

I-66 Trail Talking Points

The I-66 Trail is a project that is part of Virginia Department of Transportation's (VDOT) [I-66 expansion outside the Beltway](#). Below are a few key talking points related to the trail development process and the trail design.

Trail Design

The trail should be outside of the soundwall.

- Current designs have 3-5 miles of trail inside the sound wall, exposed to air pollution, noise, and debris.)

There should be sufficient access points to the trail.

- Current designs show access points as far apart as a half mile, which is inconvenient and potentially dangerous.

The barrier between the interstate and the trail needs to be well-designed.

- The barrier needs to be taller than 36 inches, and the barrier needs to be topped with a soundproof wall.

Impact to Northern Virginians

This project impacts more than just the homeowners who live next to it.

- All Northern Virginia residents are affected by this interstate expansion project—that's one of VDOT's justifications for spending billions of dollars on it.
- This is a multi-billion dollar contract.
- Those who walk and bike need to benefit from that investment.

We want our tax money to be used wisely.

- ALL Virginia taxpayers are financing the project.
- We all have a stake in this.
- It is wasteful to build a trail that is unpleasant to use and harmful to public health.

When well-designed, trails are vital pieces of a transportation network.

Process

This trail will be around for many decades.

- We have to ensure it's done right.

As a Northern Virginia resident, I expect you to represent me.

Take action!

Make sure your voice gets heard! Send your comments directly to VDOT, and tell them that you want a well-designed barrier between the trail and the interstate. Email Transform66@VDOT.Virginia.gov

Attend the VDOT Public Hearings:

- [November 13 at Oakton High School](#)
- [November 14 at Stone Middle School](#)
- [November 16 at Piney Branch Elementary School](#)