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UPCOMING EVENT >>

Public Meeting

Capitol Skyline Hotel
Room: Hall of States
10 I ("Eye") Street, SW
Washington, DC 20024

Thursday,
September 27, 2012
6:00pm - 8:00pm

PROJECT SCHEDULE >>

Impact Assessment	Now - Fall 2012
Draft EIS	Fall 2012
Public Hearing	Winter 2012
Final EIS	Spring 2013
Record of Decision	Spring 2013

PROJECT UPDATES

Upcoming Public Meeting

On September 27, 2012 from 6 p.m. to 8 p.m. at The Capitol Skyline Hotel (10 I ("Eye") Street, SW, Washington, DC 20024), FHWA and DDOT will hold another public meeting as part of the NEPA process to provide a project update on the Virginia Avenue Tunnel Reconstruction project.

Free parking will be provided at the parking lot underneath the Capitol Skyline Hotel, which can be accessed at the main entrance. The nearest Metro (Navy Yard, Green Line), is located six blocks away from the Capitol Skyline Hotel. Free shuttle transportation services will be provided on a continuous loop between the Arthur Capper Senior Apartments (900 5th Street, SE), Van Ness Elementary School (1150 5th Street, SE) and the Capitol Skyline Hotel.

Public Meeting Agenda

The agenda for the meeting includes a brief project update and status summary as well as workshop breakout sessions, which are the focus of the meeting. These sessions will include a brief presentation of a particular topic with time for open discussion of each at the topic tables. The sessions are intended to help attendees understand information that will be included in the Draft Environmental Impact Statement that will be made available in a future hearing. Participants will have

the opportunity to take part in as many, or as few breakouts as they wish. The breakout format is being used at this point in the process to share new information specific to these topics, and receive input from the participants in an interactive setting for direct exchange of information that provides the opportunity to ask more questions than the traditional Q & A session. The topics include Alternatives and Construction Sequencing; Traffic and Maintenance of Traffic; Construction Practices and Techniques; “Sounds of Transit” Demonstration, a computer program that simulates noise; Vibration; and Cultural Resources/Section 106. A 30 minute Q & A session will be held after the breakouts and will be arranged and moderated similar to past public meetings.

Comments & Concerns:

Throughout the NEPA process, questions and comments from the public can be submitted and regular updates on this important project will be provided. Please continue to visit <http://www.virginiaavenuetunnel.com> for new updates on the Virginia Avenue Tunnel.

VIRGINIA AVENUE TUNNEL BACKGROUND



Looking west from the Virginia Avenue Tunnel portal near Garfield Park



A view of the east portal of the Tunnel

Owned and maintained by CSX, the Virginia Avenue Tunnel is located in Southeast Washington, DC, beneath the eastbound lanes side of Virginia Avenue SE. By reconstructing Virginia Avenue Tunnel with a vertical height that will allow CSX to operate double-stack intermodal container freight trains, the railroad will be able to expand its capacity to transport freight in an environmentally sensitive manner. Furthermore, because the new tunnel will re-establish a second set of tracks, CSX will eliminate the chokepoint that currently delays all trains traveling through the Washington region.