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Route 15 Safety and Operational Study: Stakeholder Meeting 2

Loudoun County DTCL

Conference Room 2

September 14, 2017, 6:30 – 8:30 PM

Summary of Small Group Discussions

The stakeholders group was broken down into 4 small groups. The groups were tasked with discussing the Route 15 improvement idea list contained in the Public Engagement -Round 1 Summary document and identifying which ideas should be carried forward, ideas that needed further discussion to be carried forward, and ideas that should not be carried forward.

Group 1:

Ideas to be carried forward:

- Commuter Lots
- Tolling to reduce travel demand
 - Viability is a question
 - Economic Burden
- Ensure Bike and Pedestrian network is separated
 - May not be due to right-of-way constraints
 - May not be needed
 - Safety
- New Bridge over the Potomac River
- Lucketts Bypass
 - To the West of Lucketts and have no development
- Parallel roads
 - May be a threat to nearby communities if improved as they may draw in more traffic
- Eliminate left turns as much as possible
 - Roundabouts or Michigan lefts
- 4 Lanes – Yes and No
 - Maybe 3 lanes, reversible in peak
- Truck weight restrictions
- Signs to emphasize safety
- Lower Speed limits
- Shoulders needed – rumble strips
- Relocate school bus stops off of Route 15
 - Give the bus someplace to go
 - Safety comes first
- Roundabouts and Signals
- HOV – 3rd Lane?

Ideas not to be carried forward

- Speed humps on route 15

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Group 2:

Evaluation of Public Ideas, 1 = Need, 2 = So-So, 3 = Not Needed/Not Feasible

Ideas to be carried forward:

- Shared use Path West Side
 - With Crossover at Whites Ferry Road
 - Special Consideration for Big Spring
- Widen shoulders to 8 feet with considerations including stabilized grass shoulders
- Utilize speed humps to control cut through traffic on parallel roads.
- Increase enforcement
- Add rumble strips
- Roundabout at Whites Ferry Road
- Combine Montresor Road with Limestone School Road and add a roundabout
- Optimize signal timing
- Grade separate Battlefield Parkway

Ideas need further discussion to be carried forward:

- Sidewalk and trails through Lucketts
 - Continue Bicycle and pedestrian adjacent to Route 15 to Lucketts
- Potomac River crossing
- Add Route 15 Bypass of Lucketts
 - Need concepts/analysis
- Widen Route 15 to 3 lanes
- Center lane permanently NB lane
- Lower speed limits
- Prohibit passing
- Limit/ban trucks
- Add berms along Route 15,
- Improve access – turn lanes
- Improve intersection lighting
- Roundabout at N. King Street and Route 15
- Tuttle lane roundabout
- All intersections north of Whites Ferry Road with a roundabout
- Add traffic signals at key intersections
- Install left turn lane at Lovettsville Road
- Re-align some streets
- Grade separate North King Street

Ideas not to be carried forward:

- Commuter Lot
- Add sound walls along Route 15
- On-Street Bike lanes
- Rail Connection

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- Bicycle/pedestrian bridge near Battlefield Parkway
- Tolls
- Parallel side roads (Service roads)
- Pave Montresor Road
- Widen Potomac River Point of Rocks Bridge
- Center lane reversible peak hours only
- Center lane reversible permanently
- Add third lane w/ permanent center lane for turns, leave grass median where no turns
- Low wall/median barrier
- Median divide all of Route 15
- No school bus stops
- Remove King Street access to Route 15 all traffic to Battlefield
- Median U-Turns, Michigan Lefts
- Grade Separate Whites Ferry Road

Group 3:

Ideas to be carried forward:

- School bus routes, add turnouts and trails to consolidate stops
- Change it into a scenic byway by improving the design
- Explore restricting access (Left turns especially) along Route 15 to improve flow but consider specific needs at each location
- Lucketts Bypass
- Access/Frontage Road
- Consider events/holiday traffic/ unfamiliar drivers
- Can't wait to get started, need action
- Need to do something, can't keep the status quo
- Bike access trail or frontage roads
- Ban trucks or add weigh station to discourage trips or local access only time of day restrictions
- Treat Maryland as a partner
- Potomac river bridge between Route 15 and I-495
- Tolls

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Group 4:

Ideas to be carried forward:

- Bicycle/pedestrian connections
- Commuter Lots
- Sidewalk and traffic calming in Lucketts
- Re-alignment of Limestone School Road and Spinks Ferry Road
- 3 lane Route 15 – (saves time and money)
- 8-foot shoulder – context sensitive
- Traffic calming on cut through traffic
- Police enforcement
- Prohibit passing
- Enforce the truck restrictions
- Intersection of Route 15 and Lovettsville Road Safety
- Maintain access at Tutt Lane (Morven Park) and consider different options for intersection treatment
- Study all intersections
- Optimize signal timing

Ideas need further discussion to be carried forward:

- Bus Routes along Route 15
- New Potomac River Bridge crossing
- Route 15 bypass (just around Lucketts)
- Widen Route 15 to 4 lanes to the Maryland state line
- Median divide all of Route 15 with “parkway” treatment
- Realignment of Newvalley Church Road

Ideas not to be carried forward:

- On-Street Bike Lane
- Slugging lots
- Rail Line from Leesburg to Point of Rocks
- Tolls
- Collector Roads/ bypass
- Pave Montresor Road
- Widen Point of Rocks Bridge
- Lower the speed limit
- School bus stops on Route 15