



**Loudoun County**



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WHERE TRADITION MEETS INNOVATION

# Renaming of Harry Byrd Highway (Route 7) and John Mosby Highway (Route 50) in Loudoun County

Virtual Public Information Meeting

September 29, 2021

# Ground Rules

Introductions and Welcome

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# Background

- September 2020: The Board of Supervisors (Board) initiated a review of Confederate and segregationist symbols in Loudoun County.
- December 15, 2020: The Board approved the creation of an inventory of Confederate and segregationist symbols in Loudoun County.
- December 15, 2020: The Board also directed staff to initiate the process of renaming Harry Byrd Highway (Route 7) and John Mosby Highway (Route 50), in potential coordination with Fairfax County.
- May 18, 2021: The Board approved the proposed process of renaming Route 7 and Route 50.
- September 21, 2021: The Board approved the proposed short list of names for use in the 2<sup>nd</sup> Public outreach campaign.

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# Public Information Meeting Agenda

- Project status.
- List of names.
- Public participation opportunities.
- Questions and comments.
- Next Steps.

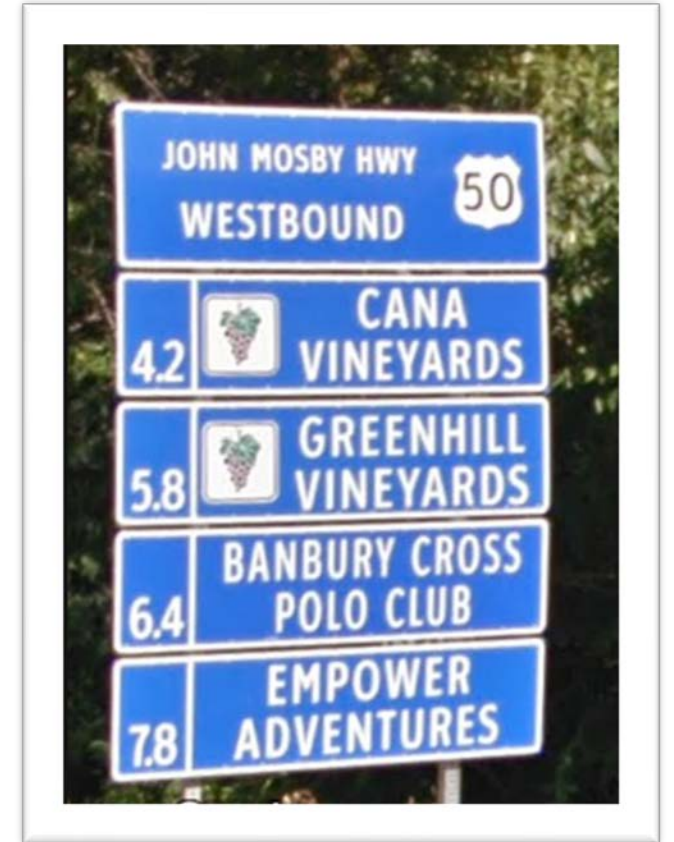


# Multi-Departmental Coordination Team

- Department of Transportation and Capital Infrastructure (DTCI)
- Office of Mapping and Geographic Information (OMAGI)
- Department Public Affairs and Communications (PAC)
- Department of Planning and Zoning (DPZ)

# Task Force Mission

- Identify top choices for new road names.
- Act as the liaison for the Board.
- Articulate the Board initiative to the public.
- Assist with public outreach.



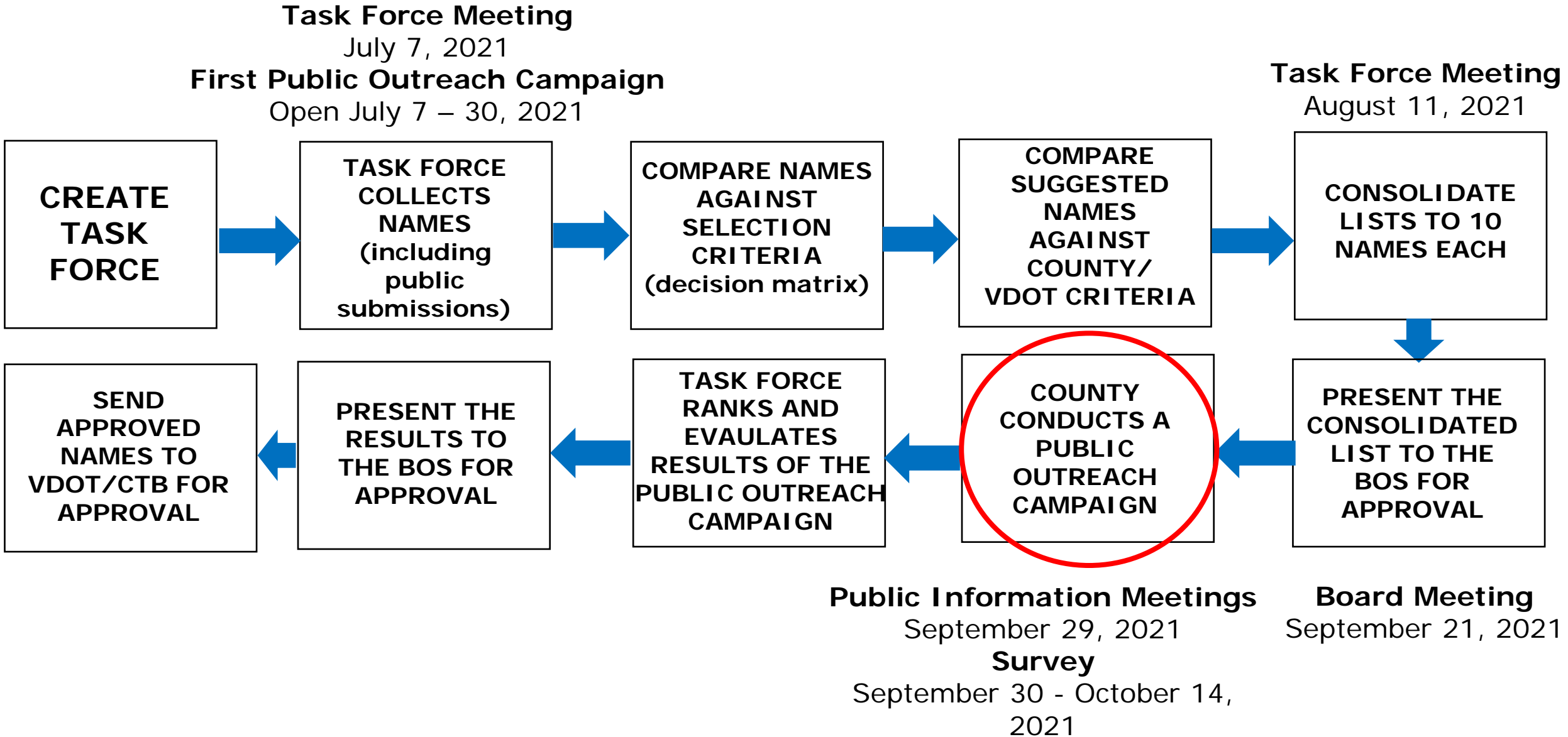


# Role of Task Force

The Task Force will operate as a temporary body with the goal of identifying top choices for new road names for Route 7 and Route 50.

- Comprised of:
  - One representative appointed by each Board member.
  - Seven members of the Heritage Commission.
- Participated in two meetings:
  - July 7, 2021
  - August 11, 2021

# Process



# Review of Submitted Names

- County staff compared the submitted names against the Loudoun County ordinance.
  - Screened out: sound alike names, duplicate names, names with more than 3 words, names containing non letter characters, directions (e.g., north), articles (e.g., a, an, the), and offensive names.
  - Virginia Department of Transportation (VDOT) reviewed names.
- The Task Force was provided a list of names that met the ordinance criteria.
- The Task Force generated a short list of names.
  - Presented to the Board on September 21, 2021.
- Read the full County ordinance on the project page at: [loudoun.gov/renaming7and50](https://loudoun.gov/renaming7and50)

# Proposed Route 7 Short List of Names

- Loudoun Heritage
- Potomac Gap
- Piedmont Gateway
- Virginia Piedmont
- Catoctin Valley
- Loudoun Trail
- Potomac Heritage
- \*Leesburg Pike

\*Denotes further discussion required

# Proposed Route 50 Short List of Names

- Virginia Piedmont
- Loudoun Heritage
- Middleburg
- Piedmont Gateway
- Piedmont Heritage
- \*Little River Turnpike

\*Denotes further discussion required

# Opportunities for Input

- Attend a virtual public information meeting.
  - September 29, 2021 - 1:00pm and 6:00pm.
- Complete the public comment form on project webpage at [loudoun.gov/renaming7and50](https://loudoun.gov/renaming7and50).
- Complete the public survey on the project webpage at [loudoun.gov/renaming7and50](https://loudoun.gov/renaming7and50).
  - Available September 30 through October 14, 2021
  - Rank the names in order of preference.
- Public comment at Board of Supervisors Meeting (TBD).

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**TIMER**

**Two Minutes for Each Speaker**





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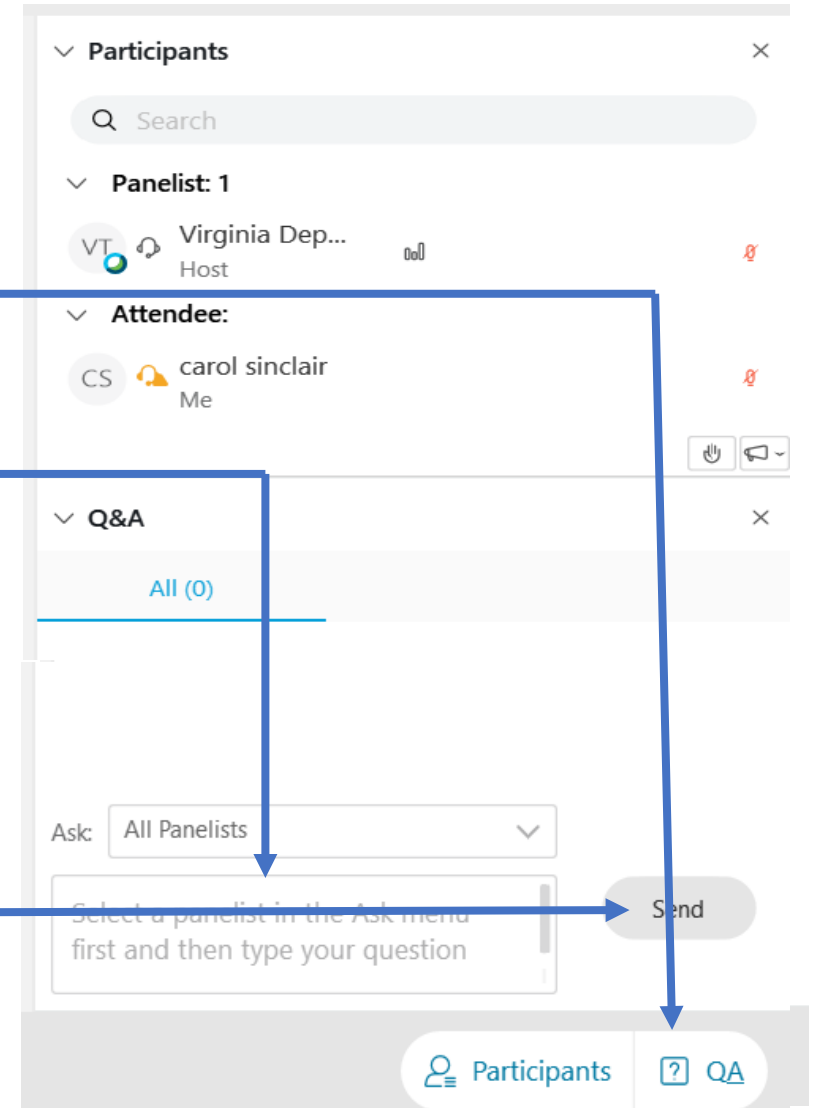
The project team is on the line and prepared to answer any questions that are asked through the Q&A box.

To access the Q&A box and ask a question:

- The Q&A window will appear in the right margin.
- In that window you will see a box to enter your question.
- Write your question in the box and click enter.

# Q&A Questions

- To type a question:
  - Click the QA symbol
  - Type question in box to ask a written question
  - Ask: All Panelists and click Send
- All participants are muted.
- If you get disconnected, please attempt to rejoin the meeting.



# Next Steps

- Public outreach campaign: ranking of shortlisted names.
  - Public Information Meeting – September 29, 2021
  - Survey open – September 30 through October 14, 2021
- Present results of public outreach campaign to:
  - Task Force at the October 20, 2021, meeting.
  - Board of Supervisors in early December 2021.

# Schedule

- Board Meeting: September 21, 2021
- Public Input meetings: September 29, 2021  
(1:00pm and 6:00pm)
- Public Survey: September 30 - October 14, 2021
- Third Task Force Meeting: October 20, 2021
- Board Meeting: December 7, 2021 (Tentative)

# Thank You

For more information:



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