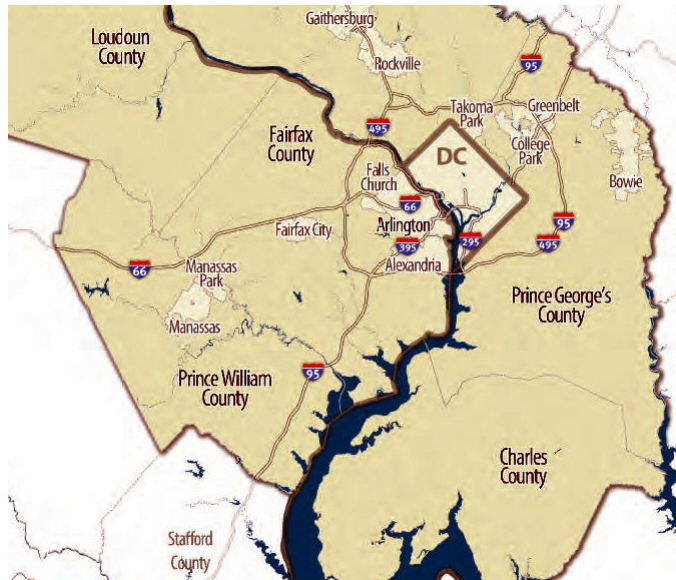


# What planners see. / What commuters see.



# 5 top questions readers ask about HOT lanes

- Didn't I already pay for these highways?
- Did they think about doing anything else?
- Why are tolls so high when I see no congestion?
- Aren't they just "Lexus Lanes"?
- Why can't we just have more regular lanes?

# What the Q&A's teach Dr. Gridlock

- People love free stuff.
- The concept of “dynamic pricing” is hard to explain.
- Public-private partnerships and dynamic pricing don't mix well.
- When you think you explained a project, explain it again.
- We travelers aren't always as smart as your roads.
- But you didn't think of everything.

# Looking ahead at the I-66 plans



## Outside the Beltway

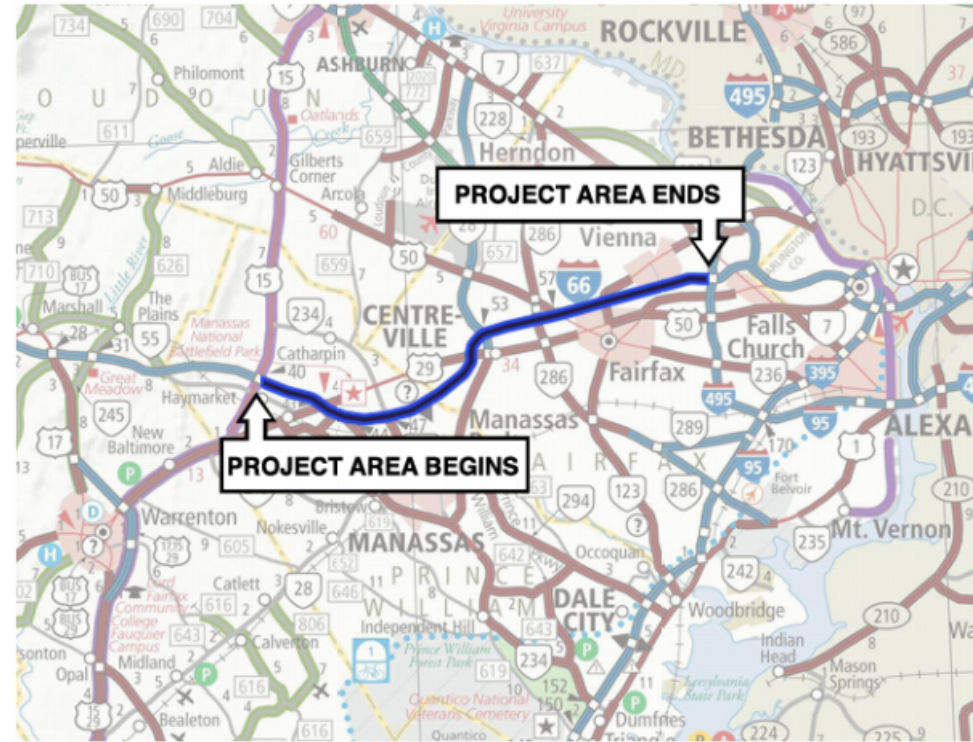
### **Long-distance commuters:**

You say it would take nine lanes in each direction to handle the traffic? Sounds pretty good!

**Transit advocates:** Be sure to leave room for Metro in the median.

**Residents near right-of-way:** Widening highways is so 20<sup>th</sup> Century.

*(VDOT map at right.)*



## Inside the Beltway

**Long-distance commuters:**  
HOT lanes without new lanes?  
Now you've crossed the line!

**Transit advocates:** Move  
people, not vehicles.

**Residents near right-of-way:**  
Before even considering a  
widening, employ all  
multimodal solutions.

*(VDOT map at right.)*

