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Neighborhood Task Force
Protect Our Community**

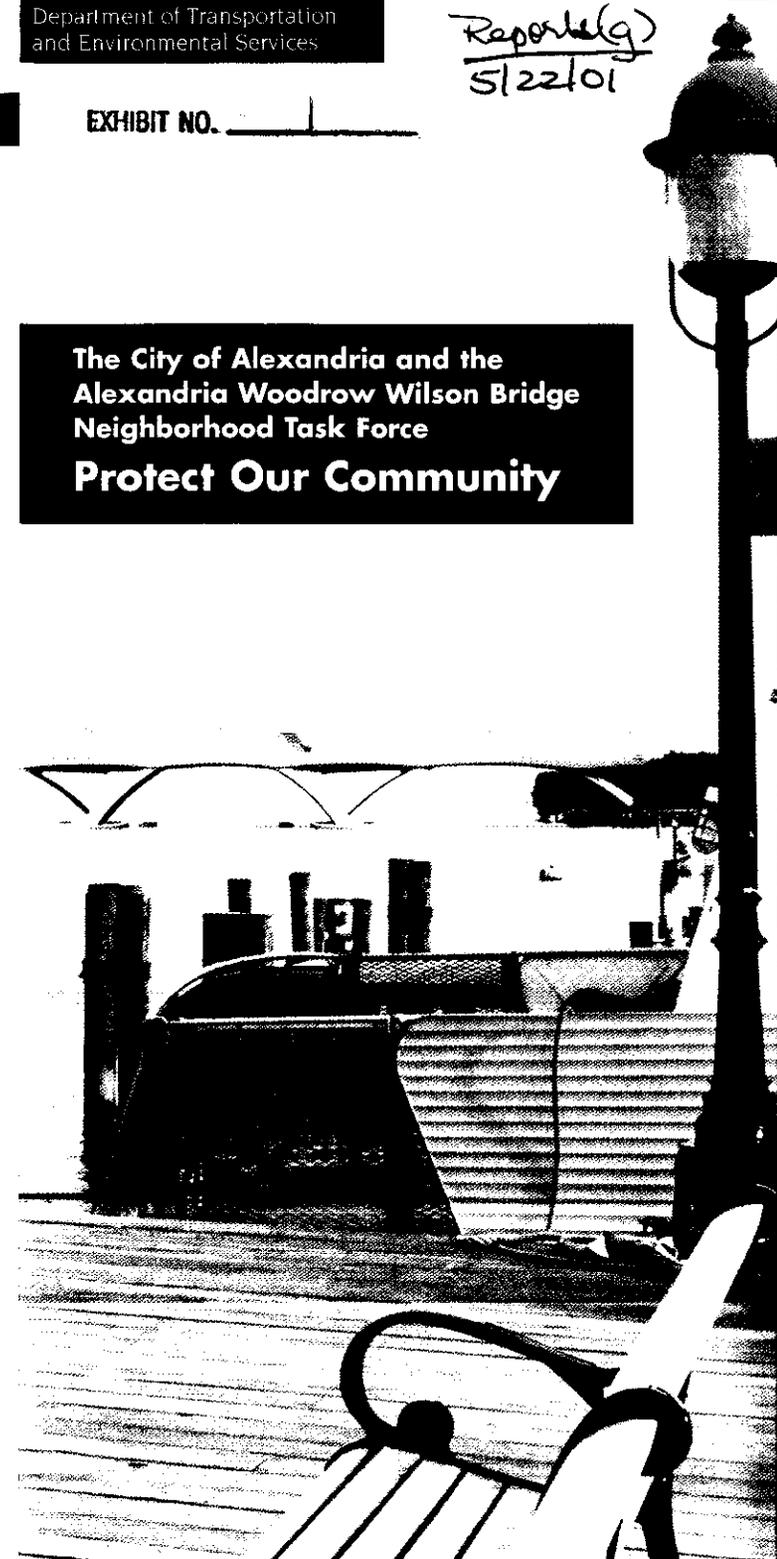
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For further information about this program or any program in
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It Takes The Whole Community To Build A Bridge...The Right Way.

This brochure will help you learn about the new bridge and find out what is being done to protect the community. Working on your behalf, the City of Alexandria and the Woodrow Wilson Bridge Neighborhood Task Force will:

- **Look after your interests.**
- **Monitor construction impacts on your neighborhood and the environment.**
- **Keep you informed of measures to ease impacts.**

The new Woodrow Wilson Bridge is one of the largest public construction projects ever in Alexandria, and involves many agencies and groups:

The Alexandria Woodrow Wilson Bridge Neighborhood Task Force, which includes two members of City Council and neighborhood representatives, was created by City Council in June 2000, to evaluate and ease construction impacts on residents and to advocate measures to mitigate noise, traffic, parking and other problems.

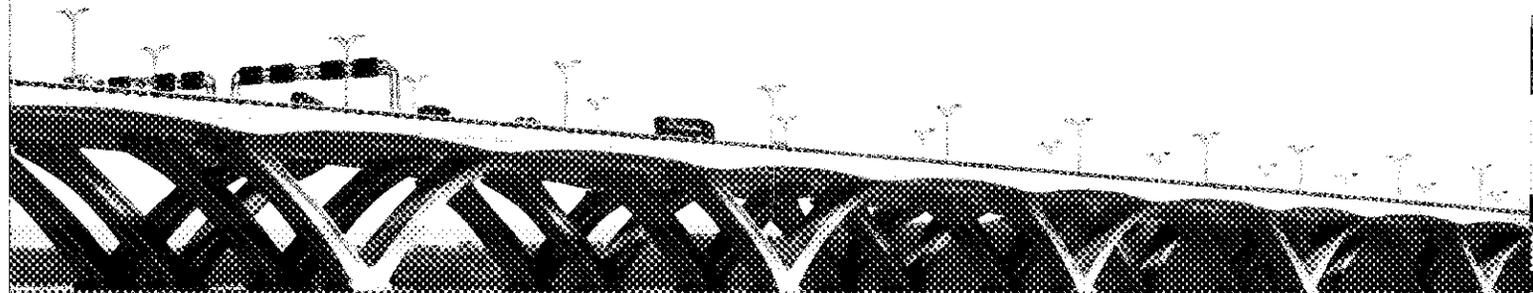
The Woodrow Wilson Bridge Project Team manages the entire project and is composed of representatives from the Federal Highway Administration, the state departments of transportation for Maryland and Virginia, and the private sector, Potomac Crossing Consultants.

The City of Alexandria's Transportation and Environmental Services Department (T&ES) is the lead agency for the City, provides staff support to the Task Force and is the City's liaison with the Project Team.

Ensuring Our Construction Contractors Are "Good Neighbors"

Contractors are required to abide by the following:

- **Using the Smallest Possible Footprint** Construction activities in Jones Point Park are confined to the approximate location of the new and existing bridges with fencing around the perimeter of the construction areas to protect residents.
- **Limiting Hours of Construction in Jones Point Park** Active construction is restricted to 7 am to 6 pm Monday through Friday, 9 am to 6 pm Saturday; no work on Sundays and major holidays.
- **Limiting Pile Driving Hours** Pile driving in Jones Point Park is restricted to 9 am to 6 pm Monday through Friday, 10 am to 4 pm on Saturday. Pile driving in the Potomac River is restricted to daylight hours and is regulated by the Bridge Project Team.
- **Using Quieter, More Efficient Pile Driving Hammers**
- **Protecting the City's Streets** Limiting construction traffic on City streets is a top priority. Maximum use of the Potomac River for delivery of equipment and materials is encouraged. **Only Royal, Gibbon, Franklin and U.S. Route 1 can be used for hauling material. City permits are required for more than five truckloads for any construction activity and for oversized and overweight vehicles. No contractor parking or storage of equipment and materials on City streets or street medians is allowed.**
- **Avoiding St. Mary's School and Lyles-Crouch Traditional Academy** No construction deliveries can pass these schools between 7:45 am and 8:30 am and 2:30 pm and 3:30 pm when students are being dropped-off and picked-up.
- **Maintaining City and Park Services** The community gardens, soccer fields and trails at Jones Point Park will remain open. No public street will be closed or obstructed.



Who Will Make Sure These Requirements Are Followed?

The Bridge Project Team will enforce the contract provisions including no contractor parking on City streets. T&ES will issue and enforce all permits for construction vehicle and truck traffic on City streets, and notify the Project Team of any damage to City streets.

A Few Tips On Protecting Your Home

It is unlikely that your home will be damaged by construction or heavy trucks although, it is wise to take a few precautions.

- **Document the current condition of your home** by taking photos or videos of the interior and exterior and dating the photos.
- **Look for existing cracks or damage**, particularly in foundation walls or openings around doors or windows. Use a ruler to measure the length and width of the crack and take a picture of the ruler next to the crack.
- **Contact your insurance agent** for additional information on how to safeguard your property.

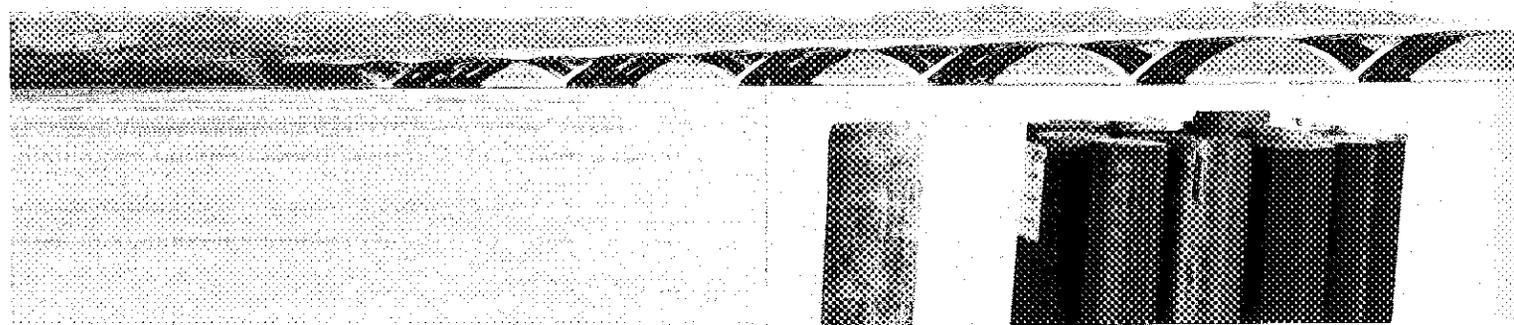
Get Involved In Your Neighborhood Task Force

Contact a member of the Neighborhood Task Force or come to a Task Force meeting to get information first hand and to express your views. The Task Force meets monthly and schedules special meetings on topics of interest. Also, the Task force can arrange meetings with the Bridge Project Team on matters affecting your neighborhood. For information about the Task Force, and their meeting schedule, visit the City's web site at <http://ci.alexandria.va.us>, or call Reed Winslow at 703-548-3180

Getting Answers And Reporting Concerns-- Who To Contact

Contact the Woodrow Wilson Bridge Center at 703-519-9800. Visit the Bridge Center at 1800 Duke Street, Suite 200, to view drawings and a scale model. Visit their web site at www.wilsonbridge.com.

Contact Reed Winslow, Woodrow Wilson Bridge Project Coordinator, in the City's Department of Transportation and Environmental Services at 703-548-3180 or e-mail reed.winslow@ci.alexandria.va.us. The City created this special position to work with Alexandria's citizens.



The Facts About The Woodrow Wilson Bridge

The new Woodrow Wilson Bridge is designed to meet current and future traffic needs. The existing single span drawbridge, completed in 1961, is 99 feet wide. It was designed to carry 75,000 vehicles by 1980, but reached that level in only eight years. Today it carries nearly three times that volume every day.

The new twin-span drawbridge located 30 feet south of the existing bridge, is 249 feet wide. The navigational clearance under the new bridge will increase from 50 to 70 feet, decreasing by 70 percent the need to open the drawbridge.

The new bridge will have one outer loop span and one inner loop span, each consisting of the following:

- **Two express and two local traffic** lanes with a barrier divider and full shoulders
- **One HOV/transit lane**
- **One merge lane** to make entering and exiting the beltway safer between U.S. Route 1 and I-295.

The entire Woodrow Wilson Bridge project is seven and a half miles long, stretching from Telegraph Road (VA 241) in Virginia to Indian Head Highway in Maryland (MD 210) and involves the reconstruction of four interchanges.

Distinctive features of the bridge project include:

- **Improvements to South Washington Street**, including landscaping the southern gateway into the City, enhanced streetscaping (wide brick sidewalks, light fixtures and stone benches) from Hunting Creek to St. Mary's Cemetery, and a 200 foot wide deck carrying South Washington Street over the Beltway that continues the landscape features of the George Washington Memorial Parkway and provides visual screening of the beltway.
- **A 12 foot wide pedestrian/bikeway** connecting Virginia and Maryland on the north side of the bridge.
- **Preservation of Freedmen's Cemetery**
- **Interpretation of cultural and historic resources** and enhancement of recreational resources in Jones Point Park.
- **Direct access** to and from Eisenhower Valley.

In The Final Analysis...

As with any major construction project, there will be unavoidable impacts. The goal of the City of Alexandria and the Woodrow Wilson Bridge Neighborhood Task Force is to see that these impacts are addressed and managed in such a manner as to minimize adverse affects on the local quality of life.

