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## FAMPO ready for input MEETING

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On Thursday, the Fredericksburg Metropolitan Planning Organization will present several options for upgrading Lafayette Boulevard, addressing vehicle traffic, as well as pedestrians and bicycles.

The plans are based on public input received from meetings and surveys. The first public meeting was held over the summer.

### A PUBLIC GATEWAY

The \$300,000 study was designed to plan an overhaul of the gateway route, which is lined with houses, businesses and churches, from U.S. 1 at Four-Mile Fork in Spotsylvania County to Sophia Street downtown.

### WHAT YOU SAID

Residents surveyed in June:

Identified Blue and Gray Parkway, Harrison Road, and U.S. 1 as the worst areas for backups

Blamed volume and having to sit through more than one cycle at a red light for the backups

Asked for more through lanes, as well as left- and right-turn lanes

Ranked pedestrian conditions poor at best. No one said they were excellent, good or even acceptable

Said outdated commercial properties were unattractive developments along the corridor

Failed to rank the appearance of the corridor as



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excellent, or good. Only a few said it was acceptable, most said it was poor.

--Laura L. Hutchison

### POSSIBLE IMPROVEMENTS

According to the FAMPO Web site, plans will look at:

Improving safety on the road

Improving traffic flow and parking

Adding bus stops and altering routes

Adding bike lanes or paths

Improving sidewalks, signals, crosswalks, and more to create a safer, more walkable route

Improving the connection between land use and transportation

Developing streetscape characteristics.

### SHARE YOUR THOUGHTS

Those who can't attend the meeting can still share input by mailing comments to FAMPO, 406 Princess Anne St., Fredericksburg, Va. 22401 or by going online to [famposwregion.org](http://famposwregion.org) and clicking on the link for the Lafayette Boulevard study.



Changes to Lafayette Boulevard could improve safety for drivers, pedestrians and cyclists, and improve the appearance of this corridor.

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**WHERE:** Spotswood Baptist Church, 4009 Lafayette Blvd., Fredericksburg.

**WHEN:** Doors open at 6:30 p.m. Presentation starts at 6:45. From 7:30-8 p.m., residents will be able to talk with the team doing the study.

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