



## ROUTE 250 BYPASS INTERCHANGE At McIntire Road STEERING COMMITTEE

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### Frequently Asked Questions (FAQ's)

#### ***What is the purpose of this project?***

The purpose of this project is to enhance transportation mobility, safely accommodate projected future traffic volumes, and accommodate and enhance pedestrian and bicycle needs. The goals are to develop and implement a functional and aesthetic grade separated interchange at the intersection of the Route 250 Bypass, McIntire Road and McIntire Road Extended.

#### ***What if the interchange isn't built?***

If the interchange is not built, the McIntire Road Extended (City) and Meadowcreek Parkway (County) projects will proceed as planned. Both projects are funded and programmed in the Six Year Improvement Plan. The no-build alternative would include an at-grade, 17-lane intersection at the Route 250 Bypass, McIntire Road and McIntire Road Extended.

#### ***What is the role of the Steering Committee?***

The role of the Committee will be to provide input and make suggestions regarding the development of interchange concepts, detailed interchange alternatives and a preferred alternative, including the assessment of their effects. Members will be encouraged to participate in public workshops and the public hearing.

Input from the steering committee, the general public, the environmental resource and regulatory agencies, local and state elected officials along with the results of the various analyses will be considered by the City in making an informed project decision that meets the guidelines and requirements of the Virginia Department of Transportation (VDOT), the Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) and the permitting agencies.

The Steering Committee is one element of an extensive outreach effort that includes the general public, federal and state environmental resource and regulatory agencies and local, state and federal officials, among others.

#### ***How much of a time commitment is the Steering Committee going to be?***

The Project Team will utilize Steering Committee members' time in the most efficient manner possible and will attempt to minimize the time commitment outside of regularly scheduled meetings as much as practical. Meetings will be organized and material presented in a manner to streamline and encourage input and discussion.

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Administrative issues and supporting activities will be handled, as much as practical, by the Project Team outside of the meeting structure. Each meeting may last up to three hours unless otherwise agreed to by the Steering Committee and the Project Team. Committee member participation at workshops and hearing(s) will be encouraged as well.

***Will the public be provided opportunities to participate in the project and in key decisions?***

Yes. The public will be able to provide input into the process through a series of workshops, hearings and meetings with groups or individuals that are directly affected by the project. Information will also be available on the project web site, [www.250Interchange.org](http://www.250Interchange.org) (site under construction), and questions can be submitted to the Project Team and Steering Committee via the web site as well.

***Are Steering Committee meetings open to the public?***

Yes.

***How can the public find out when Steering Committee meetings are scheduled and how will this be advertised?***

Meetings will be posted at the Clerk of Council's office in City Hall and on the website no less than three days prior to each meeting.

***Will there be an opportunity for the public to present information or ask questions at Steering Committee meetings?***

If time allows, non-Steering Committee members may be provided time at the end of the meeting to ask questions and provide input. Otherwise, questions and comments may be provided to the Project Team and the Steering Committee via the project web site and at the public workshops, public hearing and meetings with those directly affected by the project.

***Will information provided to Steering Committee members be made available to the public and, if so, how can it be obtained?***

Information distributed to Steering Committee members will be available at City Hall in the Department of Neighborhood Development Services (NDS). These items will be kept, for public record, and can be viewed by visiting NDS. This same information will



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be available through the web site. Copies of any of this information can be obtained by request from NDS (a printing fee may apply) or can be printed from the web site.

### ***What is the role of Parks and Recreation and their advisory board?***

Parks and Recreation has a representative on the Steering Committee. The advisory board is a group of residents committed to advocating for fulfillment of park and recreation needs in the community.