

# Route 1 Safety Improvements

April 28, 2018





## Background

- ➤ The Board submitted a successful Smart Scale application during the first round of the program
- ➤ As a result, we were awarded \$8.8 million for safety improvements along Route 1 near Telegraph Road and Woodstock Lane
- The original project included constructing a slotted left turn lane at Woodstock Lane, with the Telegraph Road intersection becoming fully signalized
- The project would make left turn movements much safer at Telegraph Road, although the improvements would impact flood plain and wetland areas





NOTE: FUTURE SIGNAL OPTIONAL



## **Amended Project**

- ➤ Following this award, the owner of Parcel #21-160 offered to donate right of way for the project if a new, fully signalized intersection was constructed across their property
- ➤ The benefit to the property owner would be to enhance development potential of this B-2 zoned parcel
- ➤ In addition to the potential for commercial development, relocation of the signalized intersection would offer multiple advantages over the original concept
  - > Improve signal spacing in the area
  - Reduce costs associated with right of way acquisition and utility relocation
  - > Eliminate wetland and flood plain impacts
  - > Provide motorists with a better access alternative than Woodstock Lane
- The County funded a study that determined traffic operation along Route 1 would not be negatively affected by the modified concept.





#### **VDOT Central Office Review**

- ➤ The Infrastructure Investment Division with the VDOT Central Office reviewed the proposed change and offered provisional approval provided the Board make certain commitments
  - 1. The public involvement process is completed, and comments, if any, have been addressed
  - 2. Include access enhancements along Route 1, and apply cost savings to these modifications
  - 3. Fund any cost overruns without requesting additional state funds
- Staff has advertised a public hearing for this evening to address Commitment #1
- ➤ The concept submitted for VDOT review included a concrete median to address Commitment #2, and we will investigate whether a two-way left turn lane can be incorporated within budget limits
- Staff believes the reduced right of way acquisition and utility relocation requirements, and improved constructability will ensure the project cost doesn't increase above the awarded amount



#### Staff Recommendation

➤ Following the opportunity for public input requested by VDOT, staff recommends these commitments be provided by approving Resolution R18-98





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Questions?

