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Loudoun to Hold Two Virtual Public Meetings on Renaming Route 7 & Route 50 Sept. 29

Loudoun County is hosting two online meetings to gain input from the public on the renaming of Harry Byrd Highway (Route 7) and John Mosby Highway (Route 50). The public information meetings will be held on Wednesday, September 29, 2021, at 1:00 p.m. and 6:00 p.m. These two meetings will be identical and have been scheduled to provide added flexibility for the public. Members of the public are invited to attend either of the virtual meetings to receive an overview of the project, information about the Renaming Route 7 and Route 50 Task Force's work to review submitted names and comment on proposed names for each roadway.

Login information and meeting materials are available for review at loudoun.gov/renaming7and50 and loudoun.gov/remoteparticipation, including a speaker sign-up form. Members of the public must sign up in advance to speak during the event by 12:00 p.m., Tuesday, September 28, 2021. Online participants may also send questions to the project team as chat messages, which will be answered during the meeting as time allows.

Following the public meetings, on September 30, 2021, a survey will be available for the public to rank a short list of proposed roadway names in order of preference. Members of the public will be encouraged to visit loudoun.gov/renaming7and50 to rank each name. The Board of Supervisors is scheduled to review the public's recommendations and consider the new names in December. The approved name for each roadway will be sent to the Virginia Department of Transportation and the Commonwealth Transportation Board for ultimate approval.

In December 2020, the Loudoun County Board of Supervisors initiated the process of renaming Harry Byrd Highway (Route 7) and John Mosby Highway (Route 50) in collaboration with regional jurisdictions. Route 7 extends across the entire county and connects with Clarke County to the west and Fairfax County to the east. Route 50 also extends across the entire county and connects with Fauquier County to the west and Fairfax County to the east with portions of it weaving in and out of Fauquier County.

The renaming of these two roadways is one of two projects that have resulted from the Board's initiation, in September 2020, of a [review of Confederate and segregationist symbols](#) in the county.

For more information about the Renaming Route 7 and Route 50 project, including a link to sign up for updates about the project and information regarding upcoming public meetings, visit loudoun.gov/renaming7and50.

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