8,000,000 in reimbursable NVTA 70% regional funds to be available in FY 2026 - 2027. Transportation staff requested a forward appropriation of the \$8,000,000 in NVTA 70% regional funds to be used on the Project for design expenses beginning in FY 2024; and

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WHEREAS, on November 28, 2023, via Res. No. 23-577, the Board authorized the execution of a standard project agreement between Prince William County and the NVTA to design the Project and budget and appropriate \$8,000,000 in NVTA 70% regional funds for the Project; and

WHEREAS, on March 14, 2024, a location public hearing was held at Henderson Elementary School to discuss the Project's alignment, answer questions, and receive comments on the proposed location of the Project. Also, in accordance with NEPA, the Van Buren Road North Extension NEPA document that was prepared to assess the Project's potential effects on environmental resources was available for review. Comments provided by the attendees during the location public hearing, along with those submitted within ten (10) days following the meeting, were documented and will be taken into consideration as the design progresses to the final design stage; and

WHEREAS, the Board's endorsement of the Project's location is needed before VDOT sends the NEPA document to the Federal Highways Administration for their approval. This approval will allow for the design phase to move forward toward the final design;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Prince William Board of County Supervisors hereby endorses the location of the Van Buren Road North Extension, Route 234 to Cardinal Drive Project in the Potomac Magisterial District.

ATTACHMENT: Project Location Map – Van Buren Road North Extension, Route 234 to Cardinal Drive, Project

Votes:

Ayes: Angry, Bailey, Franklin, Gordy, Jefferson

Nays: Vega, Weir

Absent from Vote: Boddye

Absent from Meeting: None

For Information:

Director of Transportation

County Attorney

ATTEST: _____



Clerk to the Board

Project Location Map





STAFF REPORT – INTER-DEPARTMENTAL ROUTING

Today's Date:		Initiating Department:	
Staff Contact Person:		Phone:	
Presenter at BOCS Meeting:			
Report Title:			
BOCS Meeting Date:			
Agenda closes at noon – Agenda Schedule Deadlines :			
Agenda Position (check appropriately): 2:00 pm <input type="checkbox"/> 7:30 pm <input type="checkbox"/>			
Consent <input type="checkbox"/>		Public Hearing <input type="checkbox"/> CXO <input type="checkbox"/> Agencies <input type="checkbox"/>	

Review Agency:	Approved	Disapproved
CXO – Shorter	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
County Attorney's Office	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Budget	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Finance	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
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Review Agency:	Approved	Disapproved
DCXO – Alexander	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
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DCXO – Hugh	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
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Comments:

MOTION:

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Regular Meeting
Res. No. 24-**

SECOND:

**RE: ENDORSE THE LOCATION OF THE VAN BUREN ROAD NORTH EXTENSION,
ROUTE 234 TO CARDINAL DRIVE PROJECT, PROJECT NUMBER 0627-076-321, UPC
118643 — POTOMAC MAGISTERIAL DISTRICT**

ACTION:

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WHEREAS, VDOT and Federal Highways Administration are requesting the Board's endorsement of the Project's location before approving the NEPA document; and

WHEREAS, endorsing the location of the Project by the Board will allow for the design phase to move forward toward the final design; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Prince William Board of County Supervisors hereby endorse the location of the Van Buren Road North Extension, Route 234 to Cardinal Drive Project in the Potomac Magisterial District.

ATTACHMENT: Project Location Map — Van Buren Road North Extension, Route 234 to Cardinal Drive, Project

Votes:

Ayes:

Nays:

Absent from Vote:

Absent from Meeting:

For Information:

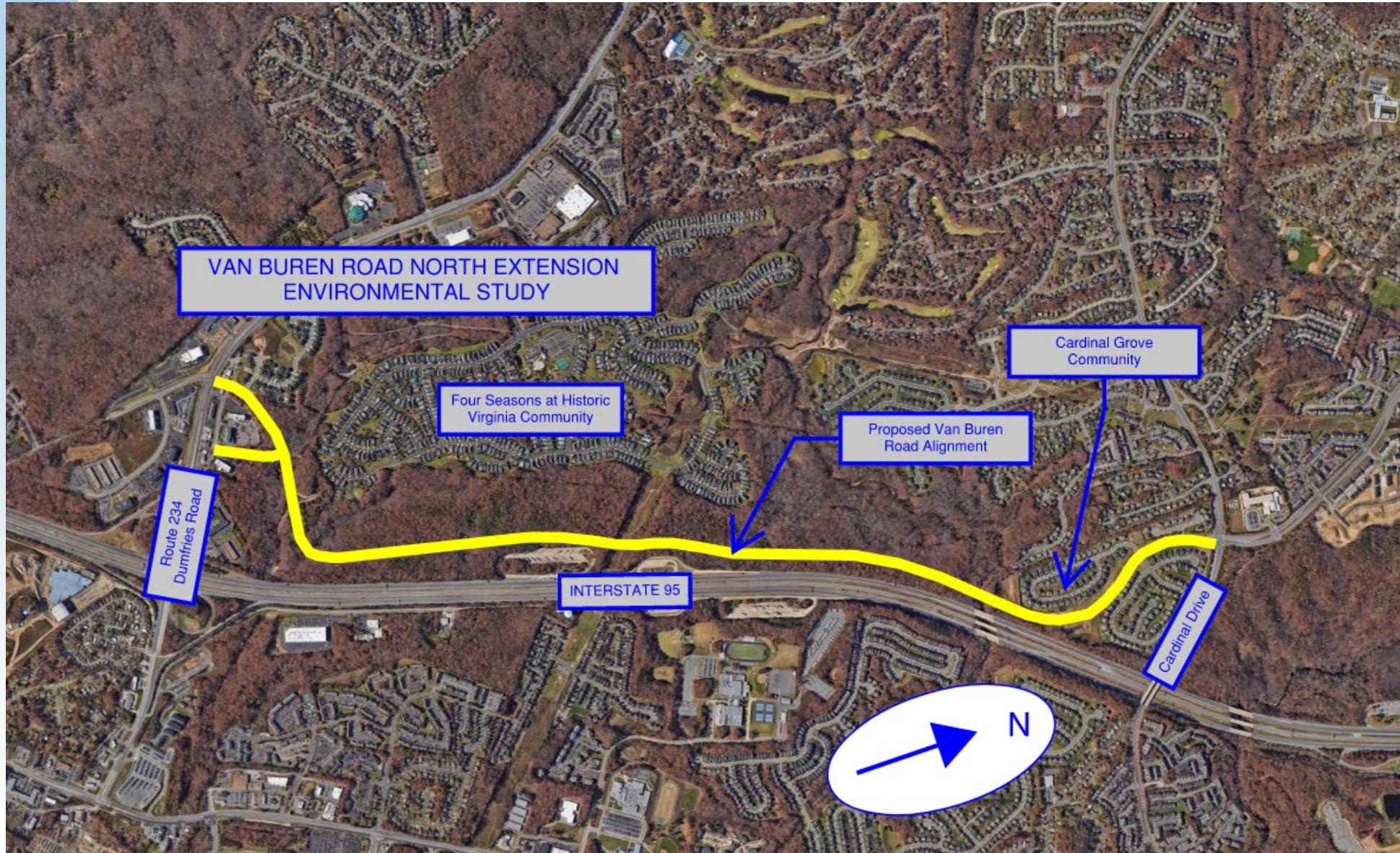
Director of Transportation

County Attorney

ATTEST: _____

Clerk to the Board

Project Location Map





STAFF REPORT

Board Meeting Date:	July 16, 2024
Agenda Title:	Endorse the Location of the Van Buren Road North Extension, Route 234 to Cardinal Drive Project, Project Number 0627-076-321, UPC 118643
District Impact:	Potomac Magisterial District
Requested Action:	Endorse the location.
Department / Agency Lead:	Department of Transportation
Staff Lead:	Ricardo Canizales, Director

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

The Van Buren Road North Extension, Route 234 to Cardinal Drive Project (Project) consists of constructing a new section of Van Buren Road between Route 234 and Cardinal Drive at its intersection with Benita Fitzgerald Drive. The new roadway will be designed as a four-lane divided major collector, which includes a 10-foot shared use path and a five-foot sidewalk consistent with the Prince William County Comprehensive Plan. The Project also includes the design of a new bridge over Powell’s Creek.

It is the recommendation of County staff that the Prince William Board of County Supervisors (Board) endorse the location of the Van Buren Road North Extension, Route 234 to Cardinal Drive Project, Project Number 0627-076-321, UPC 118643.

BACKGROUND

The Project consists of constructing a new section of Van Buren Road between Dumfries Road (Route 234) and Cardinal Drive at its intersection with Benita Fitzgerald Drive. The Project also includes the design of a new bridge over Powell's Creek. The new roadway will be designed as a four-lane divided major collector, which includes a 10-foot shared use path and five-foot sidewalk consistent with the Prince William County Comprehensive Plan. The proposed Project is located immediately west of I-95 and generally runs parallel to I-95. The Project will play a vital role in easing local and regional congestion by serving as a much-needed parallel facility along the congested I-95 and Route 1 corridors. The Project terminates at Route 234, which connects I-95 to I-66 in Prince William County. The extension of Van Buren Road will complete a full roadway connection from Dale Boulevard via Benita Fitzgerald Road to Route 234 and will provide an important bypass connection for local and regional traffic in eastern Prince William County. This new section will carry heavy volumes of traffic that would normally spill onto local roadways. This Project relieves significant congestion along this corridor and improves accessibility to Route 234 and I-95.

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On November 28, 2023, via resolution Res. No. 23-577, the Board authorized the execution of a standard project agreement between Prince William County and the NVTA to design the Project; and budget and appropriate \$8,000,000 in NVTA 70% regional funds for the Project.

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On March 14, 2024, a location public hearing was held at Henderson Elementary School to discuss the Project's alignment, to answer questions, and receive comments on the proposed location of the Project.

Also, in accordance with the NEPA, the environmental assessment document that was prepared to assess the Project's potential effects on environmental resources was available for review. Comments provided by the attendees during the location public hearing, along with those submitted within 10 days following the meeting, were documented and will be taken into consideration as the design progresses to the final design stage.

VDOT and the Federal Highways Administration (FHWA) are requesting the Board's endorsement of the Project's location before approving the NEPA document.

Once the design contract is awarded, a citizens' information meeting and a design public hearing are held, followed by a request for the Board to endorse the final design.

STAFF RECOMMENDATION

It is the recommendation of County staff that the Board endorse the location of the Project to allow VDOT and FHWA to approve the NEPA document.

Service Level / Policy Impact

The Project supports the Strategic Plan by impacting the following Transportation & Mobility (TM) and Resilient Economy (RE) action strategies:

- TM1:C – Enhance local, state, regional and federal partnerships to identify resources and leverage funding for mobility projects and initiatives.
- TM2:A – Improve connectivity of sidewalks and trails (paved and unpaved) for pedestrians and cyclists.
- TM4:D – Prioritize critical infrastructure projects that expand roadway capacity through the construction of new roadways or widenings, and new interchanges that support both local and regional mobility and sustainable growth.
- TM4:E – Focus on cost effective and innovative transportation designs that improve traffic flow to reduce congestion and reduce the need for future roadway widening.
- RE1:C – Expand transportation options that make it easier to travel into, out, and around PWC.

Fiscal Impact

Approving the Project's location will allow the Project to move forward towards the final design. The Project has an available balance of \$10,000,000, which will allow the design phase to proceed and will also help to attract new funding for the completion of the Project. County staff are actively pursuing grant funding for the next phases of the Project. The Project is eligible for additional NVTA 70% regional funds as well as other grants, including SMART SCALE. The current estimate to complete the Project is \$181,952,506. Future Board action will be necessary to budget and appropriate additional funding to fully fund the Project.

Legal Impact

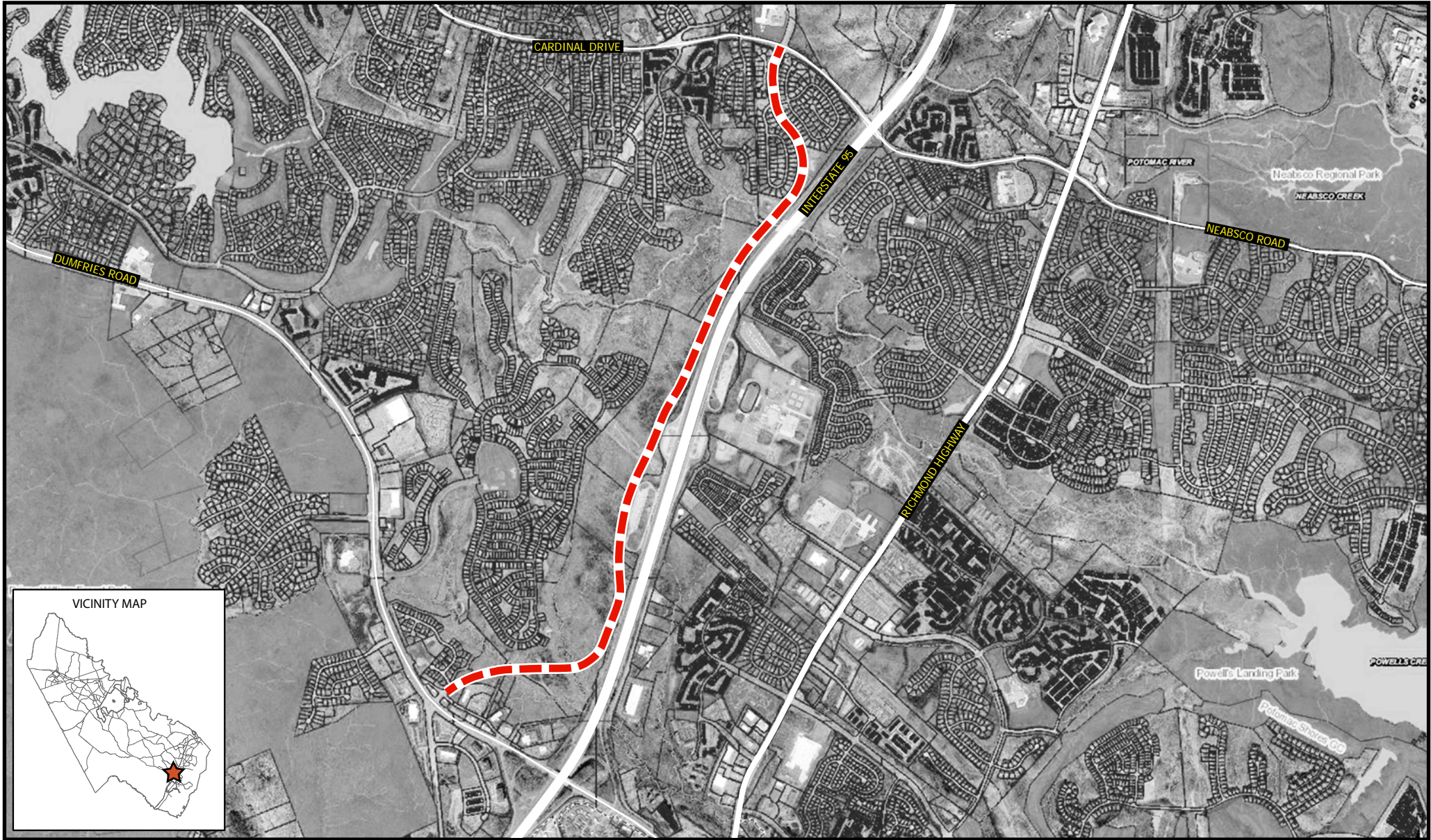
The Board has the authority to endorse the Project's location.

STAFF CONTACT INFORMATION

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ATTACHMENT

Vicinity Map — Van Buren Road North Extension, Route 234 to Cardinal Drive Project.



 VAN BUREN ROAD EXTENSION

BOCS APPROVAL FOR VAN BUREN ROAD EXTENSION PROJECT LOCATION



PRINCE WILLIAM
COUNTY
DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

POTOMAC MAGISTERIAL DISTRICT

JULY 16, 2024



CTB PUBLIC HEARING SUMMARY

Van Buren Road North Extension

Prince William County

State Project: 0627-076-321

UPC: 118643

Federal Project: TBD

Fr: Van Buren Road and Dumfries Road (Rt. 234) Intersection

To: Van Buren Road and to an existing portion of Van Buren Road directly south of Cardinal Drive

Project Length: 2.7 miles

PROJECT HISTORY – In accordance with the Revised (2017) Prince William County Comprehensive Plan (PWCCP) and Revised (2016) Countywide Transportation Plan (CTP) update the Prince William County (PWC) Department of Transportation is proposing the Van Buren Road North Extension Project. The intent of the CTP is to provide regional plans for a multi-modal transportation network (including roadways, transit facilities, and services, as well as non-motorized options) that allows for the safe and efficient movement of goods and people throughout the County and into surrounding jurisdictions. It also works to provide a basic framework for meeting the existing and future transportation needs of PWC. Within the CTP, the Van Buren North Extension is listed under the ‘Major Collectors’ functional class and is recommended to have right-of-way corresponding with the MC-1 standard typical section provided within the County’s Design and Construction Standards Manual (DCSM).

PROJECT PURPOSE - The purpose of the project is to improve local roadway access connections throughout the surrounding area. The project would create an internal parallel route to I-95 and Route 1 between Dale Boulevard and Route 234. The project is proposed to include a 4-lane extension of Van Buren Road that included bike/pedestrian facilities. The project would also include construction of an approximately 235’ bridge spanning Powells Creek perpendicular to the waterway and associated stormwater management facilities.

The needs for this project include:

- Provide an additional north-south travel corridor and reduce local congestion;
- Provide access to the parcels and proposed developments within the project corridor;
- Improve emergency and state maintenance vehicle access and response time; and
- Improve community access to local schools and adjacent commercial centers.

TYPICAL SECTION – Within the CTP, the Van Buren North Extension is listed under the ‘Major Collectors’ functional class and is recommended to have right-of-way corresponding with the MC-1 standard typical section provided within the County’s Design and Construction Standards Manual (DCSM). The typical section for these improvements generally varies from 102 feet to 105 feet along the proposed corridor and includes curb and gutter and a raised median. The new roadway will be designed as a four (4) lane divided major collector, which

includes a ten (10) foot shared-use path and a five-foot sidewalk consistent with the Prince William County Comprehensive Plan.

PUBLIC HEARING –

Type- Location Public Hearing

Date - March 14, 2024

Time - 5:30 PM – 8:00 PM

Location – Henderson Elementary School Cafeteria, 3799 Waterway Drive, Montclair, VA 22025

ATTENDANCE – According to the sign-in sheets provided, 131 citizens, in addition to County, VDOT, and consultant staff were in attendance.

COMMENTS RECEIVED – 131 citizens attended the Location Public Hearing. Out of 24 total verbal comments received and recorded during the open floor Q&A portion of the Public Hearing, 9 were in support of the extension of the Van Buren Road North Extension project, 6 were opposed to the extension, and 9 were not clearly for or against the project. Out of 94 total comments received via comment sheets, letters, and emails, 65 were in support of the extension of Van Buren Road North Extension project (including 9 comment sheets without additional comments), 26 were opposed the extension, and 3 were neither for nor against. 56 written comment sheets were received, 34 emails were received, and 4 letters were received.

ENVIRONMENTAL DATA – The proposed project is programmed with federal funding and therefore the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) applies. The environmental document for this project is an Environmental Assessment (EA), which has been signed by the Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) on February 5, 2024.

ESTIMATED COST –

Preliminary Engineering	- \$12.7 Million*
Right of Way and Utilities	- \$32.4 Million*
Construction	- \$162.7 Million*
Total estimated cost	- \$207.8 Million*

* Per FY2024 SmartScale application

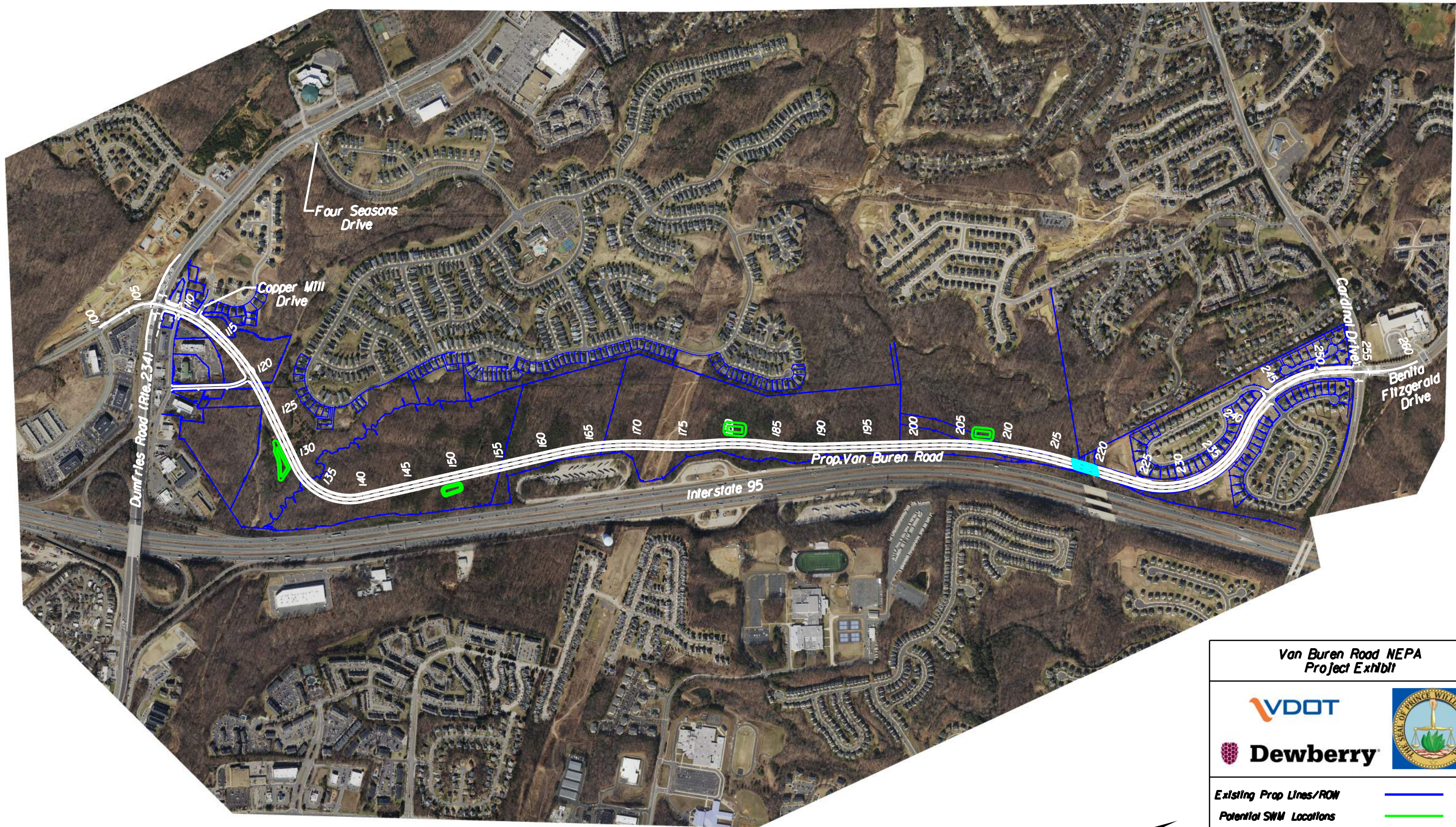
ADVERTISEMENT – Prince William County is currently advertising and negotiating a final design contract, which is likely to commence in 2025. Advertisement for utility relocation, Right of Way acquisition, and construction is TBD.

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RIGHT OF WAY – No families, businesses, and/or non-profit organizations will be displaced as a result of this project development.

TRAFFIC DATA – It is anticipated that in the design/future analysis year of 2040 the average daily traffic volume will be 11,180 vehicles per day on the new roadway.

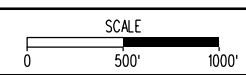
STAFF RECOMMENDS – Approval of the location of the Van Buren Road North Extension as proposed and presented at the Location Public Hearing.



**Van Buren Road NEPA
Project Exhibit**



- Existing Prop Lines/ROW —
- Potential SWM Locations —
- Bridge over Powells Creek —



August, 2024

