

Civil Rights

Representatives from VDOT are present to discuss the project and answer your questions. It is the responsibility of VDOT to ensure that all members of the community are afforded the opportunity to participate in public decisions on transportation systems and projects affecting them.

VDOT ensures nondiscrimination in all programs and activities in accordance with Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964. For additional information or assistance contact VDOT's Culpeper District Office of Civil Rights, 1601 Orange Road, Culpeper, VA 22701; telephone 540-829-7391 or 1-800-FOR-ROAD (367-7623), TDD/TTY 800-307-4630 or 711.

Right of Way

The first phase of safety improvements on Route 15/17/29 north of Opal will not require the displacement of any families, businesses or non-profit organizations.

Information about right of way purchase is discussed in VDOT's Right of Way and Utilities brochure, "A Guide for Property Owners and Tenants." Copies of this brochure are available at the public hearing.

After the public hearing, information regarding right of way may be obtained from the Right of Way contact listed on the back of this brochure.

Get Involved

Comments can be submitted orally or in writing at the public hearing; by mail to David Cubbage, Project Manager, 1601 Orange Road, Culpeper, VA 22701; or by email to David.Cubbage@VDOT.Virginia.gov.

Comments must be postmarked, emailed or delivered to VDOT by December 16, 2016 in order to be included in the public hearing record.

After the public comment period closes, VDOT will review and evaluate any information received as a result of this hearing. This information, including the hearing summary,

will be available for review at the VDOT Culpeper District office.

After all comments are addressed, the information received as a result of the hearing will be presented to VDOT's District Engineer or designee for consideration. If approval of the project's major design features is received, it will move forward to the final design phase.

More information on this project can be found at www.virginiadot.org/projects/culpeper/15-17-29safetyimprovements.asp.

Contact Information

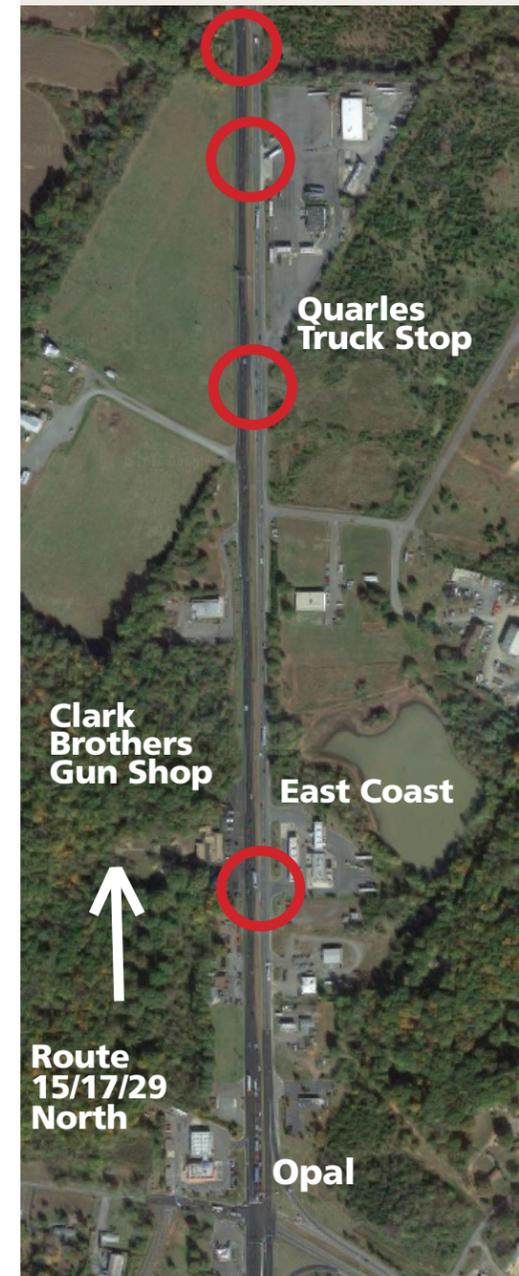
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DESIGN PUBLIC HEARING

Route 15/17/29 North of Opal Fauquier County Safety Improvements

Tuesday, December 6, 2016, 5-7 p.m.
Liberty High School
6300 Independence Avenue
Bealeton, VA 22712



Public Meeting

The Virginia Department of Transportation (VDOT) welcomes you to the design public hearing for the proposed safety improvements along Route 15/17/29 north of Opal in Fauquier County. The project involves closing two crossovers and reconfiguring two crossovers for safety.

This public hearing is held to provide an opportunity for any person, acting on his/her own behalf or representing a group or governing agency, to give the department comments and/or suggestions concerning the proposed project.

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VDOT representatives are present to discuss the project and answer your questions.

Project Overview

Anticipated Cost – \$1.875 million

Purpose – To improve safety by reducing the number of traffic conflicts along the corridor

From – The intersection of Route 15/29 and Route 687 (Opal Road)/F-1077 (Marsh Road)

To – 0.8 mile north of the intersection of Route 15/29 and Route 687 (Opal Road)/F-1077 (Marsh Road)

Total Length – 0.8 mile

Improvements – Modify median crossovers at four locations by closing two crossovers and reconstructing two crossovers.

Project Description

VDOT proposes to make changes to Route 15/17/29 north of Opal to reduce crash potential in four locations as phase one of a two-phase project. The changes include closing two median crossovers and reconfiguring two median crossovers.

The most recent five years of crash data were analyzed to identify crossovers with high concentrations of correctable crashes. Also considered were roadside environment, distance to the nearest intersection/crossover and roadway geometry.

Without making major adjustments to the Route 15/17/29 roadway, the proposed modifications to the median crossovers will reduce the number of traffic conflicts along the corridor. Conflicting traffic movements, such as vehicles turning from opposite directions, will be separated, and sufficient space between intersections will be provided.

Construction is expected to begin in summer 2017 and will require periodic lane closures. Access will be maintained to properties near the construction area.

The public will be notified about traffic impacts and changes through media reports, social media posts and 511.

During construction, all reasonable efforts will be made to protect the environment with respect to dust control, siltation and erosion. Stormwater management strategies will be incorporated into this project. Construction will conform to the nationwide best management practices, VDOT specification and special provisions and the Virginia Department of Soil and Water Conservation regulations.

This project is not expected to generate any negative flood plain impacts.

Approximately 43,000 vehicles use Route 15/17/29 daily, according to 2015 data.

Funding for this project is from the federal Highway Safety Improvement Program.

Estimated Project Cost

Total Cost:

\$1.875 million

Engineering of Roadway Plans:

\$575,000

Right of Way Acquisition, Relocation Assistance and Utility Relocation:

\$0

Construction:

\$1,300,000

Cost is subject to change as the design is developed.

Anticipated Schedule

The following schedule has been proposed:

Public hearing: **December 6, 2016**

Public comment period ends: **December 16, 2016**

Construction advertisement: **Spring 2017**

Construction completion: **Fall 2017**

Project schedule is subject to change.

Project Graphics

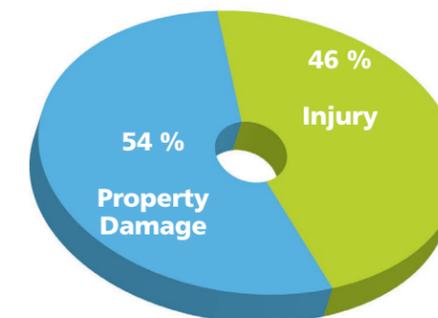
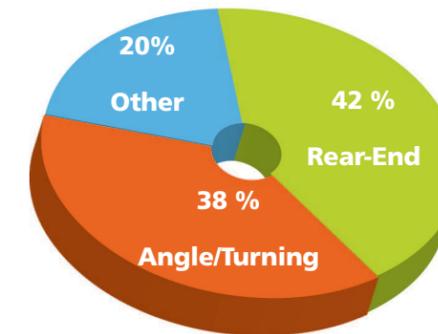


LEFT: This project proposes to reconstruct the existing crossover near Clark Brothers Gun Shop and East Coast Gas Station to directional left-in access for both properties.

BELOW: Two of three crossovers near Quarles Truck Stop are proposed to be closed. The remaining crossover will be reconstructed to provide directional left-in, left-out access to Quarles truck stop.



Crash Data



Crash data was studied from calendar years 2011-2015. The study reviewed accidents from the intersection of Route 15/29 and Route 17 to the intersection of Route 15/17/29 and Route 1013 (Burke Lane). The study corridor included two segments and one intersection on Culpeper District's Safety Priority List.

A fatality occurred along this segment of road in May 2016, after the traffic study was completed.

For more information, visit the crash data display at the public hearing or on the project webpage listed on the back of the brochure.

Environmental Review

VDOT's Culpeper District Environmental office has performed environmental reviews and coordination to obtain information about environmental resources in the project vicinity; to provide natural and historic resource agencies an opportunity to review and comment on the project during its development; and to identify opportunities for avoidance, minimization and mitigation of potential environmental impacts.

The National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) is applicable to this project and a Programmatic Categorical Exclusion has been developed in cooperation with the Federal Highway Administration and in accordance with federal guidelines. The NEPA document includes information from various technical reviews including those related to natural resources, water quality, threatened and endangered species, air quality, noise, etc. In compliance with the National Historic Preservation Act, Section 106 and 36 CFR Part 800, information concerning the potential effects of the proposed project on properties listed in or eligible for listing in the National Register of Historic Places is also provided in the environmental documentation.

The project will continue to be coordinated with the appropriate federal, state and local agencies as part of environmental review and approval processes required throughout project development and construction. All required environmental clearances and permits will be obtained prior to commencement of construction. Strict compliance with all environmental conditions and commitments resulting from regulatory approvals and implementation of VDOT's specifications and standard best management practices will protect the environment during construction.

The NEPA document and the results of other environmental studies are available at the public hearing. Representatives are available to discuss this information and to answer questions.