

Background

Any proposed change to the interstate system (new or modified access points) must be approved by the Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) and Virginia Department of Transportation (VDOT). The documentation of the purpose, need, and impact of the proposed change are compiled in an Interchange Modification Report (IMR). An IMR was started in 2014 and approved in 2017. An update to the IMR was requested by VDOT and Arlington County to account for more current information regarding the following:

- Area traffic counts and multimodal travel behavior
- Arlington National Cemetery Southern Expansion
- Amazon HQ2 Campus in Pentagon City and Crystal City
- Pentagon Memorial Fund Visitor Education Center

Purpose and Need for Interchange Modification

- To improve safety and security
- To allow for more contiguous land for Arlington National Cemetery expansion
- To improve traffic and transit operations at signalized intersections
- To provide for more efficient pedestrian and bicycle access along Columbia Pike and through its interchange with Washington Boulevard
- To improve multimodal access to regional destinations, and maintain consistency with the Arlington County Master Transportation Plan, the Columbia Pike Multimodal Street Improvements Project, ANCSE plans, and Pentagon 9/11 Memorial plans

Report History/Schedule:

