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To: Loudoun County Planning Commission
From: Lou Mosurak, Program Manager, DTCI
Daniel Galindo, AICP, Assistant Director, Planning and Zoning
Date: November 1, 2021
Re: November 8, 2021, Planning Commission Work Session
**CPAM-2021-0002, US Route 15 North - Widening and Safety
Improvements Briefing**

PURPOSE

To provide a preliminary briefing to the Planning Commission (Commission) on a Comprehensive Plan Amendment (CPAM) to the *Loudoun County 2019 Countywide Transportation Plan* (2019 CTP) to:

- Change the classification of US 15 from St Clair Lane south to Stumptown Road / Lucketts Road (including a future Lucketts Bypass) from a rural two-lane undivided Principal Arterial (Other) to a rural two-lane median divided Principal Arterial (Other) roadway;
- Change the classification of US 15 from Stumptown Road / Lucketts Road south to Montessor Road (including a future Lucketts Bypass) from a rural two-lane undivided Principal Arterial (Other) to a rural four-lane median divided Principal Arterial (Other) roadway; and
- Change the classification of the existing US 15 from north of Lucketts at the future northern Lucketts bypass intersection south to the future southern Lucketts Bypass Intersection from a rural two-lane Major Collector roadway to the 2019 CTP network. This would be future US 15 Business through Lucketts on the existing US 15 alignment.

See a map of proposed amendments in Figure 1.

BACKGROUND

At the March 16, 2021, Board of Supervisors Business Meeting, the Board voted (8-1: Buffington opposed) to initiate the CPAM consistent with the improvements listed above. Following this, on June 23, 2021, a Virtual Public Meeting was held to gather public feedback on the CPAM, and written comments were received through July 23, 2021. Staff has received 134 written public comments and has provided written responses to the comments. An on-line survey was also conducted from June 29 through July 25, 2021, to collect public feedback regarding a potential Route 15

bypass around the Village of Lucketts. The survey generated 951 public comments. The results of the survey indicate that 64% of respondents expressed a preference for an eastern bypass; 24% expressed a preference for a western bypass; 6% preferred no bypass; 1% expressed preference to consider traffic calming or additional roundabouts; and 5% provided general comments on the CPAM. Additional information regarding the survey can be viewed online at <https://www.loudoun.gov/route15CPAM> .

The draft CPAM was provided to various County and other review agencies including, the Virginia Department of Transportation (VDOT), the Town of Leesburg, and The Journey Through Hallowed Ground (JTHG). The draft CPAM and all agency referrals can be viewed online at www.loudoun.gov/lola; search "CPAM-2021-0002."

TOPICS FOR DISCUSSION

Staff has identified the following issues for discussion:

1. Village of Lucketts Bypass Alternatives – Two potential bypass alignments (i.e., eastern or western) are proposed. Staff will recommend that the Commission discuss and provide a recommendation on the conceptual bypass location – east or west of US 15 – around the Village of Lucketts.
2. Public Comments:
 - a. Small Area Planning: Some members of Community expressed a preference for the subject CPAM effort to be expanded to include a Village Land Use Plan.
 - b. Objections: Some members of Community oppose the four-lane ultimate condition of US 15 that is proposed with this CPAM.
3. Journey Through Hallowed Ground – JTHG provided a number of comments with respect to the four-lane ultimate condition of US 15 and opposes both US 15 bypass options around the Village of Lucketts that are proposed with this CPAM.¹

¹ Read more about the Journey Through Hallowed Ground [here](#).

Figure 1. Route 15 North Comprehensive Plan Amendment Map

