



COMMONWEALTH of VIRGINIA

DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION
4975 Alliance Drive
Fairfax, Virginia 22030

Stephen C. Brich, P.E.
Commissioner

May 1, 2025

The Honorable J. Greg Parks
Clerk, Alexandria Circuit Court
Courthouse
520 King Street
Alexandria, VA 22314

**SUBJECT: I-495 Southside Express Lanes Study
Location Public Hearing to Present Recommended Preferred Alternative –
June 2025
UPC: 122608**

Dear Clerk Parks:

The Virginia Department of Transportation (VDOT) will host a series of in-person location public hearings to present the recommended preferred alternative for the I-495 Southside Express Lanes Study. We would appreciate your posting the enclosed notice ad of this hearing at the Courthouse. Please keep the notice posted through June 26, 2025. Information about the preferred alternative, as well as overall coordination and study schedule will be available at the public hearings.

The public hearings are scheduled as follows:

Monday, June 2, 2025

Thomas A. Edison High School
Cafeteria
5801 Franconia Road
Alexandria, VA 22310

Wednesday, June 4, 2025

Oxon Hill High School
Auditorium
6701 Leyte Drive
Oxon Hill, MD 20745

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Monday, June 9, 2025

West Potomac High School
Cafeteria
6500 Quander Road
Alexandria, VA 22307

Wednesday, June 11, 2025

Nannie J. Lee Memorial Recreation Center
Exhibit Hall
1108 Jefferson Street
Alexandria, VA 22314

The hearings will be held from 6-8 p.m., and will include an open house at 6 p.m., a presentation at 6:30 p.m., followed by a formal public comment session. Individual questions will be addressed during the open house but not during the formal comment period. Individuals providing comments will be asked to limit their remarks to not more than three minutes. Organizations may be asked to select one individual to speak for the group. Additionally, all attendees will have the opportunity to provide their comments to the court reporter.

Public hearing materials and the opportunity to provide comments will be available starting on **May 19, 2025**, at VDOT's virtual public information room at www.vdot.virginia.gov/495southside. The public can also call 703-691-6044 to request copies of the public hearing materials.

The public can provide their oral and/or written comments at the hearings, via the online comment form at www.vdot.virginia.gov/495southside, by email to 495southsideexpresslanes@vdot.virginia.gov, or by mail to Michelle Shropshire, P.E., VDOT Northern Virginia Megaprojects Director, 4975 Alliance Drive, Fairfax, VA 22030. Comments must be postmarked, emailed, or delivered to VDOT by **Thursday, June 26, 2025**, to be included in the public hearing record. Public comments will be considered in making the final decision on the preferred alternative.

VDOT's I-495 Southside Express Lanes Study is evaluating the potential extension of the express lanes system on the southern section of the Capital Beltway (I-495) by 11 miles from the Springfield Interchange (I-95/I-395/I-495) in Fairfax County, Virginia, across the Woodrow Wilson Memorial Bridge, to the MD 210 Interchange in Prince George's County, Maryland.

For additional information, please visit the study webpage at www.vdot.virginia.gov/495southside, or contact Michelle Holland, VDOT's Megaprojects Communications Manager, at 703-586-0487 or michelle.holland@vdot.virginia.gov.

Sincerely,



Michelle Shropshire, P.E., DBIA
Northern Virginia Megaprojects Director, Virginia Department of Transportation