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HAYMARKET COMMUTER PARKING LOT LOCATION TO BE RECONSIDERED

*VDOT and partners to consider alternate locations for proposed park and ride
near Route 15 in Haymarket*

FAIRFAX, Va. - The Virginia Department of Transportation (VDOT) announced today that the I-66 Outside the Beltway project team, which includes the Virginia Department of Rail and Public Transportation (DRPT), is working together with Prince William County to implement a commuter parking lot in the vicinity of I-66 and U.S. Route 15 in Haymarket. The parking lot has been identified as part of the overall transit elements supporting the larger Transform 66 Outside the Beltway project.

In plans presented in May and June of 2015, the parking lot location was shown in an area that falls within the boundary of the Buckland Mills Battlefield, which is potentially eligible for listing in the National Register of Historic Places. As the concept plans were further refined based upon public input and additional environmental analysis, an alternate parking lot location along Antioch Road was proposed outside of the Buckland Mills Battlefield boundary.

Following recent public input and coordination with Prince William County, VDOT is committed to evaluating other locations in the vicinity of the I-66 and Route 15 Interchange, as part of a separate, but coordinated effort with the Transform 66 project. Moving forward, the I-66 project team will work with Prince William County to consider options that may include other park and ride lot locations, explore the best options to construct the parking lot, and further coordinate with the surrounding community.

Project Background:

VDOT and DRPT are working on a project to transform 25 miles of I-66 from U.S. Route 15 in Haymarket to I-495/Capital Beltway into a multimodal corridor that moves traffic and people more efficiently. Under the proposed plan, I-66 would be improved to provide:

- Three regular lanes in each direction
- Two express lanes in each direction
- High-frequency bus service with predictable travel times
- Enhanced commuter park and ride lots
- Direct access between the express lanes and new or expanded commuter lots

The proposed express lanes would be dynamically-priced toll lanes designed to provide a reliable, faster trip. Drivers traveling with three or more occupants would be considered high occupancy vehicles, and could use the express lanes for free at any time.

The Commonwealth Transportation Board will consider the recommended design concept, or Preferred Alternative, this week at its October meeting. Construction is expected to begin in 2017, following public input and environmental approvals, with the project expected to open to traffic in 2021.

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