

Manassas National Battlefield Park Bypass Study Fairfax County Update September 16, 2005

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Project Purpose

The purpose of this project is to develop alternatives that would allow for the closure of the portions of both Routes 29 and 234, which currently transect the Manassas National Battlefield Park, and to provide alternative means of transportation for traffic now traveling through the Park.

MANASSAS NATIONAL BATTLEFIELD PARK BYPASS (ROUTES 29 & 234)

Set of Draft EIS Alternatives

- No-Action
- Candidate Build Alternative A
- Candidate Build Alternative B
- Candidate Build Alternative C
- Candidate Build Alternative D
- Candidate Build Alternative G
 - Including Design Option for Tri-County Parkway

MANASSAS NATIONAL BATTLEFIELD PARK BYPASS (ROUTES 29 & 234)

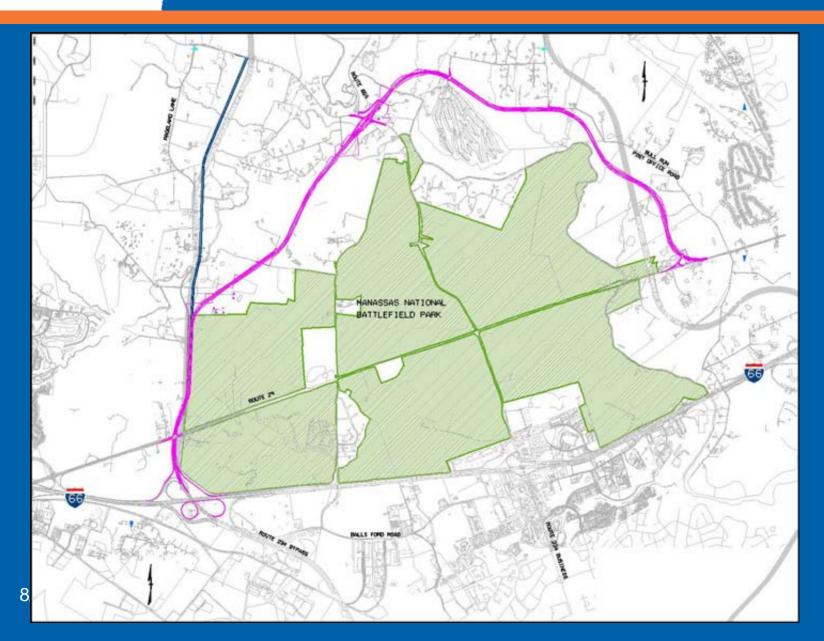
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No-Action

- Routes 234 and 29 Remain Open and In Current Configuration
 Within Park
- Also Includes Currently Programmed, Committed, and Funded Roadway and Transit Projects as Included in 2003 CLRP and the VDOT Six Year Program
- Specifically for this study, Tri-County Parkway on Comprehensive Plan Alignment, Route 234 North Bypass Extension and Improvements to I-66 in No-Action Network

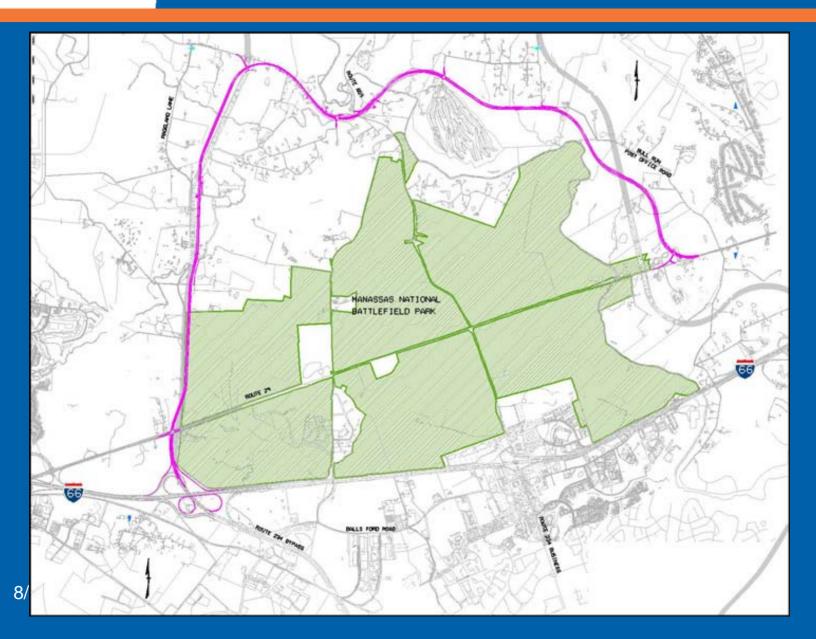


Alternative A



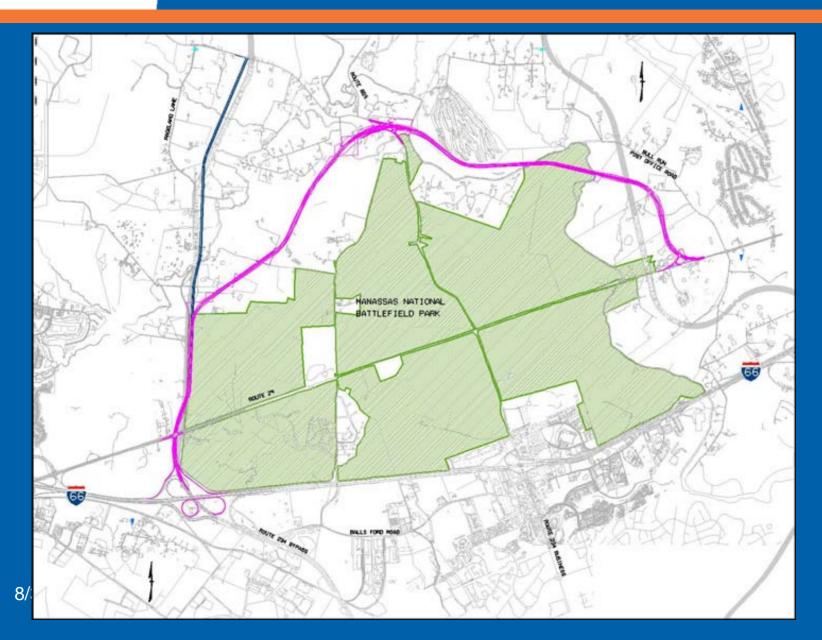


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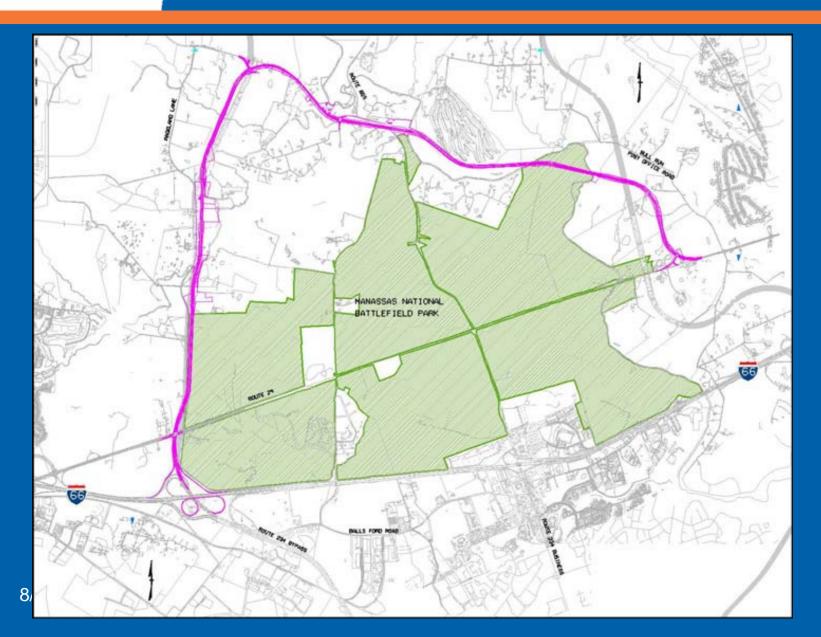


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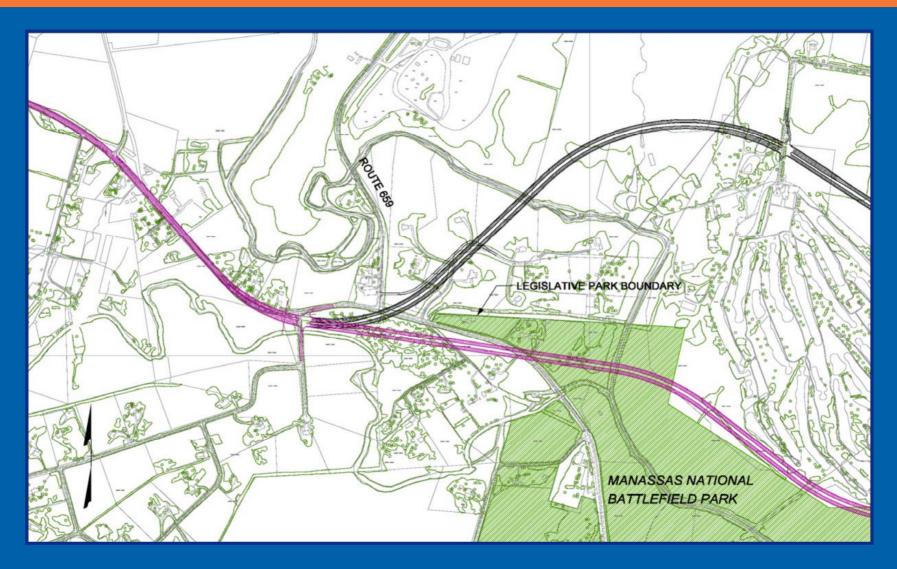


Alternative D





Northern Alternative B & D - Sudley Springs





Cost Estimates

- Alternative A = \$242.7 million, 7.9 miles
- Alternative B = \$262.5 million, 9.1 miles
- Alternative C = \$241.9 million, 7.4 miles
- Alternative D = \$265.5 million, 8.7 miles
- Alternative G = \$322.2 million, 10.3 miles

Cost Estimates Do Not including Design Enhancements, ROW assessment increases, design changes, and Mitigation Expenses.



Preferred Alternative





Significance of Preferred Alternative

- Recommendation of Alternative D in DEIS Does Not Signify Final Selection
- Changes Could Occur in Next Steps, Including Revisions to Preferred Alternative or Selection of Another Alternative as Preference
- Final Recommendation Based on Results of Public Hearing and Input from CTB, Localities, NPS, and FHWA

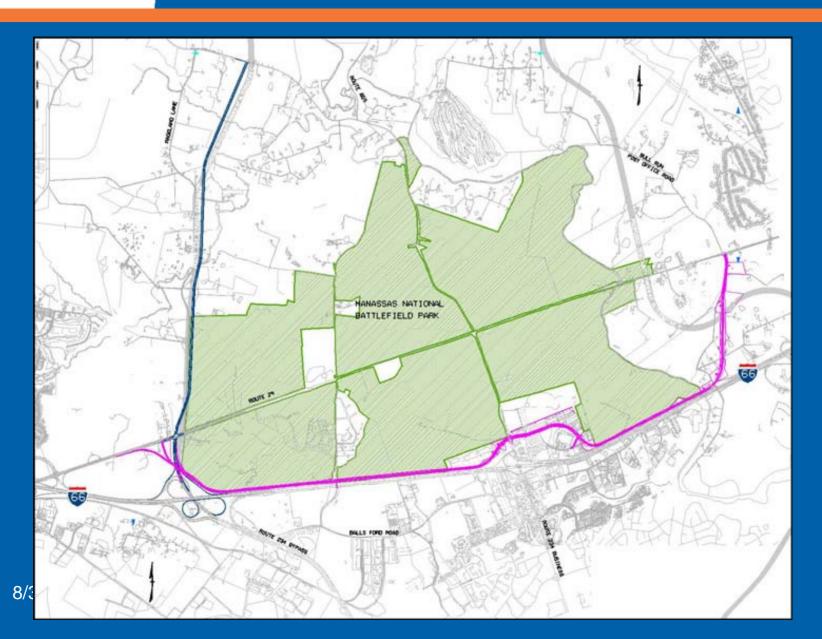


Public Involvement Summary

- Project Website (<u>www.battlefieldbypass.com</u>) and Newsletters (Bypass Newsletter)
- Citizen Advisory Board (Five Meetings)
- Four Public Workshops
- Meetings with Interest Groups, Community Organizations, HOA's, and Property Owners
 - Buckland Area Residents, Coalition for Smarter Growth, Piedmont Environmental Coalition, Southern Environmental Law Center, Civil War Preservation Trust, Fairfax National Estates HOA, Fairfax National Golf Club, Friends of the Manassas National Battlefield Park, Heritage Hunt HOA, Luck Stone Corp., Pageland Lane Area Residents, Sudley United Methodist Church, Transportation Town Hall Meeting with PWC Supervisors, PWC Conservation Alliance
- Location Public Hearing on May 5, 2005 (Attended by 172 Citizens)

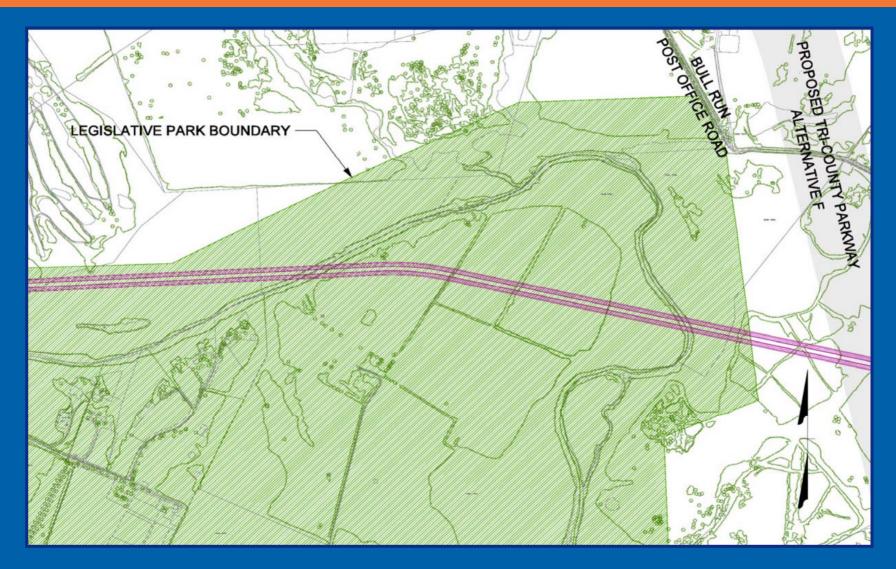


Alternative G



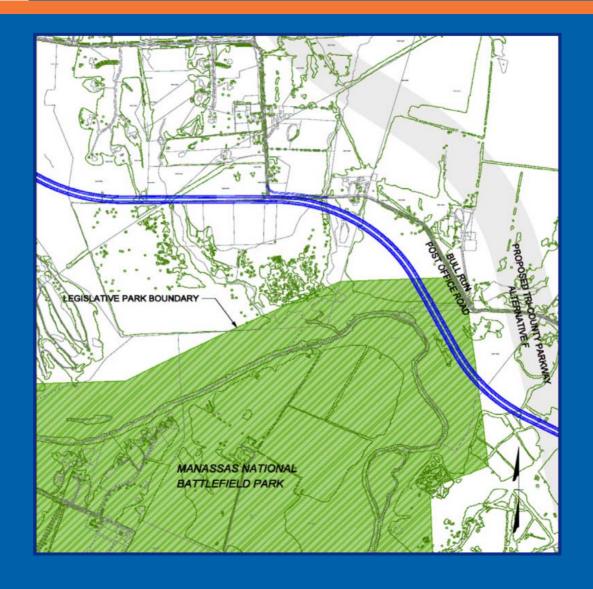


Northern Alternatives C and D - Interaction with Park



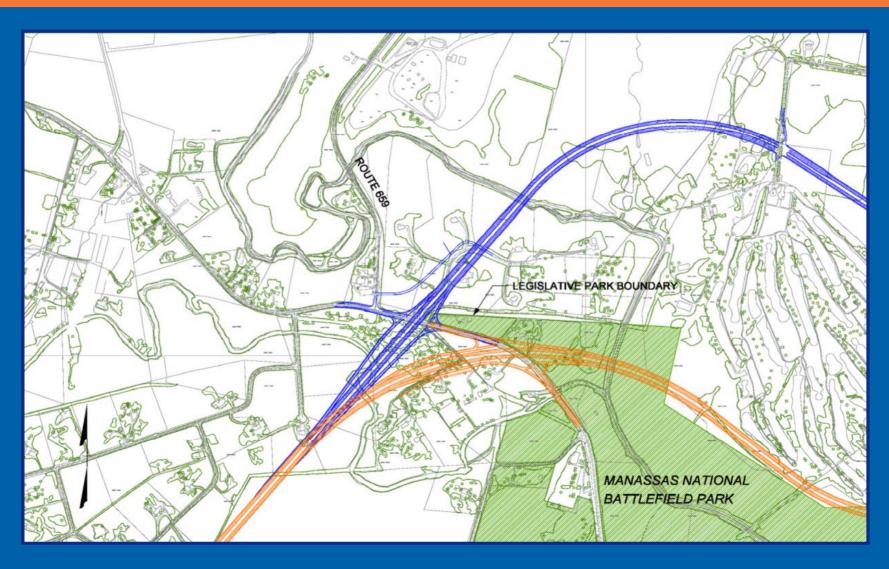


Northern Alternatives A & B - Interaction with Park





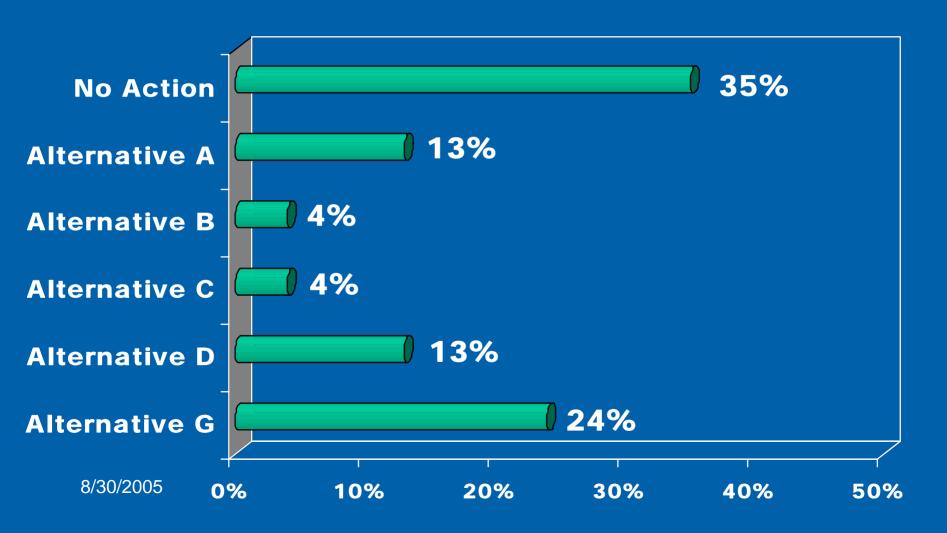
Northern Alternatives A& C - Sudley Springs





Public Comments on the DEIS Alternatives

Preferred Alternative (46 comments)





Public Comments on the DEIS Alternatives

Preferred Alternative by Location

No Action (or widen)	16 total	Gainesville/Haymarket(6), Catharpin(4), Centreville(2), Manassas(2), Arlington(1), Unknown(1)
Alternative A	2 total	Centreville(1), Manassas (1)
Alternative B	2 total	Prince William County (2)
Alternative C	2 total	Catharpin(1), Prince William County(1)
Alternative D	6 total	Centreville(4), Gainesville/Haymarket(2),
Alternative G 8/30/2005	11 total	Centreville/Fairfax(4), Gainesville/ Haymarket(3), Sudley Springs(1), Broad Run(1), Unkown(2)



Overall Findings

- At Hearing Most Supported No-Action
- Most Respondents Support Road Closure in Park
- Closing Roads with Co-location of Route 29 onto I-66 and Minor Improvements to Other Roads Preferred
- Requested Analysis of Modified Alternative
 G
- Support Varied by Jurisdiction, Fairfax more in support of Alternative D and Prince William in support of Modified Alternative G



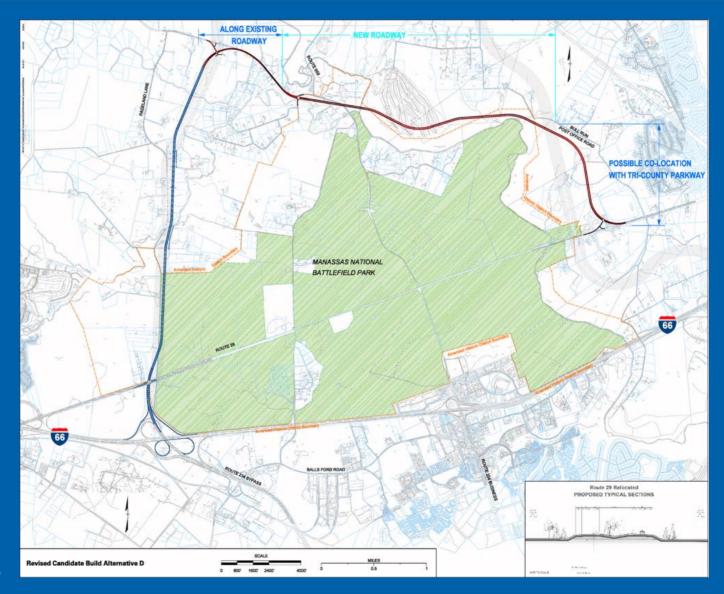
Response to Public Comments

Proposed Revisions to Two Alternatives

- Shift Preferred Alternative D North to Avoid Impacts to FCPA Land and MNBP
- Modify Alternative G As Requested by Friends of Manassas National Battlefield Park and Sudley Springs Catharpin Civic Association

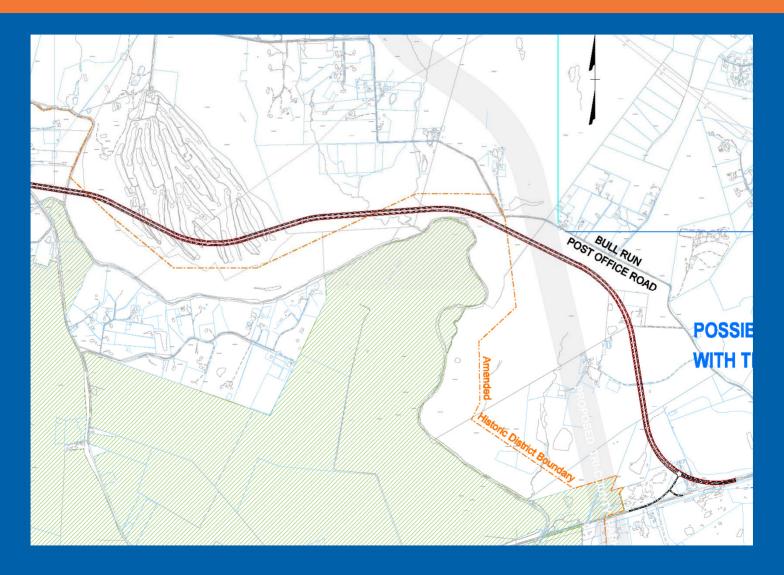


Response to Public Comments – Revised Alternative D



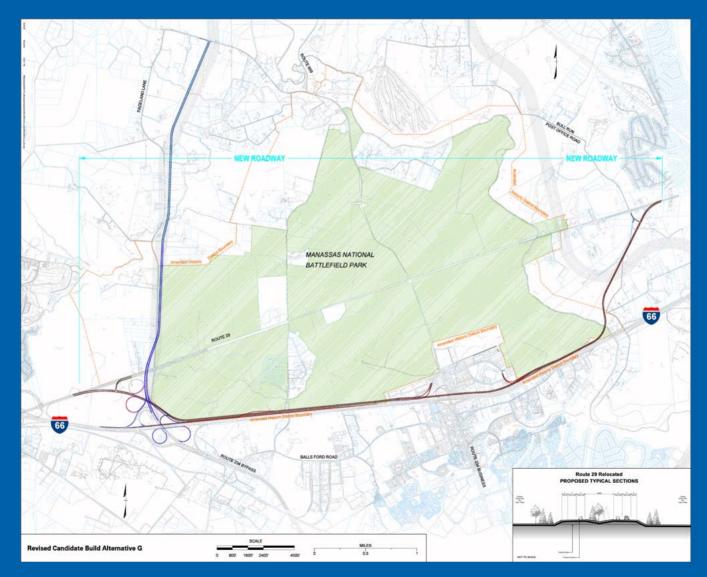


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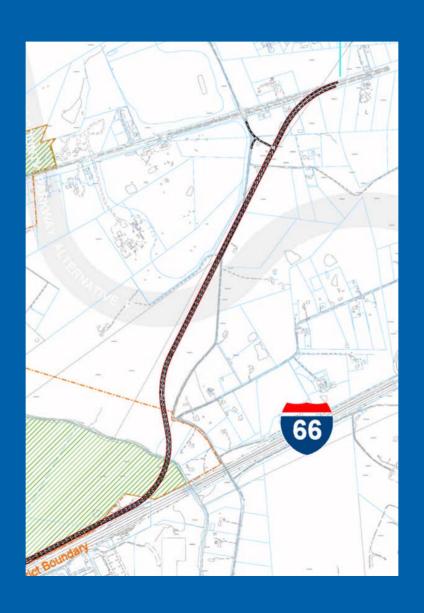


Response to Public Comments-Revised Alternative G





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Next Steps

- Commonwealth Transportation Board Action
- Incorporate Revisions as Directed by FHWA and NPS
- Preparation of Final EIS
- FHWA Signs Final EIS
- Issuance of Record of Decision



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