

Open Forum Public Hearing

Tuesday, April 7 | 5-7 p.m.
2900 Business Center Drive

Duke Street and West Taylor Run Parkway Intersection Improvement Project

VDOT #0236-100-888, C501,
P101, R201 (UPC #115531)
City of Alexandria #20633

Overview

The Duke Street and West Taylor Run Intersection Improvement Project is focused on enhancing safety and access for people who walk, drive, bike and take transit at the intersection of West Taylor Run Parkway and Duke Street. It also includes providing new access onto Telegraph Road east of the West Taylor Run intersection.

Find out about proposed changes to Duke Street between West Taylor Run Parkway and Dove Street. Project staff will be available to answer questions and the public may submit comments or questions to be part of the public record at the hearing.

Get Involved

Ask City of Alexandria project staff your questions at the hearing or submit them by **Friday, April 17, 2026**. Please fill out the comment sheet provided with this brochure if you have any comments or questions. You may leave the comment sheet or any other written comments at the hearing or mail/email your comments. **Comments must be postmarked, emailed, or delivered by April 17 in order to be included in the public hearing record.**

Mail comments to Anup Gautam, Project Manager, City of Alexandria, Department of Transportation and Environmental Services, 2331 Mill Road, Suite 302, Alexandria, VA 22314, or email comments to Anup.Gautam@alexandriava.gov. Please include "Duke Street and West Taylor Run PH Comment" in the email subject line.

If you have questions about the project or need reasonable disability accommodation, contact Anup Gautam at the email address or phone number listed above. For the hearing impaired (Virginia residents only), dial 711 for Virginia Relay.



Project Description

In cooperation with the Virginia Department of Transportation (VDOT) and the Federal Highway Administration (FHWA), the City of Alexandria will hold an open forum public hearing for the Duke Street and West Taylor Run Intersection Improvement Project.

Proposed changes are designed to:

- Improve safety
- Enhance traffic operations
- Reduce congestion, and;
- Increase access for all users traveling on this critical corridor

This project is funded by Virginia's Smart Scale Program administered by VDOT.



The Duke and West Taylor Run Parkway intersection has been the topic of discussion for a number of years and was identified as a high crash location through the City's Vision Zero Program. After community input, the approved plans will include:

- Pedestrian safety improvements, including new crosswalks, Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA)-compliant curb ramps, pedestrian signals, pedestrian refuge areas, and a wider sidewalk along West Taylor Run Parkway;
- A new left-turn lane and ramp connecting eastbound Duke Street to the existing southbound Telegraph Road on-ramp (east of the Telegraph Road bridge); and,
- A widened and extended concrete median between eastbound Duke Street and the existing southbound Telegraph Road on ramp (south of the West Taylor Run Parkway intersection) to accommodate a future bus rapid transit station.

Staff began engaging with community members in 2019 to get input on the concerns and issues at the intersection of Duke Street and West Taylor Run Parkway. In collaboration with the Central Alexandria Traffic Study Task Force, made up of area civic association leaders, the City applied for and was awarded \$5.7 million in Smart Scale funds from VDOT to contribute to design and construction costs.

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Project Phases and Timelines

- Community Engagement and Concept Planning: 2019 - 2024
- Traffic and Parking Board Public Hearing and Recommendation: May 2024
- City Council Consideration of Service Road Design: Fall 2024
- Design: Fall 2024 - Winter 2026
- Construction: 2027/2028

Estimated Project Costs

- Estimated total cost: \$7.2M
- Engineering/roadway plans: \$1.2M
- Right of way acquisition and utility relocation: \$600k
- Construction: \$5.4M

Tentative construction schedules are available on the project website and will be available at the public hearing. Construction schedules and estimated project costs are subject to change.

Traffic Data

A traffic study conducted in 2024 found that, once built, the Duke Street and W. Taylor Run intersection will perform similarly to today, with an average delay of just over one minute. The new Telegraph access will have an average delay of under 30 seconds. Overall travel time on Duke Street is expected to improve slightly in both directions, with an average four-minute reduction between Quaker Lane and Callahan Drive.

Environmental Review

In compliance with the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) and 23 CFR Part 771, an environmental document in the form of a Categorical Exclusion (CE) has been prepared and approved for public availability by the FHWA. Pursuant to the National Historic Preservation Act, Section 106 and 36 CFR 800, information concerning the potential effects of the proposed improvements on historic properties was included in the CE.

The CE will be available for review on the project webpage (alexandriava.gov/go/2399) and at the public hearing. Access to technical studies and documentation supporting the CE is available upon request.

Right of Way

The construction of this project will not require the displacement of families, businesses or nonprofit organizations. As the project is further developed, additional right of way for utility relocation or construction may be required beyond the proposed limits shown on the public hearing plans. The property owners will be informed of the exact location of the easements during the right of way acquisition process and prior to construction. Information about right of way purchase is discussed in VDOT's Right of Way and Utilities brochure, "A Guide for Property Owners and Tenants." Copies of this brochure are available on the VDOT website. After the public hearing, information regarding right of way may be obtained from the project manager contact listed on the back of this brochure.

Contact

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To learn more about the project, please visit:

