

LAND ACQUISITION AND UTILITIES

No land acquisition or utility relocations are necessary for this project.

THE NEXT STEPS

- Review and evaluation of the comments received at this meeting - Summer 2005
- Final design plans - Fall 2005
- Advertisement for construction bids - Winter 2005/2006

PROJECT COMMENTS

The comment sheet in this brochure is provided to assist you in making your comments. You may leave this sheet or any other written comments in the comment box. You may also mail or email us your comments (include "Duke St. PH Comments" in the subject line). Written comments should be sent within 10 days after this meeting (postmarked by July 5, 2005) and should be directed to:

Ms. Lisa Jaatinen, P.E.

City of Alexandria
City Hall, Room 4130
301 King Street
Alexandria, Virginia 22314
(703) 838-4328

Email comments can be sent to the following address within 10 days (July 5, 2005) after the meeting.

Email: lisa.jaatinen@alexandriava.gov

Call the City of Alexandria at (703) 838-4328 for additional information. Project information, including written comments submitted as result of this meeting, will be available for review at the above office. You may also consult the City website for project information at alexandriava.gov/tes/edu/duke_ped.html or VDOT website at <http://www.virginiadot.org/projects/district-projects.asp>.

Thanks for Your Interest!

DESIGN PUBLIC HEARING

June 22, 2005
5:30 P.M. - 8:30 P.M.
Presentation will begin at 7:00 P.M.
Samuel Tucker Elementary School
435 Ferdinand Day Drive Alexandria, VA

**Duke Street Pedestrian Access
Improvements at Ben
Brenman Park**



**VDOT Project: 0236-100-110
Federal Project: CM-5401 (550)**

WELCOME!

Thank you for attending tonight's public hearing to discuss preliminary design plans for the construction of shared use lanes, pedestrian paths and facilities from Duke Street to Ben Brenman Park in the City of Alexandria. The limits of work are from Duke Street along the Duke Street Flyover Ramp to Ben Brenman Park. The approximate length of the project is 0.33 mile. Tonight is your opportunity to review the plans and submit comments or suggestions to the City of Alexandria and Virginia Department of Transportation (VDOT). Our design team includes staff from the City of Alexandria and VDOT, all of whom are available to respond to your questions and concerns.

Public hearings are beneficial to citizens, VDOT and the City alike. They permit the City's engineers to report on the facts developed in their studies and to obtain citizens' comments. All verbal and written comments received will be included in a transcript for review. The City Engineer will consider your questions and concerns prior to approving the major design elements of the project.

VDOT ensures nondiscrimination in all programs and activities in accordance with Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964. For special assistance or further information, call the Virginia Department of Transportation's Office of Civil Rights located at 14685 Avion Parkway, Chantilly, Virginia 20151 or telephone (703) 383-2341 or TTY/TDD 711.

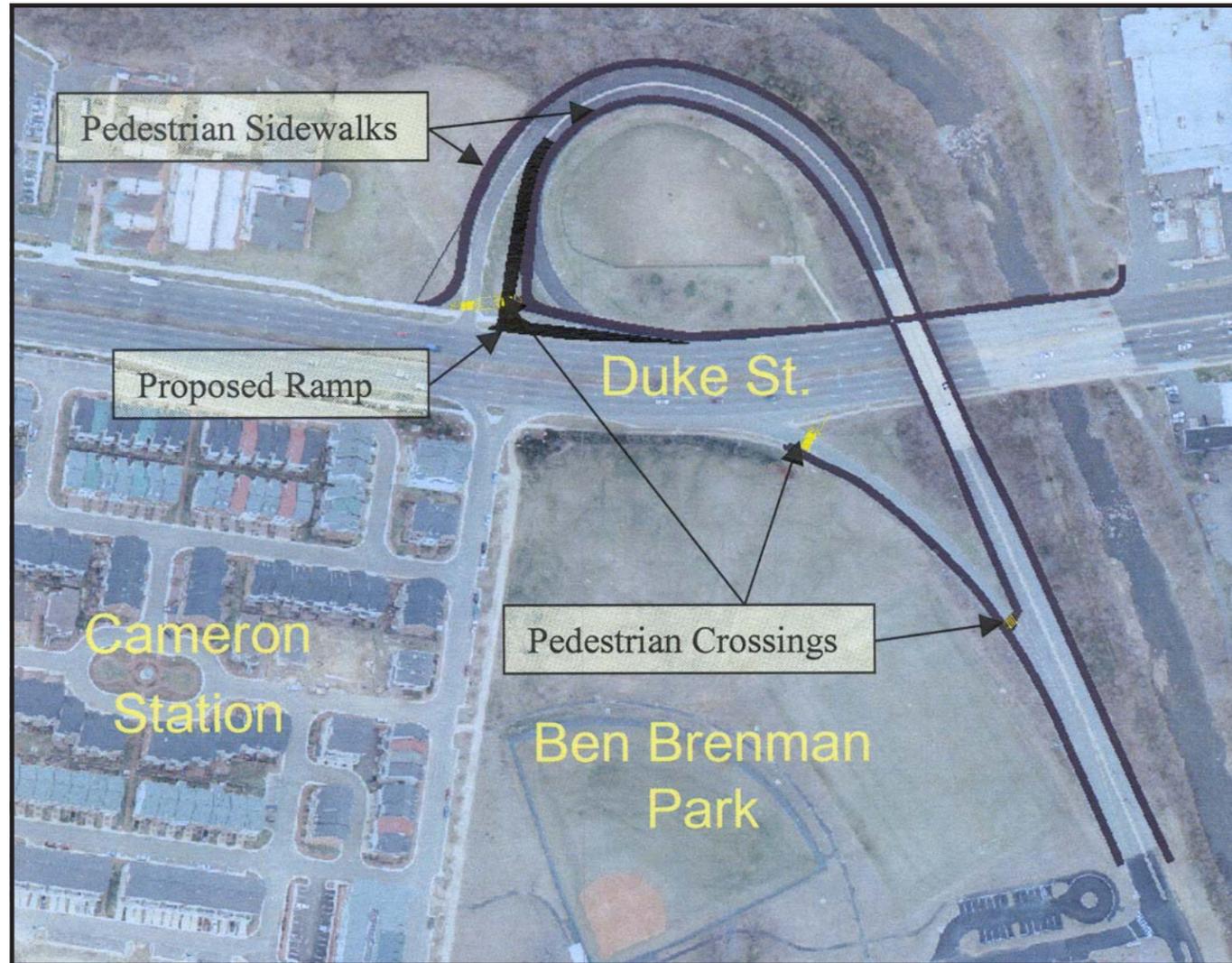
The enclosed comment sheet and a court reporter are here to document your concerns.

We look forward to working with you as the project moves forward. Thanks for coming!

HISTORY AND PURPOSE

The goal of this project is to provide safe convenient access across Duke Street (State Route 236) to the recreational, cultural and business facilities that are located on both sides of the Duke Street corridor in this area of the City of Alexandria. The high density housing development in Cameron Station and the development of high use recreation areas, cultural and business facilities has promoted a need for residents to have access to these facilities without having to negotiate the high volume of traffic while crossing Duke Street in order to reach their destination. The Alexandria Recreational Facilities and Trails Map shows the existing on-street bike trail connection from Duke Street to Ben Brenman Park. This project will complete the pedestrian and bicycle connection.

PLAN VIEW



TRAFFIC

The Average Daily Traffic (ADT) for the year 2004 is 123 for the ramp entering the park from westbound Duke Street and 550 for the ramp entering the park from eastbound Duke Street. The impact on traffic during construction will be minimal. The ramp will be closed during construction.

PROJECT DESIGN FEATURES

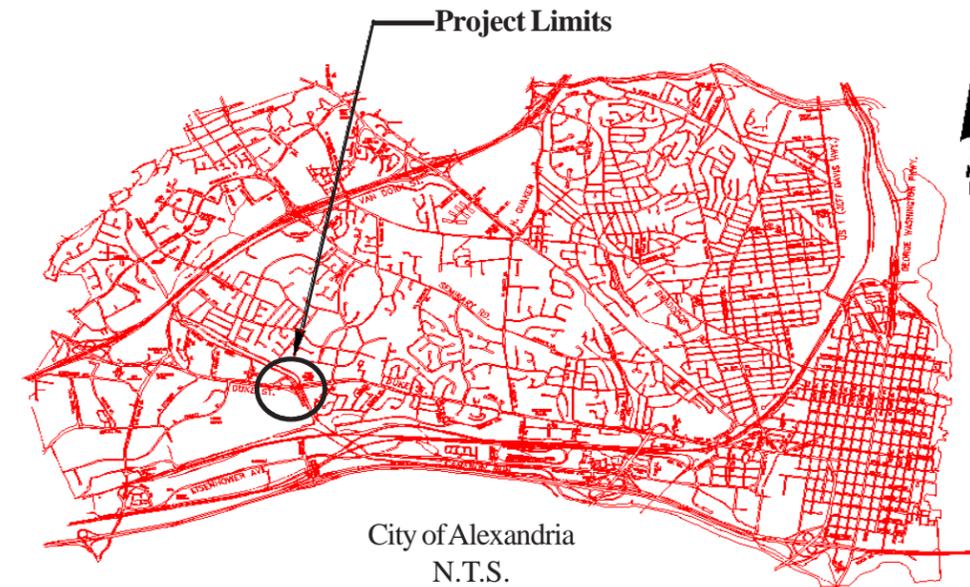
The objective of this project is to provide pedestrians and bicyclists a facility to safely access Ben Brenman Park and cross Duke Street.

The proposed improvements will consist of a raised eight (8) foot wide sidewalk along the outer area of the ramps, the sidewalk will narrow to 5' - 6" across the bridge and widen back to eight (8) feet upon leaving the bridge. This will enable pedestrians, cyclists and motorized vehicles to remain within the existing width of the bridge with only minor safety improvements needed. There will be a shared-use lane for vehicles and bicycles. The width of this shared-use lanes varies to a minimum of 14 feet on the bridge.

The westbound entrance ramp is being realigned and a deceleration lane is being constructed along westbound Duke Street to slow traffic and provide a safer crossing for pedestrians and bicyclists.

Drainage improvements will be necessary to pick up the stormwater runoff, due to the proposed raised sidewalks. The proposed drainage structures will tie into the existing storm sewer system within the limits of the proposed project.

LOCATION MAP



ENVIRONMENTAL CONSIDERATIONS

Through onsite inspection, coordination and correspondence with state and local agencies, the Northern Virginia District Environmental Section has determined that this project will not significantly impact streams or wetlands, will not impact any endangered species, natural, cultural, historic, or recreational resources, and will not involve significant air, noise, or water quality impacts. This project was coordinated through the State Environmental Review Process (SERP). No significant environmental impacts were identified during this review. A Programmatic Categorical Exclusion was received in April 2005.

ESTIMATED COST

Preliminary Engineering	\$100,000
Right of Way	\$ 0
Utility Relocations	\$ 0
Construction	<u>\$ 400,000</u>
Total	\$ 500,000

This project is funded with Federal CMAQ funds and City funds.