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PROJECT UPDATES



Virginia Avenue SE between 6th and 7th Streets SE, looking east.



7th Street intersection at Virginia Avenue SE: north-south crossing will remain open throughout construction

Draft Environmental Impact Statement (DEIS) Update

The Draft Environmental Impact Statement (DEIS) for the Virginia Avenue Tunnel project is expected to be released to the public in early 2013.

The DEIS will contain information on the project, its purpose and need, various alternatives considered, and the results of impact analyses of the project.

A public comment period will immediately follow notice of the DEIS availability in the Federal Register. In addition to the federal register notice and newspaper advertisement, everyone on the project email list will be informed of the DEIS release on the same day as the Federal Register notice. The DEIS will be available for download from the project website at <http://www.virginiaavenuetunnel.com>. Please visit the project website to be added to the email list.

A public hearing will be held once the DEIS is released for public comments. The date, time and place of the public hearing will be announced at least two weeks before the date of the hearing.

Comments & Concerns:

Throughout the NEPA process, questions and comments from the public can be submitted and regular updates on this important project will be provided. Please continue to visit <http://www.virginiaavenuetunnel.com> for new updates on the Virginia Avenue Tunnel.

VIRGINIA AVENUE TUNNEL BACKGROUND



Looking west from the Virginia Avenue Tunnel portal near Garfield Park



A view of the east portal of the Tunnel

Owned and maintained by CSX, the Virginia Avenue Tunnel is located in Southeast Washington, DC, beneath the eastbound lanes side of Virginia Avenue SE. By reconstructing Virginia Avenue Tunnel with a vertical height that will allow CSX to operate double-stack intermodal container freight trains, the railroad will be able to expand its capacity to transport freight in an environmentally sensitive manner. Furthermore, because the new tunnel will re-establish a second set of tracks, CSX will eliminate the chokepoint that currently delays all trains traveling through the Washington region.