



## Columbia Pike Transfer

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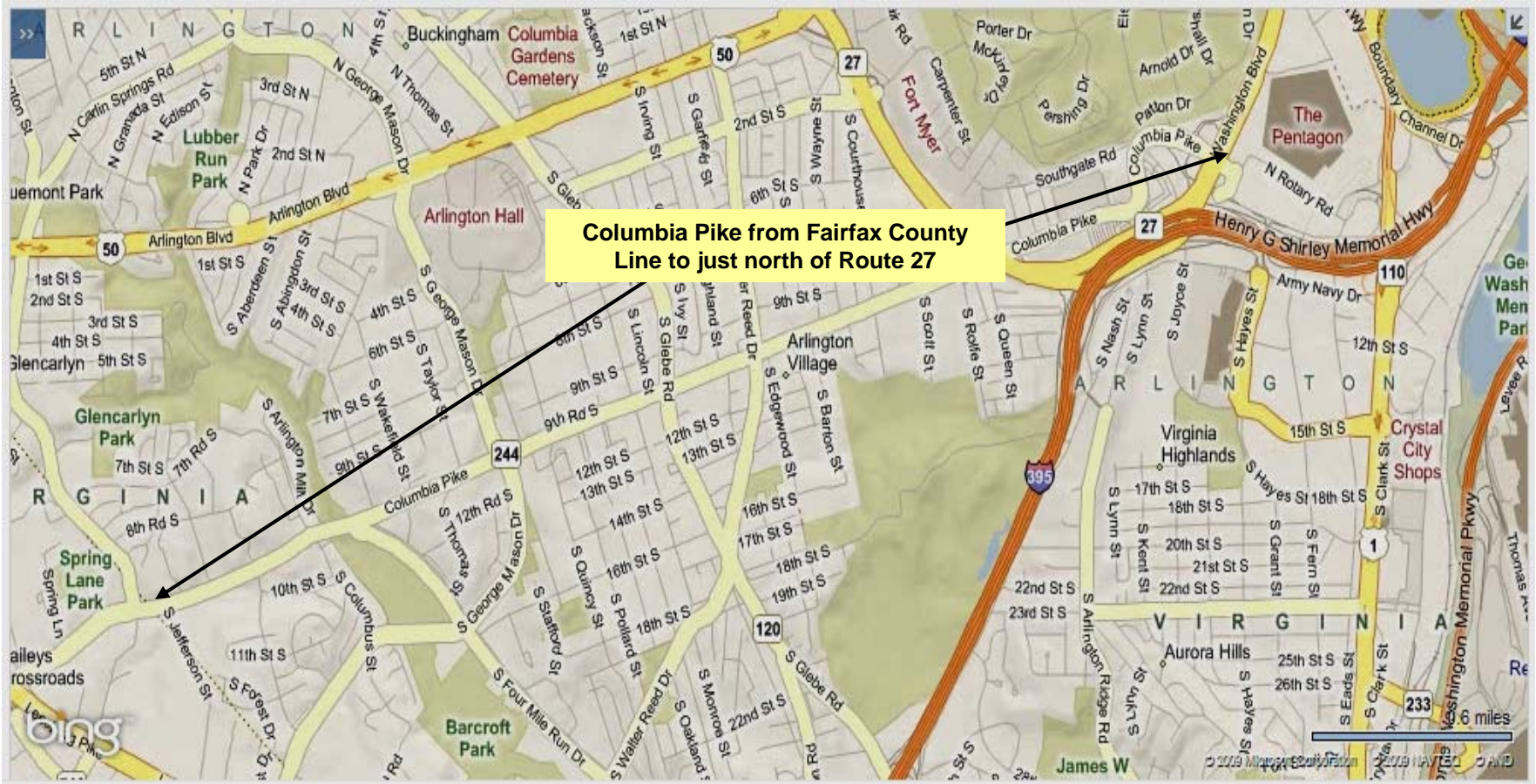
- Arlington already operates/maintains local system (like Henrico)
- Arlington receives maintenance payment based on Section 33.1-23.5.1 for 961.01 lane miles
- VDOT operates/maintains interstates & primaries in the County
- Arlington's request – control all operations, maintenance & construction – including permitting, design approvals for Columbia Pike, a primary highway

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- Columbia Pike in Arlington County has 3.6 centerline miles (14.4 lane miles)
- Columbia Pike not part of National Highway System
- Functions similar to local streets
- Arlington, under agreement, maintains signals along Columbia Pike
- County currently performs street cleaning, litter control, bus shelter maintenance, landscaping and clearing of sidewalks during snow along Columbia Pike

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- Map of Arlington showing Columbia Pike



# Existing Local Initiatives on Columbia Pike

- Smart-growth land use and transportation plan for the Pike
- Local transit initiatives (streetcar option)
- Metrobus operations - \$9.8 M annually
- Local investment in sidewalks and undergrounding utilities (\$16 M improvement underway)

# Columbia Pike Today



# The Future?



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# Efforts to date

- Ongoing discussion for several years
- April 2008 – formal timeline established to obtain CTB approval
- March 2009 - VDOT provided County standard quit claim deed and readily available information
- Aug. 2009 - County entered agreement to have VDOT perform additional R/W research at their expense
- Sept. 2009 – Draft CTB resolution, CTB presentation and County/VDOT MOA provided to County
- County has gathered additional information regarding Columbia Pike (survey, environmental assessment, etc.)



# Current Status

- Resolution passed by County on July 14, 2009 requesting transfer of Columbia Pike to local system
- CTB passed resolution on December 17, 2009 directing the Commissioner to negotiate an agreement with Arlington County for the transfer of real property and transition of responsibilities
- CTB's December 17<sup>th</sup> resolution also directed the Commissioner to bring the agreement to the CTB by April 1, 2010 for approval
- On site briefing meeting held with County on Feb 5, 2010

# Agreement Development

- Draft provided to County in September
  - Covers all R/W, roads and appurtenances transferred without warranty
  - Retains VDOT control at intersections of Route 27 and Route 120
  - Conveys R/W at S. Joyce St and Army Navy Drive (already part of local system)
  - Addresses transition of permitting and construction easements
- Revised based on December CTB meeting (Jan. 2010)
  - Includes assurance that # of travel lanes will not be reduced (with financial penalty if lanes reduced)
- Arlington provided detailed agreement proposal (Feb. 3<sup>rd</sup>)
- Items under discussion
  - Assurance of # of travel lanes
  - Level of warranty/research VDOT to provide
  - Easements for cross streets/interchanges
  - Conveyance of existing permits

# Next Steps

- Finalize agreement for presentation to CTB at March CTB meeting
  - Feb. 5<sup>th</sup> Initial VDOT/County discussion
  - Feb. 12<sup>th</sup> Follow-up discussion
  - Feb. 16<sup>th</sup> Follow-up discussion
  - If resolution is not met prior to March CTB meeting, may request an extension of the April 1<sup>st</sup> agreement deadline imposed by the CTB
- CTB approve agreement or authorize Commissioner to execute transition agreements with Arlington
- Transfer Columbia Pike which becomes part of county's local system and provide maintenance payments
- Payment rates would be based on county-wide local payment rates for FY10 that is \$15,605/lane mile



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