



# TRANSFORM 66

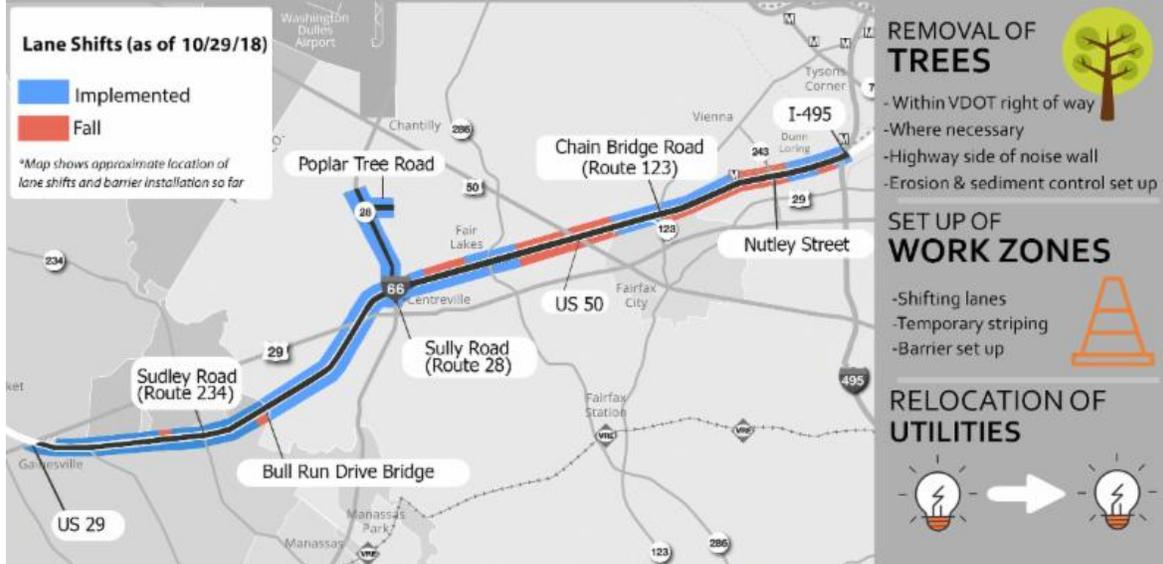
## OUTSIDE THE BELTWAY



*We're transforming I-66 to provide safer, more reliable travel options for more people across Northern Virginia.*

### CONSTRUCTION PROGRESS IN OCTOBER 2018

Construction activity this year has focused on setting up work zones, shifting travel lanes on I-66 and Route 28, clearing trees within VDOT right of way, setting up erosion and sediment controls, and relocating utilities. In the coming months, heavier construction activities will get underway, including excavating at the Route 28 Interchange and the new E.C. Lawrence Park access road, building retaining walls near Jermantown Road, and trenching for stormwater drainage at the I-495 Interchange and University Boulevard Park and Ride Lot.



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### BICYCLE AND PEDESTRIAN TRAIL UPDATE

The Transform 66 Project includes 11 miles of new shared use trail along I-66 that will tie into existing trail systems. This includes new or expanded bicycle and pedestrian facilities on 11 bridges. Additional trail sections will be built as part of the project in coordination with VDOT and local governments.

As a result of feedback from bicycling advocates and surrounding communities, recent design changes incorporate a taller, 50-inch-high concrete barrier to separate the shared use path when it is on the highway side of the noise wall. This is similar to the barrier that separates the trail from the roadway on the Capital Beltway's Woodrow Wilson Bridge.



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### NUTLEY STREET INTERCHANGE UPDATE

Design-build construction projects like the I-66 Outside the Beltway Project allow

flexibility to explore design improvements throughout construction. The project team is exploring an alternative design for the Nutley Street Interchange that would use the existing bridge and incorporate a traffic circle at each end of the bridge, rather than the diverging diamond design previously proposed for this location. This new alternative aims to improve traffic flow on Nutley Street, reduce right of way impacts, and create safer crossings for bicyclists and pedestrians. This new concept potentially also allows for the addition of an exit ramp from the westbound express lanes to Nutley Street. More information will be available in the coming weeks.



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## UPDATE ON RIGHT OF WAY ACQUISITIONS

About 256 properties will be partially impacted due to the project. These impacts include temporary easements or property access needed only during construction, as well as permanent right of way acquisitions. The project team is working to complete appraisals, discuss offers with property owners, and acquire these areas so that construction activities can proceed. About 70 of the property owners have received offers so far.

### Relocation Update

As part of the project, 10 residential properties are being acquired in order to make room for the widening of I-66. Of the 10 properties requiring acquisition, nine involve residential relocation for the property owners (one was an unoccupied home). VDOT and its private partner, I-66 Express Mobility Partners (EMP), have been working to ensure that all property purchases are done following state and federal regulations, which exist to ensure that property owners receive fair compensation, so that they may relocate to comparable homes.

As of October 1, all 10 residential property owners had received offers for their

properties. VDOT and EMP are working with each property owner on the details and timing of their individual moves.

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## **SAFETY MESSAGE**

Clocks "fall back" an hour this weekend, giving us an extra hour on Saturday night and a different-looking commute. The one-hour time shift, along with the shorter days of fall and winter, means that your morning commute may involve sun glare, and your afternoon commute may be in the dark.

Here are some tips to keep you safe on the road and in our work zones as we roll back the clock:

# **DAYLIGHT SAVING TIME ENDS NOVEMBER 4, 2018**

## **BE ALERT**

Recent lane shifts and work zones can look different and be more challenging now due to sun glare and darkness. Use caution and slow down.

## **KEEP AN EYE OUT FOR PEDESTRIANS**

Earlier nightfall can make it harder to see walkers, runners, bicyclists and others who are out in the

## **WATCH OUT FOR WILDLIFE**

Deer-vehicle crashes increase in the fall. Be especially vigilant if you're driving at dawn or dusk when deer are active and harder to see.

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## **STAY INFORMED**

Get construction information and lane closure alert emails directly from the

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