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Loudoun to Hold Community Meeting on Route 7/690 Interchange March 24

Loudoun County is hosting a community meeting to provide an update to the public on the proposed Route 7 and Route 690 (Hillsboro Road) interchange in the Town of Purcellville. The meeting will be **Friday, March 24, 2023, 6:00 – 7:00 p.m.** at the **Purcellville Train Station,** 200 N. 21st Street in Purcellville. Members of the public are invited to attend to learn and ask questions about the project.

The project funds the design, land acquisition and construction of the Route 7 and Route 690 interchange, located approximately two miles west of the Route 7 and Route 287 (Berlin Turnpike) interchange and approximately two miles east of the Route 7 and Business Route 7 interchange. The proposed Route 7 and Route 690 interchange would alleviate connectivity issues in the roadway network around Purcellville, reduce through traffic in downtown Purcellville and along a portion of Route 287, and provide a more direct route to destinations north and northeast of Route 7, including Woodgrove High School, Mountain View Elementary School, Hillsboro and Charles Town, WV.

The project has been awarded Virginia Department of Transportation <u>Smart Scale</u> funding. Smart Scale funding evaluates potential transportation projects based on key factors such as improving safety, reducing congestion, increasing accessibility, contributing to economic development, promoting efficient land use and affecting the environment. The project's funding sources also include local tax dollars, bonds, the Northern Virginia Transportation Authority and federal funds. The project is estimated to be completed in spring 2027.

Comments will be accepted during the meeting. Comments may also be submitted at any time through an online comment form available at loudoun.gov/route7-690. Comments may also be mailed to Gary Pozzouli, Loudoun County Department of Transportation & Capital Infrastructure, 101 Blue Seal Drive, Suite 102, Leesburg, VA, 20177 or sent by email to dtci@loudoun.gov. Reference "Route 7/690 Interchange" in the subject line.

For more information about the Route 7 and 690 interchange project, including a link to sign up for updates about the project and upcoming community meetings, visit <u>loudoun.gov/route7-690</u>.