



CITY OF FALLS CHURCH

December 15, 2015

I would like to provide you an update on the projects in the South Washington Corridor since our last stakeholder meeting in March 2015. Input at that meeting helped inform and finalize the project design and scope which includes:

- utility undergrounding along South Washington Street from Hillwood Avenue to Tinner Hill
- multimodal plaza at the intersection of South Washington Street and Hillwood Avenue including bus shelters, bike racks, benches, open space, rain gardens, and a historical interpretive site,
- pedestrian improvements including streetscape, traffic signals with pedestrian phases, crosswalks, and ADA curb ramps,
- removal of the free flow right lane from South Washington Street to Hillwood Avenue to increase pedestrian accessibility in the area and provide space for multimodal facilities.

Since our last meeting, the City has continued to coordinate with Dominion Virginia Power to finalize the design for utility undergrounding along South Washington Street. We anticipate utility undergrounding to begin in the spring and will be completed in advance of the main project. Over the past month, you may have noticed a crew digging test holes to determine utility depths as part of the design process.

Design work has also continued on the other corridor elements. A crew is scheduled to come out within the month to perform soil borings and geotechnical analysis within the project area. We anticipate reaching out to property owners and businesses sometime this coming spring to discuss project impacts including easements for streetscape improvements. A separate working group will be convened to assist with the development of the language and imagery elements of the site's interpretive signage.

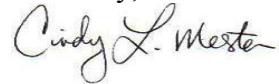
Construction is anticipated to begin late 2016.

Current project timeline, updates, and previous meeting minutes are located on the project website at: <http://www.fallschurchva.gov/466/South-Washington-Street-Multimodal-Impro>

In addition to the work on the multimodal plaza, the City has started initial surveys and begun coordinating with Fairfax County on a new signal project at the intersection of South Maple Street and South Washington Street. This project is slated to begin construction late 2017/early 2018.

If you have any additional questions or comments, please feel free to contact James Mak, Capital Improvements Project Engineer/Manager, at 703-248-5105 (711 TTY) or by email at jmak@fallschurchva.gov.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Cindy L. Mester".

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cc: James Mak (CIP Engineer/Manager, Department of Public Works)