

Q If the objective is not accomplished, can we change Main Street and North Street back to one-way?
A Yes. The changes have been engineered to allow for traffic to be reverted to two one-way pairs with minimal interruption. The city will continue to evaluate the new traffic pattern after it is implemented to determine if this is the best path for the city to take. The current traffic change, and any alteration the city might make, will be for the express purpose of enhancing the revitalization as a vibrant retail center and achieving a pedestrian-friendly Old Town.

Q Why are Main Street and North Street one-way now?
A In 1972, Main and North streets were converted to a one-way pair to promote through-traffic movements of the large volumes of traffic passing through downtown. After years of evaluation and planning, the city determined a two-way system is needed to achieve a pedestrian-friendly Old Town, something that doesn't exist today.

Q Who can I contact for more information about this issue?
A More information is available on the city's web site at www.fairfaxva.gov, by phone at 703-385-7872 or by e-mail at dhodgkinso@fairfaxva.gov.

Additionally, please feel free to contact the Mayor and City Council at any time with comments and concerns. Their contact information is listed below.



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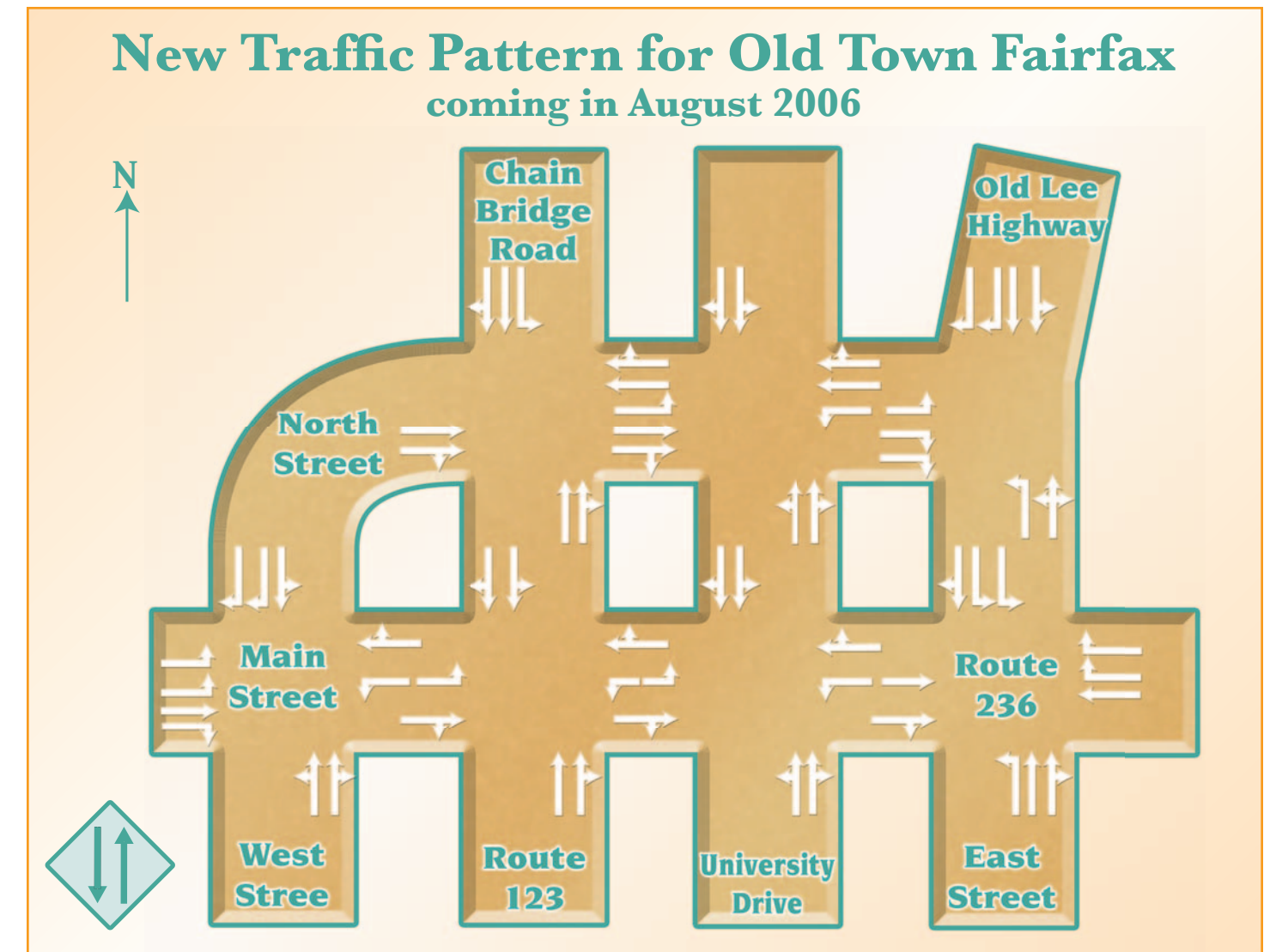
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Q & A Two-Way Traffic Returns to Old Town Fairfax August 2006

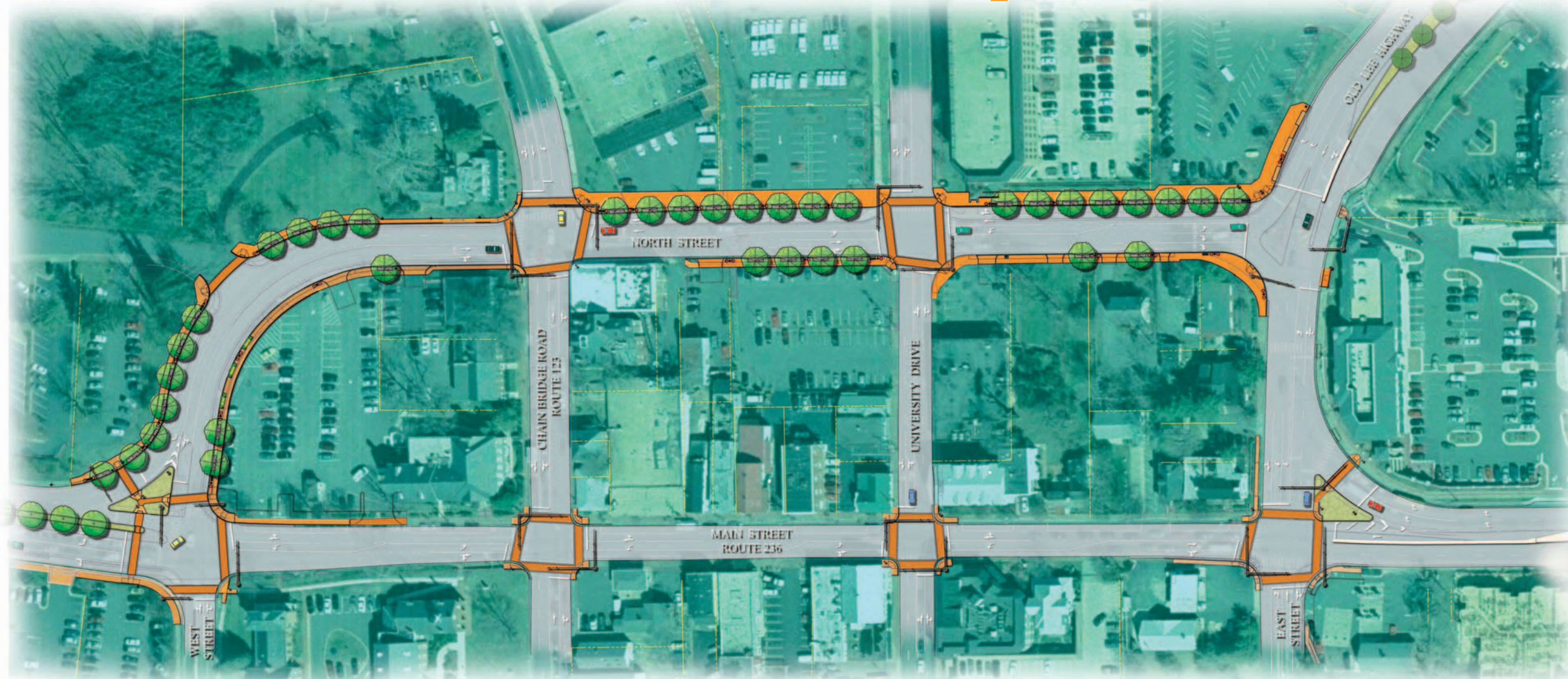
The City of Fairfax is undergoing a major redevelopment of Old Town Fairfax — an area that includes Route 236/Main Street, North Street, Route 123/Chain Bridge Road, University Drive and Old Lee Highway. As part of this development, the City of Fairfax will re-direct traffic on these streets to allow two-way traffic on Main Street and North Street.

A return to two-way traffic on Main and North streets is a key element in creating the pedestrian-friendly environment as envisioned in the city's plan to revitalize Old Town Fairfax as a vibrant commercial, retail and cultural center.



This is a schematic that shows how traffic will flow in Old Town Fairfax. The arrows indicate the traffic movement when changes are completed.

Old Town Fairfax Road Improvements



Two-Way Traffic Returns August 2006 — This illustration reflects Old Town Fairfax's traffic reconfiguration, which includes the widened area of North Street, reoriented traffic lights, new crosswalks and wider sidewalks. (Illustration by PHRA)

Q Will the new configuration slow down traffic? Will it affect travel time through Old Town?

A Based on a consultant study any Increases to travel time will be minimal. The two-way traffic change is designed to lower traffic speed, make Old Town Fairfax a viable destination and make driving and walking around Old Town Fairfax safer.

Q Will any CUE Bus stops be relocated?

A Yes. The Green 2 and Gold 2 stop on the corner of University Drive and Main Street will be relocated one block north, to University Drive and North Street. CUE Buses have a required turning radius which can be met at that location.

Q Why is the city changing the traffic pattern in Old Town Fairfax?

A The city is revitalizing the downtown area with a number of new amenities and attractions, including a new development on North Street called Old Town Village, which will include a mix of retail, office and residential space that, with exiting downtown merchants, will help reinforce Old Town Fairfax as a destination. Additionally, the Fairfax City Regional Library will be relocated in 2007 in a building being constructed at Old Lee Highway and North Street. The success of such redevelopment revitalization depends on improving access to the area. Also, several advisors have recommended traffic become two-way to improve Old Town's pedestrian-friendliness.

Q What physical changes are being made to Old Town?

A The city will widen reconfigure North Street to five lanes; widen and East Street to four lanes; modify traffic islands on Main Street, North Street and Old Lee Highway; reorient traffic signals; narrow traffic lanes to slow traffic; and build an underground system to house utility lines.

Q How will pedestrians benefit from this change?

A Many pedestrian amenities are included, such as textured crosswalks, wider sidewalks, additional curb cuts and countdown crosswalk signals. To provide full accessibility, the curb ramps will have tactile warning strips. There also will be audible pedestrian signals with tactile and vibratory activation buttons, as well as handrails where required by federal standards.

Q When will road construction be completed?

A Road construction is scheduled to be completed in mid-July and traffic is scheduled to be transitioned August 5-6. Police officers will be positioned around Old Town Fairfax during the first few days after the transition to manage traffic movement as needed. All efforts will be made to keep this project on schedule; however, some situations may arise that change these dates, including inclement weather and construction complications.