

Route Selection Overview for Final Phase of the Strip 1 Tysons Project

Following a careful review of options to continue replacement of sections of its natural gas infrastructure through Tysons Corner, Washington Gas requested on January 2, 2018 that the Virginia Department of Transportation (VDOT) approve the necessary permits to allow construction along the Fisher Drive and Cherri Drive route.

Washington Gas consulted with VDOT during its route evaluation process of this route and alternatives including a route accessing Magarity Road and Route 7. In addition, Washington Gas' community outreach team engaged in several efforts to speak with elected officials and with neighbors along the preferred route to discuss the potential impact of construction and invite them to a community meeting in October.

At the community meeting, Washington Gas team members reviewed the project's potential impacts to the neighborhood and to commuters. The discussions provided information that was used to refine the potential route to minimize impacts to commuters in the region.

Washington Gas has determined that the Fisher/Cherri route will provide the least disruption for the most residents and commuters and allow construction to be completed in the shortest amount of time. For example, the Fisher/Cherri route can be constructed within 3 years and most directly impact about 150 homes along the route with construction activity. This route would also have a daily maximum impact on traffic for about 7,000 commuters.

Alternatively, if Washington Gas selected the Magarity Road and Route 7 route, construction would take up to 6 years, impact up to 5,000 residences and businesses and impact as many as 41,000 commuters daily. This route also would likely lead to increased cut-through traffic in the neighborhood by drivers seeking to avoid construction activity.

Through construction on this route, Washington Gas is committed to using state-of-the-art industry measures and techniques to insure safe installation and to lessen the disruption to the community. Additionally, Washington Gas will maintain an on-site community outreach presence through completion of the project.

Summary of Engagement with Residents, Community Organizations and Public Officials

In 2018, Washington Gas worked to engage the Pimmit Hills community to review route analysis findings and obtain public input on the two route alternatives (Fischer/Cherri Route and the Magarity/Route 7 option), including at a Community Open House on October 3, 2018. Out of the nearly 1,600 invitations delivered, 22 residents attended, and one comment card was submitted. Washington Gas also invited VDOT, Fairfax DOT, and Supervisor John Foust of the Fairfax County Board of Supervisors, all of whom attended.

Prior to the Community Open House, Washington Gas met with the leadership of the Pimmit Hill Citizens Association, its full membership and the Friends of Pimmit Barn. The Washington Gas Engagement and Outreach Team personally knocked on each of the approximately 150 homes along the Fisher/Cherri Route, providing written information about the Open House, explaining that one of the potential routes for the final phase was along their street and answering their questions. Out of the 150 homes, our team personally spoke to 75 residents and left written information for residents who were not available.