

The Arlington Connection

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Heloise Escudero, the inspiring artist for the Arlington Cultural Affairs "Count Your Joys" truck.

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Route 1 Multimodal Improvements Feasibility Study Arlington County

Virtual Public Information Meeting

Monday, May 15, 2023, 6:30 p.m.

<https://www.virginiadot.org/Route1MultimodalStudy>

The Virginia Department of Transportation (VDOT) invites you to join a public information meeting for the Route 1 Multimodal Improvements Study. This virtual meeting will provide an update on Phase 2 of the feasibility study, which is identifying enhanced multimodal connectivity and accommodations along Route 1 (from 12th Street South to 23rd Street South) to meet the changing transportation needs of the Crystal City and Pentagon City communities. The meeting will include an overview of the proposed travel demand management (TDM) strategy and an update on the multimodal design.

The purpose of the second phase of this study is to further analyze the feasibility of the at-grade roadway recommended in the first phase. Phase 2 is developing a TDM strategy aimed at reducing vehicular trips through the area, providing additional feasibility analyses and multimodal street design options, and updating the Phase 1 multimodal transportation analyses as needed.

The meeting will be held as a **virtual/online meeting**. Information for participating in the virtual meeting is available at <https://www.virginiadot.org/Route1MultimodalStudy>. The study team will make a presentation beginning at 6:30 p.m. followed by a question and answer period.

Review study information and meeting details on the webpage above or during business hours at VDOT's Northern Virginia District Office, 4975 Alliance Drive, Fairfax, VA 22030. Please call ahead at 703-259-2599 or TTY/TDD 711 to make an appointment with appropriate personnel.

Give your comments during the meeting, or online by **June 9, 2023** via the comment form on the study website, by mail to Mr. Dan Reinhard, P.E., Virginia Department of Transportation, 4975 Alliance Drive, Fairfax, VA 22030 or by email to route1multimodalstudy@VDOT.virginia.gov.

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Stamp Out Hunger Food Drive

Each year, the National Association of Letter Carriers dedicates the 2nd Saturday of May to serving communities nationwide by collecting food to be delivered to local hunger organizations. In Arlington County, all food collected by letter carriers will go to AFAC.

Residents should put non-perishable food items into a grocery bag and leave them next to their mailbox by 9 a.m. on collection day. Your letter carrier will pick up the items and deliver them to AFAC. If you live in an apartment building or have a communal mailbox, please consider dropping it off at one of the Arlington Public Library branches or at an Arlington post office instead.

The foods we need most are: Low sugar cereal; Low sodium canned tomato products (diced, paste, or sauce); Low sodium canned tuna; Low sodium

canned soups; Low sodium canned beans

No glass, expired food, or household items, please.

If you miss your letter carrier or live in an apartment building, please bring your donation to the following Arlington Post Offices and Library no later than Friday, May 12: North Station (2200 N. George Mason Dr.), South Station (1210 S. Glebe Rd), Main Station (3118 Washington Blvd), Preston King Station in Westover (5877 Washington Blvd), Shirlington Post Office (2850 S. Quincy St), or Central Library (1015 N. Quincy St.)

You can also drop off your non-perishable items at AFAC's main Nelson St. Location (2708 S. Nelson St.) starting the Monday after the Stamp Out Hunger Food Drive (Monday, May 15) during our food donation hours (Monday - Friday: 8:30am to 4:30pm AND Saturday: 8:30am to 1:00pm)

Doorways: Urgent Needs To Help Families

Doorways urgent need list to support families this week includes size 6 diapers, kitchen sponges and Dawn dish soap. Doorways operates an emergency shelter as well as a safe longer-term temporary home providing comprehensive services to help families and youth work toward stability. The capacity is 22 beds and 10 bedrooms that house 6-9 families. Services are available including the customized counseling and support for those experiencing trauma. The next step up is Home-Start Supportive Housing Program that provides rental subsidies and

support services so they can transition into a home of their own when they graduate from doorways.

Doorways collects drive-through donations on Fridays from 11 am-1 pm. To help support their families. To schedule a drop-off during Drive-Thru Deeds contact astewart@doorwaysva.org. You can check the Doorways website each week for that week's suggested donations. See guidelines and a link to the Amazon wish list here: <https://www.doorwaysva.org/donate/in-kind-giving/#guidelines>

The shelter always needs new sheets, towels and kitchen supplies

as well as children's books.

Financial contributions are needed. <https://www.doorwaysva.org/donate/>

In 2009 Doorways became the only shelter in Virginia and one of nine in the country to offer safe shelter for survivors and their pets fleeing violence. In addition in that same year they partnered with Arlington Partnership for Affordable Housing to launch affordable supportive housing for families who often face barriers to finding permanent housing after leaving the shelter.

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