

## TECHNICAL FACTS

**The Route 15 corridor was designed 65 years ago when the population of Loudoun County was only 21,000 people. Limited improvements have been made to the road despite it becoming the *de-facto* outer beltway and the population has now grown to over 385,000 (and is still growing).**

- Point of Rocks Bridge (2 lanes) completed in 1939.
- RT 15 constructed between late 1940s – early 1950s.
- RT 15's speed limit was reduced from 55 MPH to 45 MPH in 1999 due to several fatalities.
- RT 15's design capacity is 12,000 vehicles per day to Point of Rocks Bridge.
- RT 15's current volume is 31,000-32,000 vehicles per day (with higher volumes during holiday travel).
- Loudoun's population is forecasted to grow at > 3% per year while consultant projects only 1.5%.
- Montgomery County Council unanimously opposes new outer bridge crossing of Potomac. See <http://loudounnow.com/2017/07/18/montgomery-county-council-repeats-unanimous-opposition-to-bridge/>
- **Multiple fatalities and crashes this year alone:**
  - January 3, 2017 - 38-year-old Brunswick, MD mother of four, lost her life at the scene in an early morning two-vehicle crash travelling northbound on Route 15, south of Lucketts, when the southbound vehicle crossed over into the northbound lane.
  - January 10, 2017 - A six-vehicle chain reaction crash involving three sedans, one van, one cherry-picker truck and a tractor trailer at 5:43 a.m. at Lovettsville Road and Route 15. Several persons were transported to Cornwall Hospital due to injuries and the road was shut down both ways and will remain closed for an indeterminate amount of time, according to county officials.
  - March 22, 2017 - A 28-year-old Cross Junction, VA, man was killed on impact in the early morning hours while travelling northbound on Route 15, just south of Montessor Road when the southbound vehicle crossed over into the northbound lane.
- **There have been 7 studies since 1998 and no significant safety improvements to save lives have resulted from these studies.**
- **The Virginia State Supreme Court has stripped Sovereign Immunity as a government protection when “unsafe” roads are not remedied (Taylor v. City of Charlottesville, 240 Va. 367, 397 S.E. 2d 832 (Va., 1990). Maintaining a public nuisance is a danger to the public's safety.**

## FINANCIAL IMPACT

- The Loudoun County Board of Supervisors is not in agreement on what to set the tax rate and will now start to trade-off between Metro (4X original \$ est.), Schools (\$100M increase) and other transportation projects. See <http://loudounnow.com/2017/10/13/loudoun-supervisors-deadlock-on-tax-rate-target-in-committee-debate/>
- Loudoun County's Capital Improvement Plan has an estimated RT 15 project cost of \$85.75M under “Future Fiscal Years” – but not under any specific year in the next 6 years (2017 – 2022); there is NO guarantee of this project being funded or moved into FY 2018 – 2023. See exhibit on next page.

## HOW YOU CAN HELP

- Support your Big Springs, Saddlebrook, Raspberry Falls, and Selma Estates neighbors who will be speaking on making RT 15 and our communities safe by attending the October 19, 2017 Board of Supervisors 5:30 PM Meeting. Speakers will follow starting at 6:30 pm. The meeting is being held at 1 Harrison Street SE, Leesburg, VA 20175 in the Board Room on the 1st Floor. Please be there by 5:30 pm wearing **RED**.
- Anyone wishing to speak, must sign up, by calling the Clerk of the Board of Supervisors at **703-777-0200**. Advanced sign-ups must occur by 4:30pm the day before the Thursday meeting. Anyone wishing to speak during the public input sessions of the Thursday meeting or at the public hearings may also sign up with the clerk beginning 30 minutes before the start of the meeting. Unless otherwise noted, speakers have a minimum of two minutes. If you are there at 5:30pm, you may sign up with the clerk to speak at 6:30pm.



## Route 15 Bypass to White's Ferry Road

### Project Description

This project provides funding for preliminary engineering, right-of-way acquisition and construction for the widening of Route 15 from two to four lanes from the Town of Leesburg to White's Ferry Road.

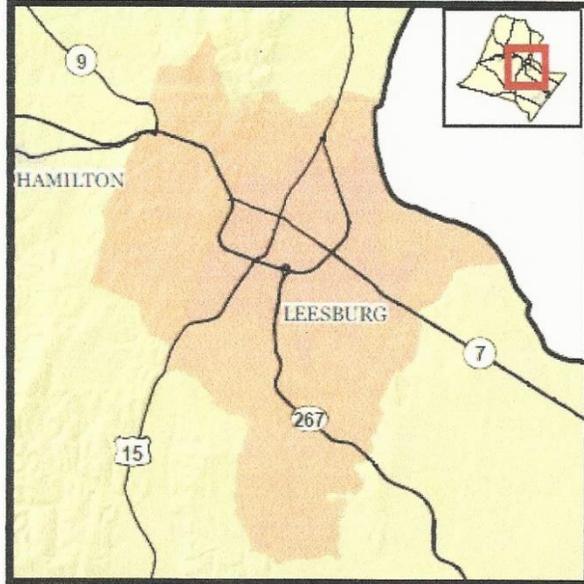
This section of Route 15 is frequently congested during the morning and afternoon peak traffic periods.

This project is being designed and constructed to VDOT standards and will be included in the VDOT system for road maintenance.

NVTA 70% regional funds are applied for and awarded on a competitive basis. All proposed uses of NVTA regional funding on County road projects are subject to award of the funding to the County by NVTA.

### Election District

Catoctin, Leesburg



### "No Funding to start safety improvements"

There is no funding for RT 15 in Fiscal Years 2017 – Fiscal Years 2022; under the column "Future FY's" there is an estimate of \$85.750M.

Capital (\$ in 1000s)	Prior Alloc.	FY 2017	FY 2018	FY 2019	FY 2020	FY 2021	FY 2022	6 Year Total	Future FY's	Project Total
Land	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	6,050	6,050
Professional Services	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	7,110	7,110
Construction	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	72,590	72,590
Furniture, Fixtures & Equip	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Other	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
<b>Total Cost</b>	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	85,750	85,750
Local Tax Funding	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Local Tax Funding - Roads	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	55	55
Fund Balance	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
General Obligation Bonds	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	28,575	28,575
Proffers (Cash)	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
State Capital Assistance	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
CMAQ	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
RSTP	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Revenue Sharing	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
NVTA 70%	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	57,120	57,120
NVTA 30%	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
<b>Total Financing</b>	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	85,750	85,750

### "NVTA External Revenue Sharing"

Board Item #8 (10/19/2017) is for an Application by Loudoun County to request External funding of \$57M from NVTA. NVTA requested Loudoun County Staff to rank their top 3 priorities and staff did not rank RT 15 as 1 of the top 3 priorities.