

1. Summary

The FRA and DRPT held five public hearings to solicit public comments on the Draft Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) for the Washington, D.C. to Richmond Southeast High Speed Rail (DC2RVA) Project. The five public hearings were held throughout the Project corridor between Washington and Richmond, and a self-guided online meeting was made available. In total, 410 attendees signed in at the public hearings and 118 users participated in the online meeting. There were 76 comments provided verbally during the public hearings and 37 written comments were submitted via the comment box at the meetings. Meeting sign-in sheets are included in **Appendix A**. Written comments received are in **Appendix B** and verbal comments provided are available in the hearing transcript in **Appendix C**.

Richmond	Ashland	Alexandria	Fredericksburg	Quantico
Tuesday, October 10 6-9 p.m.	Wednesday, October 11 6-9 p.m.	Tuesday, October 17 7-10 p.m.	Wednesday, October 18 7-10 p.m.	Thursday, October 19 7-10 p.m.
Main Street Station 1500 East Main St. Richmond, VA	Patrick Henry High School 12449 W. Patrick Henry Ashland, VA	Hilton Alexandria Old Town 1767 King St. Alexandria, VA	James Monroe High School 2300 Washington Ave Fredericksburg, VA	National Museum of the Marine Corps 18900 Jefferson Davis Hwy, Triangle, VA

2. Open house and public hearings

An open house was held from 6 p.m. to 9 p.m. in Richmond and Ashland and from 7 p.m. to 10 p.m. in Alexandria, Fredericksburg and Quantico. The open house included 19 staffed informational boards as well as detailed maps and map books, and Project team members available to answer questions. The open house remained staffed during the public hearing portion of the meetings. The public hearings were held in a separate space and began at 6:30 p.m. in Richmond and Ashland, and 7:30 p.m. in Alexandria, Fredericksburg and Quantico. Emily Stock served as the Hearing Officer at the Richmond meeting and Director Mitchell served as the Hearing Officer in Ashland, Alexandria, Fredericksburg, and Quantico. The Hearing Officer opened the hearings and each speaker was allotted three minutes to state their comment for the record. After those who had signed up to speak gave their comments, the Hearing Officer opened the floor to any additional speakers who wished to come to the microphone and

provide their name and comment for the record. Once all comments were provided, the Hearing Officer concluded the public hearing and let attendees know that the Project team was available in the open house area to answer any questions. Attendees were invited to submit a written comment during the meeting, by mail, or online to be included in the record.

Meetings generally followed the format below:

Agenda Format 1 (Richmond, Ashland)

3:30 p.m. - Public Involvement team arrival
4:30 p.m. - Project team arrival
5:00 p.m. - Team pre-meeting (includes safety briefing)
6:00 p.m. - Doors open, registration and open house
6:30 p.m. - Public Hearing
9:00 p.m. - Meeting closes
9:30 p.m. - Doors close, team clean-up
9:45 p.m. - Team debrief
10:00 p.m. - Project team departs facility

Agenda Format 2 (Alexandria, Fredericksburg, Quantico)

4:30 p.m. - Public Involvement team arrival
5:30 p.m. - Project team arrival
6:00 p.m. - Team pre-meeting (includes safety briefing)
7:00 p.m. - Doors open, registration and open house
7:30 p.m. - Public Hearing
10:00 p.m. - Meeting closes
10:30 p.m. - Doors close, team clean-up
10:45 p.m. - Team debrief
11:00 p.m. - Project team departs facility

Staffing

Project team members from DRPT and the consultant team staffed the open house and public hearing. All staff members were knowledgeable of the Project and subject matter experts were available to address specific detailed or technical questions from the public and discuss their concerns. Staffing is detailed below.

Station/Boards	Richmond	Ashland	Alexandria	Quantico	Fredericksburg
Public Hearing Officer	Emily Stock	Jennifer Mitchell	Jennifer Mitchell	Jennifer Mitchell	Jennifer Mitchell
Hearing Support	John Morton, Steve Walter	John Morton, Emily Stock	John Morton, Steve Walter	John Morton, Steve Walter	John Morton, Steve Walter
Welcome Table	Jessica Snead, Jordan Sheets, Bridget Ward	Jessica Snead, Jordan Sheets, Becky Wilk, Leandra Cleveland	Jessica Snead, Jordan Sheets Becky Wilk, Leandra Cleveland	Jessica Snead, Jordan Sheets, Becky Wilk, Leandra Cleveland	Jessica Snead, Jordan Sheets, Becky Wilk, Leandra Cleveland
VIP/Media Coordination	Chris Smith, Pierce Homer	Chris Smith, Pierce Homer	Jennifer Mitchell, Pierce Homer	Jennifer Mitchell, Pierce Homer	Jennifer Mitchell, Pierce Homer
Meeting coordination	Megan O'Reilly	Megan O'Reilly	Megan O'Reilly	Megan O'Reilly	Megan O'Reilly
The Project, and Purpose and Need	Randy Selleck, Nick Ruiz	Randy Selleck, Nick Ruiz	Randy Selleck, Nick Ruiz	Randy Selleck, Nick Ruiz	Randy Selleck, Nick Ruiz
Socio-economic / EJ – next to VDOT ROW table	Margaret Moore	Michelle Fall	Margaret Moore	Margaret Moore	Margaret Moore
Historic and Archaeological Resources	Kerri Barile	Kerri Barile	Heather Staton	Kerri Barile	Kerri Barile
Natural Resources	Stuart Tyler	Stuart Tyler	Stuart Tyler	Stuart Tyler	Stuart Tyler
Air, Noise & Vibration	Tim Casey	Tim Casey	Tim Casey	Tim Casey	Tim Casey
Transportation	Jenny Kleinmann	Jenny Kleinmann	Jenny Kleinmann	Jenny Kleinmann	Jenny Kleinmann

Train Frequency	Matt Van Hattem	Matt Van Hattem	Matt Van Hattem	Matt Van Hattem	Matt Van Hattem
Station/Boards	Richmond	Ashland	Alexandria	Quantico	Fredericksburg
VDOT ROW	Richie Stuart	Richie Stuart	Richie Stuart	Richie Stuart	Richie Stuart
Map boards	Unmanned	Unmanned	Unmanned	Unmanned	Unmanned
Map Tables, Mapbooks	Karen Harrington, Carey Wilson, Wayne Hyatt, Pat Porzillo	Karen Harrington, Carey Wilson, Wayne Hyatt, Pat Porzillo	Karen Harrington, Carey Wilson, Wayne Hyatt, Pat Porzillo	Karen Harrington, Carey Wilson, Wayne Hyatt, Pat Porzillo	Karen Harrington, Carey Wilson, Wayne Hyatt, Pat Porzillo
Get Involved and Comment table	Unmanned – by sign-in table	Unmanned – by sign-in table	Unmanned – by sign-in table	Unmanned – by sign-in table	Unmanned – by sign-in table
Departure Table	Jordan Sheets, Jessica Snead	Jordan Sheets, Jessica Snead	Jordan Sheets, Jessica Snead	Jordan Sheets, Jessica Snead	Jordan Sheets, Jessica Snead
Meeting Facilitators	John Morton, Carey Burch, Steve Walter	John Morton, Carey Burch, Steve Walter	John Morton, Carey Burch, Steve Walter, Liz Hynes	John Morton, Carey Burch, Steve Walter, Liz Hynes	John Morton, Carey Burch, Steve Walter, Liz Hynes

Attendance

Richmond	Ashland	Alexandria	Fredericksburg	Quantico
Tuesday, October 10	Wednesday, October 11	Tuesday, October 17	Wednesday, October 18	Thursday, October 19
94 attendees	169 attendees	77 attendees	43 attendees	27 attendees

3. Comment Summary

A summary of all comments received during the DC2RVA Draft EIS comment period will be available in the DC2RVA Final EIS. The comment period opened on September 8, 2017 and closed on November 7, 2017. Comments were accepted during the comment period via the following methods:

- Electronic form through the Project website www.DC2RVArail.com/contact-us
- Written comments provided at the public hearing
- Verbal comments provided to the court reporter at the public hearing
- Toll-free project hotline 888-832-0900 or TDD 711
- Written comments mailed to Emily Stock, DRPT, 600 East Main Street, Suite 2102, Richmond, VA 23219

4. Outreach Efforts

The Project team developed and implemented an extensive outreach campaign to ensure stakeholders were aware of the opportunity to offer public comments during the Draft EIS comment period.

Project Website

The Project website is maintained and frequently updated to include the most current information about the DC2RVA Project. In preparation for the public hearings, the Draft EIS Executive Summary and full chapters and appendices were posted to the website on the date the Notice of Availability (NOA) appeared in the Federal Register - 30 days in advance of the hearings. During subsequent weeks, the following information was posted to the Project website: hearing location details; how to request special accommodations to attend; a list of locations to read the Draft EIS Executive Summary in print; instructions on how to provide comments; and materials including flyers and press releases. Additionally, web pages for property owners in the study area were updated with current maps, right-of-way information and links to DRPT recommendations. The electronic comment form is maintained on the "Contact Us" page of the Project website.

Postcard mailing

Property owners within a 500 foot distance from the centerline of the Project study area received a postcard invitation to the public hearings. These generally reflected properties that also received a Property Notification Letter during field study activities. Additional properties in the Ashland AWB1 bypass alignment area were included for a total of 9,057 postcards mailed. A sample postcard is included in **Appendix D**.

Additional postcards were packaged in bundles of 100 and provided to the following for further distribution:

- Lincoln Housing (USMC Base Quantico)
- Town of Ashland
- FAMPO
- Crater PDC
- Richmond Regional PDC

Newspaper Advertising

Newspaper advertisements were placed in the following newspapers within the Project corridor and neighboring communities. The ad placed is available in **Appendix E**.

Email

The Project team sent several emails to the Project distribution list, as well as to elected officials and to Title VI advocacy groups, to notify recipients of the upcoming Draft EIS comment period, and associated-in-person and online meetings.

The email distribution lists included the following groups:

- Citizens (those who requested to be included via the study website)
- State, Regional, and Local Agencies
- State, Regional, and Local Elected Officials
- Public involvement offices
- Transit/transportation organizations and advocacy groups

- Business/institutional community members
- Community organizations & special interest groups
- Title VI Organizations (Seniors, Low Income, Disabled, Ethnic)
- Environmental justice (EJ) and low English proficiency (translated to Spanish) populations

The following emails were sent. Copies of each email are available in **Appendix F**.

- September 27, 2017: *DC2RVA Invites You to Attend the Public Hearing*
- September 27, 2017: *DC2RVA le Invita a Asistir a la Audiencia Pública*
- September 27, 2017: *DC2RVA Public Hearing Dates and Materials* (to PIO members)
- October 10, 2017: *DC2RVA Public Hearing Dates and Materials* (to Title VI and Council Liaisons)
- October 10, 2017: *DC2RVA Public Hearings are Scheduled! Plan to Attend*
- November 7, 2017: *DC2RVA Public Comment Period Closes November 7th!*

Social Media

The DC2RVA Facebook and Twitter accounts announced the upcoming comment period and hearings, and directed viewers to the Project website for more information.

Social Media Profiles

- Twitter: @dc2rvarail
- Facebook: dc2rvarail

Static Displays, Fliers, and Rack Cards

Large display boards, fliers, and rack cards were developed, printed, and posted in key locations, particularly in areas identified as having greater environmental justice and limited English proficiency populations. A printed copy of the Draft EIS Executive Summary accompanied by a digital copy of the entire Draft EIS and Appendices was also made available in the locations listed below. The flyers, tack cards and static displays, which were made available in the locations highlighted below, are available in **Appendix G**. More information on distribution of each of these materials is located in the following tables.

Area	Location
Alexandria	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Alexandria Library - Kate Waller Barrett Branch 717 Queen Street 703-746-1703 Alexandria Library - James M Duncan Branch 2504 Commonwealth Avenue 703-746-1705 Charles E. Beatley, Jr. Central Library 5005 Duke Street 703-746-1702 City of Alexandria - City Hall 301 King Street 703-746-4357 Fairfax County - John Marshall Library - Closed for Renovations 6209 Rose Hill Drive 703-971-0010 Fairfax County - Kingstowne Commons 6500 Landsdowne Centre 703-339-4610
Arlington	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Arlington Central Library 1015 North Quincy Street 703-228-5990 Arlington County Courthouse Plaza 2100 Clarendon Boulevard 703-276-9696 Arlington Public Library - Aurora Hills Branch 7351 18th Street South 703-228-5715 Arlington Public Library - Columbia Pike Branch 816 South Walter Reed Drive 703-228-5710
Ashland	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Ashland Branch Library 201 S. Railroad Avenue, 23005 804-798-4072 Town of Ashland - Town Hall 101 Thompson Street 804-798-9219
Bowling Green	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Caroline County Administration Building 212 North Main Street 804-633-5291
Chester	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Chesterfield County - Chester Branch 11800 Centre Street 804-318-8977
Chesterfield	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Chesterfield County Central Library 9501 Lori Road 804-748-1774

Area	Location
Chesterfield	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Chesterfield County Government Offices 9901 Lori Road 804-748-1211
Colonial Heights	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Colonial Heights Public Library 1000 Yacht Basin Drive 804-520-9384
Dinwiddie	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Dinwiddie County Planning Department 14016 Boydton Plank Road 804-469-4500
Dumfries	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Dumfries Neighborhood Library 18007 Dumfries Shopping Plaza 703-792-5678 Town of Dumfries - Town Hall 17755 Main Street 703-221-3400
Fairfax	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> City of Fairfax Regional Library 10360 North Street 703-293-6227 Department of Rail and Public Transportation Northern Virginia Office 4975 Alliance Drive 703-592-2200 Fairfax County Government Center 12000 Government Center Parkway 703-324-7329 Northern Virginia Transportation Authority 3040 Williams Drive 703-642-4652
Fredericksburg	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Central Rappahannock Regional Library 1201 Caroline Street 504-372-1144 Central Rappahannock Regional Library - Salem Church Branch 2607 Salem Church Road 540-785-9267 City of Fredericksburg - City Hall 715 Princess Anne Street 540-372-1010 Fredericksburg Area Metropolitan Planning Organization 406 Princess Anne Street 540-373-2890
Hanover	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Hanover Branch Library 7527 Library Drive 804-365-6210

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Hanover	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Hanover County Administration Building 7516 County Complex Road 804-365-6005
Henrico	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Henrico County Headquarters 1700 N Parham Road 804-501-1900 Fairfield Area Branch Library 1001 North Laburnum Avenue 804-501-1930 Henrico County Eastern Government Center 3820 Nine Mile Road 804-501-4000 Henrico County Western Government Center 4301 East Parham Road 804-501-4000 Henrico County Public Library - Glen Allen Branch 10501 Staples Mill Road 804-501-1950 Henrico County Public Library - North Park 8508 Franconia Road 804-501-1970 Henrico County Public Library - Libbie Mill 2100 Libbie Lake East Street 804-501-1940
Herndon	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Department of Rail and Public Transportation Dulles Corridor Metrorail Project Office 198 Van Buren Street, Suite 300 703-572-0556
Lorton	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Lorton Library 9520 Richmond Highway 703-339-7385
Manassas	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Bull Run Regional Library 8051 Ashton Avenue 703-792-4500 Prince William County - Sudley North Government Center 7987 Ashton Avenue 703-792-6000
Milford	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Caroline Library, Inc. 17202 Richmond Turnpike 804-633-5455
North Chesterfield	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Chesterfield County - Meadowdale Branch 4301 Meadowdale Boulevard 804-318-8778 Chesterfield County - LaPrade Branch 4301 Meadowdale Boulevard 804-318-8778

Area	Location
Petersburg	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Crater Planning District Commission 1964 Wakefield Street 804-861-1666
Prince William	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Prince William County Public Library System 13083 Chinn Park Drive 703-792-6100 Chinn Park Regional Library 13065 Chinn Park Drive 703-792-4800
Quantico	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Quantico Base Library 2040 Broadway Street 703-784-4348 Town of Quantico Municipal Office 337 5th Avenue 703-640-7411
Richmond	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> City of Richmond - City Hall 900 East Broad Street 804-646-7000 Department of Rail and Public Transportation Richmond Office Headquarters 600 East Main Street, Suite 2102 804-786-4440 Richmond Regional Planning District Commission 9211 Forest Hill Avenue 804-323-2033 Richmond Main Public Library 101 East Franklin Street 804-646-7223 Richmond Public Library - Broad Rock Library 4820 Old Warwick Road 804-646-8488 Richmond Public Library - East End Library 1200 North 25th Street 804-646-4474 Richmond Public Library - Ginter Park Library 1200 Westbrook Avenue 804-646-1236 Richmond Public Library - Hull Street Library 1400 Hull Street 804-646-8699 Richmond Public Library - North Avenue Library 2901 North Avenue 804-646-6675 Richmond Public Library - Westover Hills Library 1408 Westover Hills Boulevard 804-646-8833 Virginia Department for the Blind and Vision Impaired 397 Azalea Avenue 804-371-3140

Area	Location
Richmond	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Virginia Rehabilitation Center for the Blind and Vision Impaired 401 Azalea Avenue 804-371-3151
South Chesterfield	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Chesterfield County - Ettrick-Matoaca Branch 4501 River Road 804-318-8688
Spotsylvania	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Central Rappahannock Regional Library—Snow Branch 8740 Courthouse Road 540-507-7565 Spotsylvania County - Marshall Center 8800 Courthouse Road 540-507-7529
Springfield	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Richard Byrd Library 7250 Commerce Street 703-451-8055
Stafford	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Central Rappahannock Regional Library—Porter Branch 2001 Parkway Boulevard 540-659-4909 Stafford County Government Center 1300 Courthouse Road 540-658-8607
Washington D.C.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Metropolitan Washington Council of Governments 777 North Capitol Street NE 202-962-3200
Woodbridge	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Potomac Community Library 2201 Opitz Boulevard 703-792-8330 Prince William Public Library - Lake Ridge Neighborhood 2239 Old Bridge Road 703-792-5675

Large format display boards with information about the Project and details about the public scoping meetings were developed, printed and delivered to 25 locations in the Project corridor. Special focus was given to regions of the Project area with higher numbers of Title VI communities and to those areas potentially impacted by the Project. See table below for details. In addition to the board mailed to VRE, VRE requested and printed several more posters to distribute to their stations.

Organization	Location
Dorothy Hart Community Center	Fredericksburg
Broad Rock Branch Library	Richmond
Caroline Library -- Bowling Green branch	Bowling Green
Central Rappahannock Regional Library	Fredericksburg
Charles E. Beatley, Jr. Central Library	Alexandria
Chester Library -- Chesterfield County	Chester
Chinn Park Regional Library Administrative Offices	Prince William
Dumfries Neighborhood Library	Dumfries
East End Branch Library	Richmond
Hull Street Branch Library	Richmond
James M. Duncan Branch Library	Alexandria
John Musante Porter Branch Library	Stafford
La Prade Library -- Chesterfield County	North Chesterfield
Lake Ridge Neighborhood Library	Woodbridge
Libbie Mill Library	Henrico
Lorton Library	Lorton
Meadowdale Library -- Chesterfield County	North Chesterfield
North Avenue Branch Library	Richmond
Potomac Community Library	Woodbridge
Richard Byrd Library	Springfield
Richard S. Gillis, Jr. Ashland Branch Library	Ashland
Salem Church Branch Library -- Central Rappahannock	Spotsylvania
Rappahannock Area Agency on Aging, Inc.	Fredericksburg
Senior Connections, The Capital Area Agency on Aging, Inc.	Richmond
Virginia Railway Express	Alexandria

Flyers produced in English and Spanish were hand-delivered and mailed to 44 locations along the Project corridor and in the areas surrounding potential rail stations. PDF versions of the flyers were provided to Public Information Officers via email and made available for download on the Project website. Flyers were distributed at the following locations.

Organization	Location
Alexandria Transit Company (DASH)	Alexandria
Arlington County ART and STAR	Arlington
Broad Rock Branch Library	Richmond
Caroline Library -- Bowling Green branch	Bowling Green
Central Rappahannock Regional Library	Fredericksburg
Charles E. Beatley, Jr. Central Library	Alexandria
Chester Library -- Chesterfield County	Chester
Chinn Park Regional Library Administrative Offices	Prince William
City of Richmond-Office of Multicultural Affairs	Richmond
Commuter Direct	Arlington
GRTC, Ridefinders	Richmond
GWRideConnect	Fredericksburg and beyond
Dorothy Hart Community Center	Fredericksburg
Dumfries Neighborhood Library	Dumfries
East End Branch Library	Richmond
Fairfax County Ride Sources	Fairfax
FRED Transportation	Fredericksburg
Greater Richmond Transit Company	Richmond
Hilldrup Moving	Triangle
Hull Street Branch Library	Richmond
James M. Duncan Branch Library	Alexandria
John Musante Porter Branch Library	Stafford
La Prade Library -- Chesterfield County	North Chesterfield
Lake Ridge Neighborhood Library	Woodbridge
Libbie Mill Library	Henrico
Lorton Library	Lorton
Manchester YMCA	North Chesterfield
MARTZ GROUP	Fredericksburg
Meadowdale Library -- Chesterfield County	North Chesterfield
North Avenue Branch Library	Richmond
Petersburg Area Transit	Petersburg
Potomac Community Library	Woodbridge
PRTC Omni Ride	Woodbridge
Rappahannock Area Agency on Aging, Inc.	Fredericksburg

Organization	Location
Richard Byrd Library	Springfield
Richard S. Gillis, Jr. Ashland Branch Library	Ashland
Sacred Heart Church (Spanish)	Richmond
Salem Church Branch Library -- Central Rappahannock	Spotsylvania
Senior Connections, The Capital Area Agency on Aging, Inc.	Richmond
Transportation Association of Greater Springfield (TAGS)	Springfield
Virginia Hispanic Chamber of Commerce	Vienna
Virginia Hispanic Chamber of Commerce	Richmond
Virginia Transit Association	Richmond
Virginia Railway Express	Alexandria

Media Relations

Members of the press were sent English and Spanish press releases and media advisories to spur media coverage. A press release was distributed on September 8, 2017 announcing the opening of the Draft EIS comment period, and a press release was distributed on September 25, 2017 providing information on the public hearing locations. A copy of the press release content is located in **Appendix H**.

In addition to press releases, Media Advisories were distributed to the media during the weeks of the hearings to remind them of the hearing dates and to encourage their attendance at the hearings.

- Media Advisory #1: Distributed on October 5, 2017 to media in the regions of the first week of hearings (Richmond, Ashland/Hanover areas)
- Media Advisory #2: Distributed on October 12, 2017 to media in the regions of the second week of hearings (Alexandria, Quantico, Fredericksburg areas).

Key media outlets were called and/or emailed to follow up on their receipt of the releases and to offer interviews. As a result, the Project team was aware of at least 25 mentions/news stories appeared between September 8 and November 7, 2017. The Virginia Railway Express included an article on the Project in their October 2017 issue and Richmond Magazine published an article on the Project on October 11, 2017.

The following articles were published in local papers with information on the public hearings and the Draft EIS comment period.

Region	Newspaper	Date	Ad Size
Richmond Area	Richmond Times Dispatch	9/25/2017	6.56" x 8"
Ashland - Hanover County	Ashland Herald Progress	9/28/2017	6.625" x 8"
Arlington Area	Arlington Connection	9/28/2017	6.4575" x 10.25"
Alexandria Area	Alexandria Gazette Packet	9/28/2017	6.4575" x 10.25"
Springfield Area	Springfield Connection	9/28/2017	6.4575" x 10.25"
Stafford Area	Stafford Sun	9/29/2017	7.25" x 10"
Prince William County	Prince William Times	9/29/2017	7.25" x 10"
Fredericksburg Area	Free Lance-Star	10/2/2017	7.4375" x 8"
NOVA/DC - commuters	Washington Post Express	10/2/2017	7.58" x 8"
Richmond & Fredericksburg - Hispanic	Las Nuevas Raices	10/3/2017	5" x 7.10"
NOVA/DC - Hispanic	El Tiempo	10/6/2017	7.98" x 8"

Public Information Officer/Communication Manager Outreach Coordination

To broaden the reach and diversity of the public outreach efforts, 377 public information officers and community outreach managers for key agencies and organizations in the Project area (Planning Districts, Transportation organizations, Title VI organizations, City/Town Council and Board of Supervisor liaisons and clerks) were communicated with and asked to assist in the notification effort. Contacts were encouraged to send emails to their groups, post information on their websites, post information on community bulletin boards, and disseminate information through other means. These groups were sent an initial email message that offered them various outreach tools (flyer, news release and community calendar graphic) to distribute to citizens and stakeholders. Follow up phone calls and emails were made in advance of the public hearings. A copy of the email message is included in **Appendix F**.

Environmental Justice and Other Special Targeted Outreach

Special targeted outreach was conducted to ensure that diverse segments of the population were given the opportunity to become involved with the Project at an early stage. Targeted outreach included identifying contacts representing low income and minority populations, seniors, persons with disabilities, human service groups and organizations that advocate and/or provide services on their behalf. All groups and individuals identified through this process were provided information regarding the Project and the scoping meetings and were asked for detailed contact information so that they could be included in future communications about the Project. Social Services, Disabilities Boards, the Area Agency on Aging, Hispanic business and advocacy groups, and the NAACP were included in addition to community centers, universities, neighborhood associations and businesses.

Title VI & Limited English Proficiency

- By advance request (48 hours), foreign language translators and American Sign Language interpreters would be provided at in-person meetings. *(For the hearings, we had two requests for ASL and no requests for Spanish translation.)*
- A Spanish statement was included on materials describing how to request assistance/translation for meetings or outreach materials.
- Flyers and static displays were distributed to libraries in areas with higher populations of Title VI communities and Limited English Proficiency communities.
- Hearing locations met ADA accessibility requirements.
- TDD and TYY numbers were included in outreach materials.
- Ads translated to Spanish were placed in the following publications:
 - Las Nuevas Raices
 - El Tiempo Latino
- Press releases were translated to Spanish for Spanish media outlets.
- 98 Title VI groups were included on the Project distribution list to receive email updates and information.
- Emails were translated to Spanish for more than 20 Hispanic organizations and advocacy groups and sent on the same dates as the English versions. Hispanic community leaders were asked to forward and share the information.
- Rack card sized brochures were distributed with English content on one side and Spanish content on the other. A copy of the rack card is included in **Appendix G**.

- The team connected with past meeting participants who had required special assistance to attend and provided similar assistance to those individuals for the hearings.
- The statewide chapter of the NAACP was contacted and sent information to forward.
- The Project website featured a translation tool and font enlargement tool.

Related Outreach Conducted by FRA

Notice of Availability (NOA)

On September 8, 2017, FRA published the DC2RVA Tier II Draft EIS in the Federal Register in accordance with the National Environmental Policy Act of 1969 (NEPA).

(<https://www.federalregister.gov/documents/2017/09/08/2017-19059/environmental-impact-statements-notice-of-availability>)

FRA Notice

The FRA posted information about the Draft EIS on their website including links to the full Draft EIS and Appendices. (<https://www.fra.dot.gov/Page/P0729>)