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The public is invited to submit written comments during the 30-day review period which will be accepted until the close of business on September 22, 2018.



Submit comments by email to:
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Special Assistance
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Website
The Draft EA is available for review at:
www.nao.usace.army.mil/missions/militaryconstruction/ANCSouthernExpansion

Alternatives

The Draft EA considers a full range of alternatives that meet the Proposed Action's purpose and need, while avoiding and minimizing impacts to the maximum extent practicable. Alternatives were developed that leverage to varying degrees the Army-owned land south of Columbia Pike to increase contiguous space for burials and cemetery operational effectiveness. Alternatives considered in detail included: (1) Relocate Operations Complex Alternative (Preferred Alternative/ Proposed Action); (2) Maintain Operations Complex with Underpass Alternative; and (3) Maintain Operations Complex without Underpass Alternative.



LEGEND

Proposed New Interment Area		Future Visitor Education Center (by others)	
Proposed Parking		Proposed Roadway Alignment	
Relocated Operations Complex		Air Force Memorial (Monument to remain)	
Proposed Underpass		Air Force Memorial Integrated Enhancement Area	

Schedule

Draft EA Public Comments	Due September 22, 2018
Issue Finding of No Significant Impact or Notification of Intent to prepare an Environmental Impact Statment	Winter 2018
Cemetery & Roadway Design Start	2018
Anticipated Construction Start	2021
Anticipated Construction Completed	2025



PUBLIC INFORMATION MEETING

Draft Environmental Assessment for the Arlington National Cemetery Southern Expansion Project and Associated Roadway Realignment in Arlington County

WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 22, 2018
Open House 5:00 pm to 8:00 pm

Sheraton Pentagon City Hotel
900 South Orme St., Arlington, VA 22204
Phone: 703-521-1900

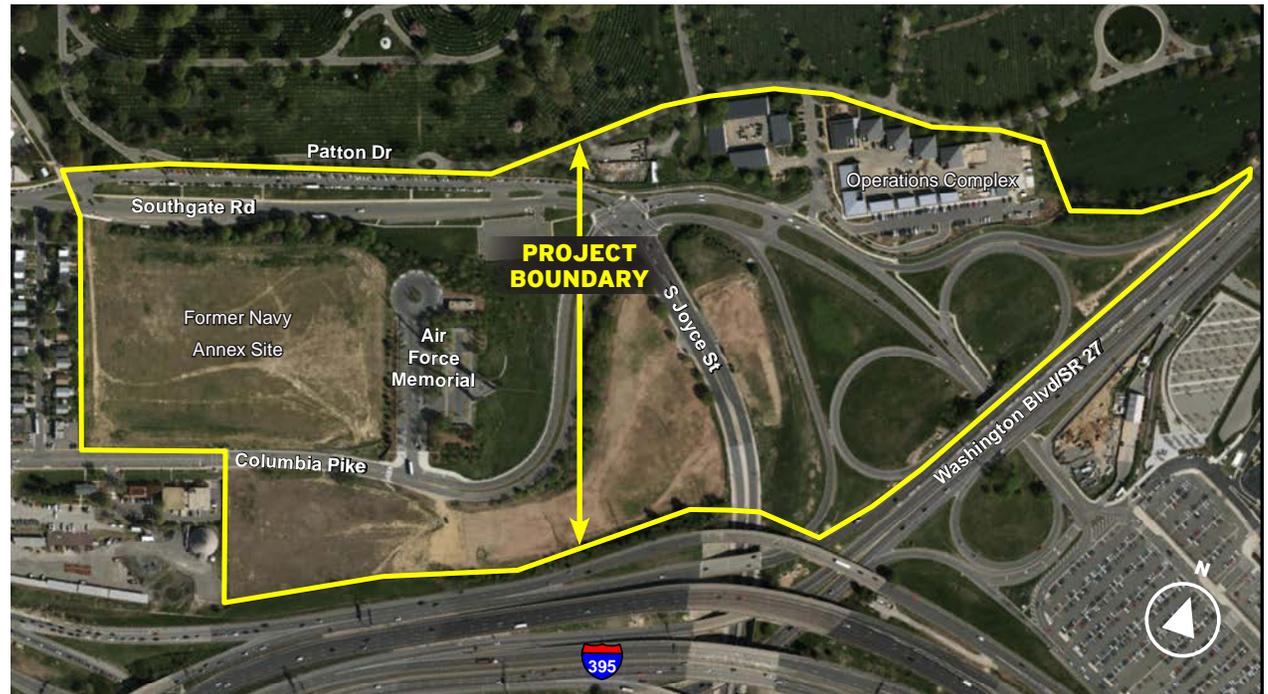
Project Background

Arlington National Cemetery (ANC) is at a crossroads in its history. In approximately twenty-five years, ANC will run out of space as an active cemetery to honor our nation's veterans. In order to significantly extend ANC's capacity, changes to either eligibility criteria and/or expansion of the cemetery's geographic footprint are required.

In the 1998 ANC Master Plan, the former Navy Annex site was first identified as suitable interment space due to its location and existing DoD ownership. This area contains underutilized land which could be made contiguous with the cemetery by realigning roadways. The Southern Expansion Project area consists of approximately 70 acres and will expand the cemetery's capacity to remain open and active into the mid-2050s.

Proposed Action

Arlington National Cemetery proposes to establish a single contiguous parcel of land south of the cemetery by closing and relocating local roadways and developing the parcel to increase interment capacity and increase multi-modal transportation capacity on Columbia Pike. Absent the roadway relocation/realignment, creating a contiguous parcel would not be possible. The Proposed Action would



increase the Cemetery's burial capacity by 40,000-60,000 spaces for first interments. The Southern Expansion site currently is the only available land that is suitable for a comprehensive development opportunity. The existing Air Force Memorial (AFM) would be incorporated into the cemetery expansion.

Purpose and Need

The Proposed Action is needed to meet the forecasted interment/inurnment demands of eligible veterans and to preserve ANC as an active military cemetery well into the future. The Proposed Action is needed to improve transportation and transit options along the Columbia Pike corridor thereby improving the environment, economy and quality of life.

The purpose of the Proposed Action is:

- to increase burial capacity;
- to increase the capacity for regional multimodal transportation for roadways within the Action Area; and,
- to maintain adequate safety and capacity levels of service for roadways within the Action Area.

NEPA and NHPA Compliance

ANC conducted a review of the environmental impacts of this proposed action and prepared a Draft Environmental Assessment (EA). In conjunction with the proposed action, the cemetery has been coordinating with Arlington County, the Virginia Department of Transportation, and the Federal Highway Administration, on a roadway realignment that supports the short- and long-term multimodal transportation system for the Commonwealth of Virginia and Arlington County.

These activities have been undertaken in compliance with the NEPA and the NHPA. NEPA requires federal agencies to consider potential environmental impacts of proposed actions within their decision-making process. Impacts to human, cultural, and natural resources have been analyzed in accordance with 32 CFR Part 651, Environmental Analysis of Army Actions.

The National Historic Preservation Act of 1966 (NHPA)(Section 106) requires federal agencies to avoid/minimize adverse impacts to the historic character of properties listed on or eligible for listing