





#### Richmond Highway Bus Rapid Transit

Executive Committee Meeting #7 February 21, 2020



The Richmond Highway BRT project is funded in part by the Northern Virginia Transportation Authority.







## Agenda

- Project Updates
  - FTA Funding
  - Categorical Exclusion
  - Public Outreach
  - Design Intersections
  - Branding
- Station Architecture
- Discussion











## **Project Updates**







## FTA Funding

- **Request to enter first step** (Project Development) submitted **December 16, 2019**
- **Responded to FTA requests for** clarification
- 45-day review underway
- **Project Development must be** completed within two years



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December 16, 2019

Ms. Felicia James Associate Administrator for Planning & Environment Federal Transit Administration 1200 New Jersey Avenue, SE Washington, DC 20590

Reference: Request to Enter for Project Development for the Richmond Highway Bus Rapid

Dear Ms. James:

The Fairfax County Department of Transportation (FCDOT) is pleased to submit to the United States Department of Transportation Federal Transit Administration (FTA) our request to enter the Project Development (PD) phase of the FTA Capital Investment Grant program, pursuant to the Fixing America's Surface Transportation Act (FAST) legislation, for the Richmond Highway Bus Rapid Transit Project (BRT). We thank the FTA staff for participating in regular conference calls with FCDOT to discuss the project. The FTA's continued commitment and insight have been invaluable in helping us make significant strides in advancing the project.

This letter describes the work already completed by FCDOT, as well as our ability to meet the FAST requirements, thereby demonstrating FCDOT's readiness to enter and complete PD within the required two-year period. The project is a new, 7.4-mile fixed guideway BRT project in eastern Fairfax County. More than 80 percent of the running way is dedicated for BRT, and the project includes typical BRT features and customer amenities. The BRT alignment follows North Kings Highway and Richmond Highway (U.S. Route 1) from the terminus of the Washington Metropolitan Area Transit Authority's (WMATA) Yellow Line at Huntington Station to Ft. Belvoir, a major U.S. Army installation.

#### Study Sponsor and Partners Roles and Responsibilities

FCDOT is the study sponsor and has led the planning work to date. The Categorical Exclusion for the Project is being led by the FTA, with the Federal Highway Administration (FHWA), the United States Army Corps of Engineers (USACE), and the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) as the designated cooperating agencies. Local and state funding partners in this effort include Fairfax County, Virginia Department of Transportation (VDOT), Virginia Department of Rail and Public Transportation (DRPT) and Northern Virginia Transportation Authority (NVTA). For additional information about project funding, see the section below titled "Project Development Funding." The roles and responsibilities of FCDOT's partners in the development of the project are as follows:

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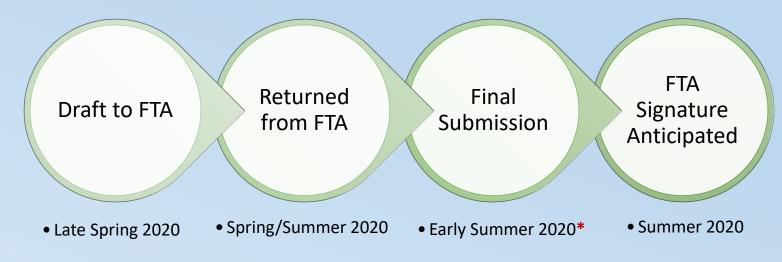






## **NEPA Categorical Exclusion**

Will demonstrate that there are no significant environmental impacts



#### \*Timing contingent on the Section 106 Process

#### **Topics include**:

- Purpose and Need
- Design Description
- Socioeconomics and Land Use
- Natural resources
- Indirect and Cumulative Effects
- Visual Analysis
- Hazardous Materials

- Air Quality
- Noise and Vibration
- Historic architecture and archaeology









## **Public Outreach**

- Community Advisory Group
  - February 13 meeting highlights
- Public Meetings
  - Richmond Highway Community Discussion in March/April
  - BRT-only meeting in May
- Pop-Up Events
- Newsletters, Flyers, Mailings
- Website & Social Media
  - Recording of PIM 3 presentation now posted
  - Developing interactive map







## **Design - Intersection Modifications**

#### Collard Street & Popkins Lane

- Consolidates two closelyspaced intersections to one (consistent with the Embark Comprehensive Plan)
- Improves safety for vehicular travel
- Eliminates a crossing of the BRT system, improving safety

#### Fordson Road

- Richmond Highway median cannot accommodate Hybla Valley Station and left turn lane
- BRT Team proposed limiting access to Fordson to right in/right out
- With community input, three new alternatives have been identified, totaling 4 options









## **Intersection of Collard St & Popkins Ln**

 BRT design team continues to work on refining design and limit impacts











## **Intersection of Fordson Road**

- Requested information for Fordson Road was sent to committee January 2020
- Option B (shown to right)









## Branding

- Refining brand family names and designs
- Next steps:
  - Present 8 new/enhanced family names and designs to Executive Committee at next meeting
  - Narrow down brand options to 2 or 3
  - Test brand options in focus groups
  - Provide broader community opportunity to offer input via online survey
  - Summarize results/present final brand options to Executive Committee







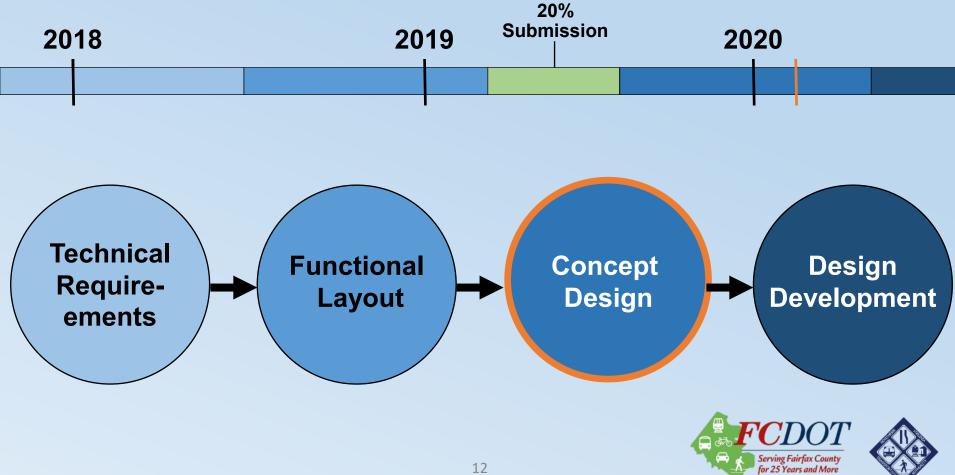
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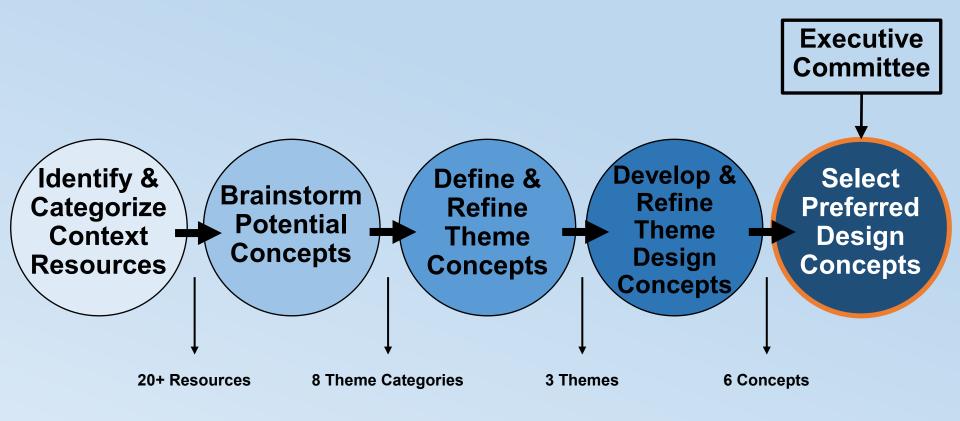
### **Design Progression**







#### **Contextual Station Concept Design Process**

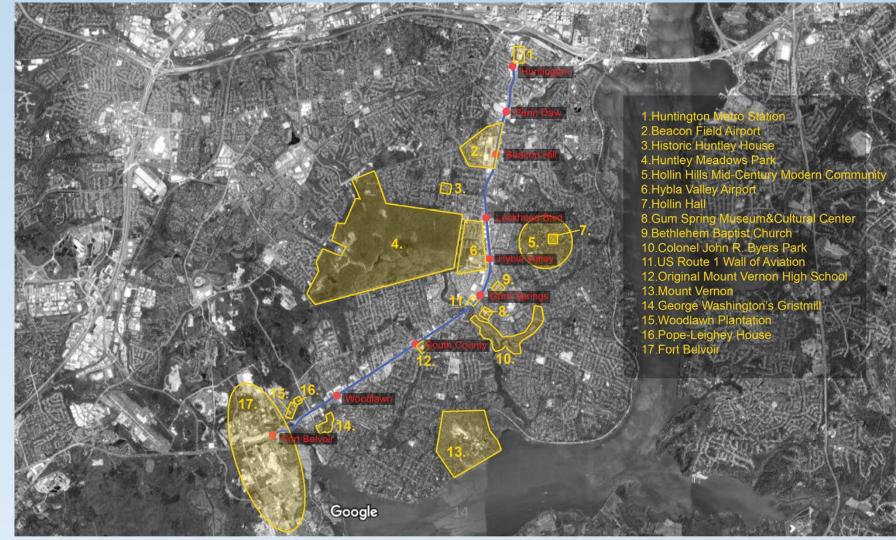






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## **Identifying Context Resources**







### **Initial Context Resources**













































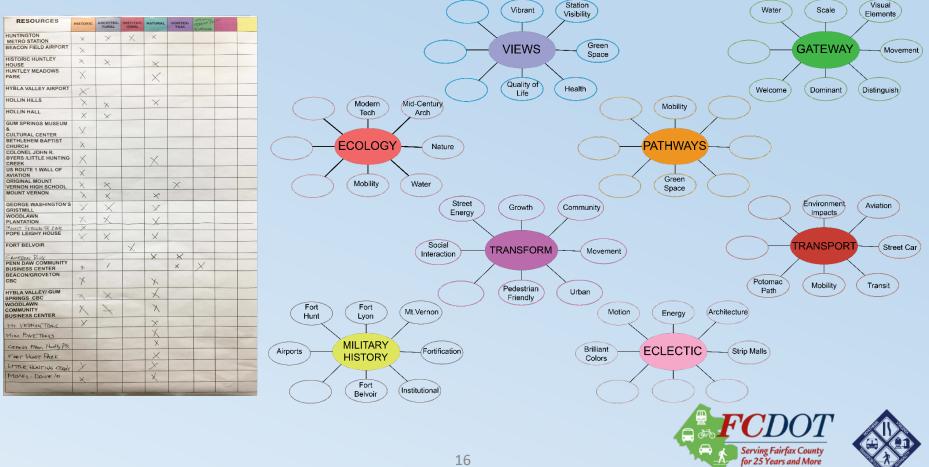








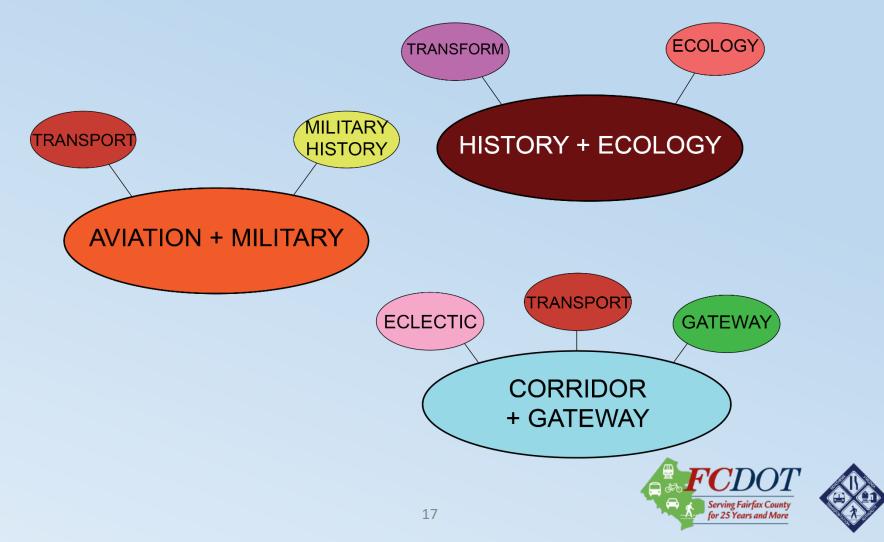
#### **Categorize Resources and Brainstorm Potential Themes**







### **Define Refined Themes**



















## **Themes - Definitions**

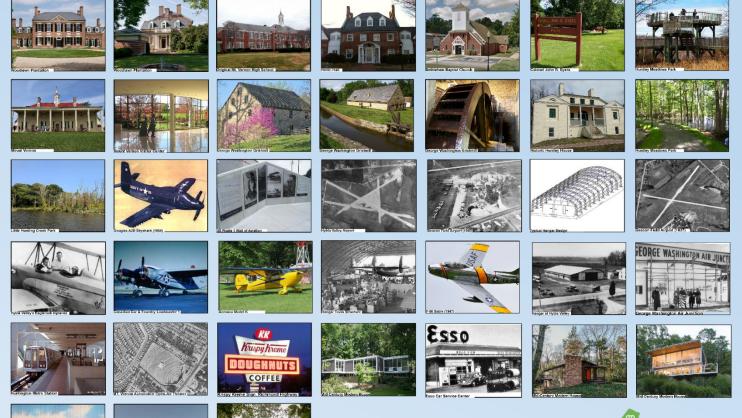
- **HISTORY + ECOLOGY** theme embodies the influence of Colonial transformation and the reintegration of the natural environment and represents how transit can play a role in the restoration of ecological balance.
- AVIATION + MILITARY theme honors local history through a focus on the role of flight, with its dynamic shapes and materials reflecting the ideals of movement and connection.
- **CORRIDOR + GATEWAY** theme captures the exuberance of the post-war era of transformation with simple (yet iconic) forms, diverse colors and bold lighting/signage.







# Expand Resources Based on Theme Development

















### **Exploration of Inspiration Images**







#### **Presentation of Design Themes at PIM 3**











#### **Internal Exploration of Design Concepts**











#### **Workshops on Design Concepts**











## Refined Station Design Concepts







## **Concept A**



















































## **Concept B**





























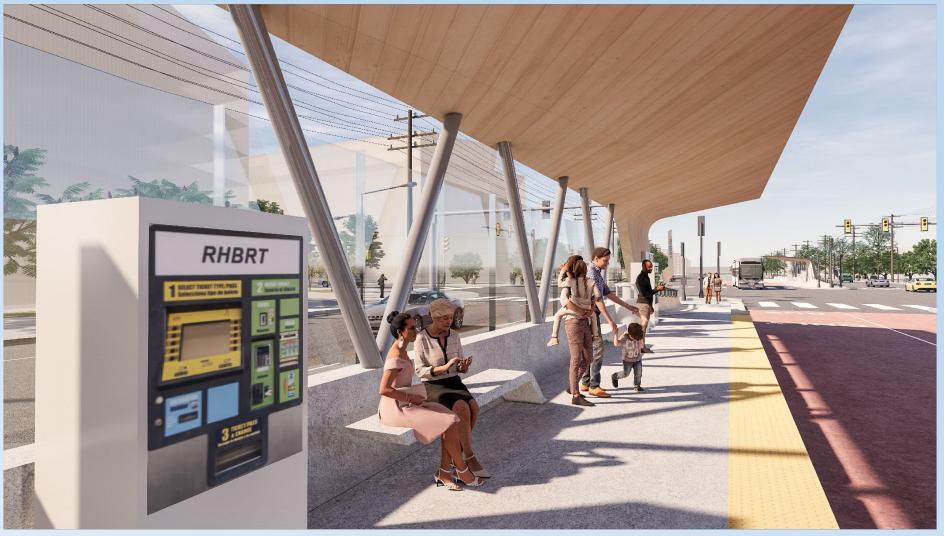






















## **Concept C**

















































# **Concept D**



















































## **Concept E**



















































### **Concept F**























































#### **RHBRT - Concept E**











### **Discussion**









### **Back Up Slides**







### **Summary of Fordson Road Options**

	Fordson Road Options	Maintains Access to Fordson	Within 178' Footprint	Typical Station Platform Location	Approx. additional ROW (includes taper lengths)	Approx. linear distance of widening
А		NO	YES	YES	0	0
В		YES	YES	NO	0	0
С		YES	NO (additional ROW req'd)	NO	16,285 sf (avg. of approximately 8' of additional widening)	2 <i>,</i> 000 ft
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### Walking/Biking Shed Areas for Hybla Valley Station

