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VDOT representatives will review and evaluate any information received as a result of the public hearing. The comment sheet in this brochure is provided to assist in making your comments. You may leave the sheet or any other written comments in the comment box, or mail/email your comments to the addresses below.

Comments must be postmarked, emailed or delivered to VDOT by **May 5, 2016** to be included in the public hearing record.

Mailed comments may be sent to Mr. Zamir Mirza at the address below. Email comments may be sent to:

meeting_comments@vdot.virginia.gov. Please include "Route 7 Turn Lane at Williams Gap Road" in the subject line.

Project information shared here, including a summary of comments received during the comment period, will be available at **www.virginiadot.org/projects**, at VDOT's Northern Virginia District Office and at VDOT's Loudoun Residency Office located at 41 Lawson Road, Leesburg, Virginia 20175.

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Design Public Hearing

Route 7 Turn Lane at Rte. 711 Williams Gap Road Loudoun County

Tuesday, April 19, 2016, 6:30 p.m. to 8:30 p.m.
Round Hill Elementary School
17115 Evening Star Drive, Round Hill, VA 20141

VDOT Project ID 0007-053-107 P101, R201, M501
Federal Project ID STP-053-9-(025) UPC 106484

Public Meeting

Welcome to the Virginia Department of Transportation's design public hearing on the proposed westbound right turn lane improvements on Route 7 Harry Byrd Highway at Williams Gap Road. We look forward to your active participation.

This public hearing is being held to provide an opportunity for citizens and organizations to give VDOT comments and/or suggestions on the proposed project. VDOT strives to ensure that all members of the community have the opportunity to participate in public decisions on transportation projects and programs affecting them. VDOT representatives are present to discuss the project and answer your questions.

A comment sheet is included in the handouts for this meeting, and your input is encouraged. All verbal and written comments received on this project will be included in a transcript for review by citizens and other interested parties.

VDOT staff will address questions and concerns raised as a result of this meeting before the project is presented to VDOT's chief engineer for consideration.

Project Overview



Purpose – Improve traffic operations and safety.

From – Intersection of Route 7 and Williams Gap Road

To – 0.15 miles east of Williams Gap Road

Total length – 0.15 miles

Improvements – Westbound right turn lane, ancillary drainage improvements.

PROJECT DESCRIPTION

The intent of this roadway improvement project is to improve traffic operations and safety at the intersection of Virginia Route 7 Harry Byrd Highway and Route 711 Williams Gap Road. Currently, the lack of a deceleration lane along westbound Route 7 approaching Williams Gap Road can result in unexpected decreases in operating speeds caused by vehicles slowing down to turn onto Williams Gap Road from the right-hand travel lane. The intersection is currently controlled by a stop sign on Williams Gap Road.

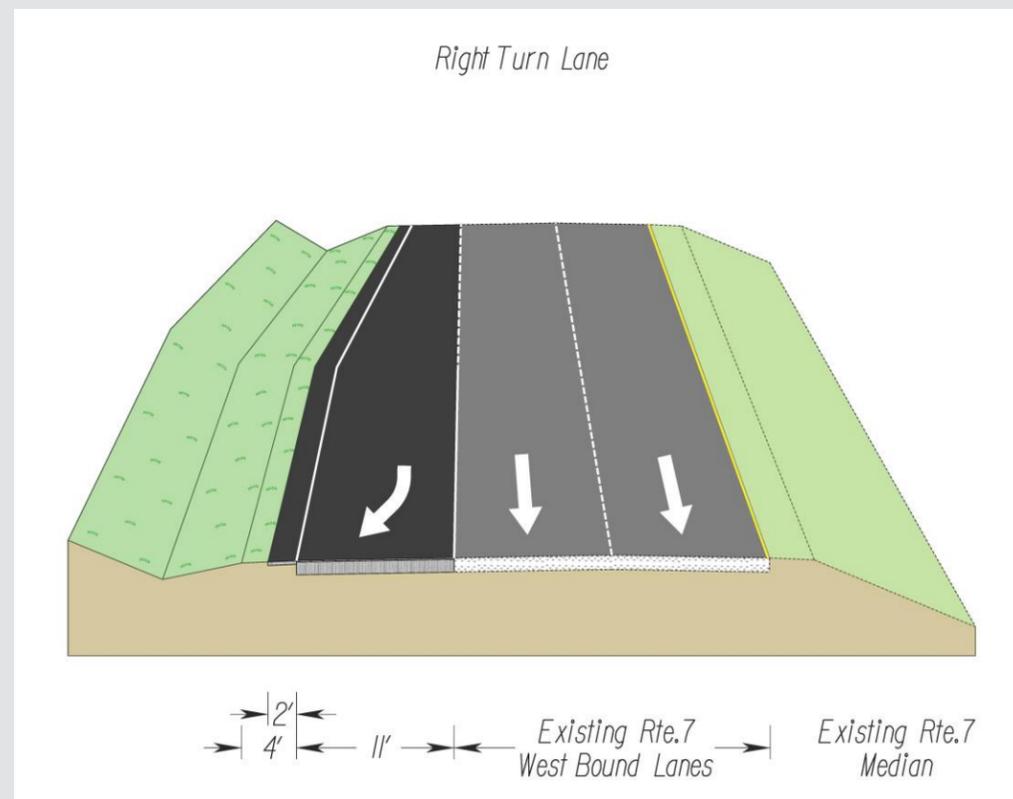
In 2015, the number of right turning vehicles onto Williams Gap Road was estimated to be 30 vehicles per day. That number is projected to grow to 50 vehicles per day by the project's design year of 2039.

Westbound Route 7 will be widened with the addition of a 350 ft. long lane designated as a right-turn only lane plus a 200 ft. long taper. The turn lane will include a 4 ft. wide shoulder, 2 ft. of which will be paved.

Also, about 150 ft. of Williams Gap Road will be regraded and hard-surfaced in order to effectively tie into the new turn lane.

Drainage improvements will be made within the project limits consisting of improved roadside ditches and enlarged culverts to convey stormwater along and across the Route 7 right of way.

Project Graphic



Typical Section of Westbound Route 7 at Williams Gap Road

Estimated Project Cost

Total Cost:

\$1.6 million

Engineering of Roadway Plans:

\$250,000

Right of Way Acquisition and Utility Relocation:

\$300,000

Construction:

\$1,050,000

Civil Rights

VDOT ensures nondiscrimination in all programs and activities in accordance with Title VI and VII of the Civil Rights Act of 1964. If you need more information in regards to your civil rights on this project or special assistance for persons with disabilities or limited English proficiency, contact Civil Rights at 703-259-1775.

Right of Way

Information about right of way acquisition is discussed in VDOT's brochure, "A Guide for Property Owners and Tenants." Copies of this booklet are available from a VDOT right of way agent.

Anticipated Schedule

Public hearing – April 19, 2016

Design approval – Summer 2016

Begin Right of Way Acquisition – Fall 2016

Begin construction – Spring 2018

Complete construction – Summer 2018

Environmental Review

In compliance with the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) and 23 CFR Part 771, a Programmatic Categorical Exclusion environmental document has been prepared. In compliance with the National Historic Preservation Act, Section 106 and 36 CFR 800, information concerning the potential effects of the proposed improvements on properties listed in or eligible for listing in the National Register of Historic Places is provided in the documentation. The environmental document, including other environmental information, is being made available for public review and comment.