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

Comments must be postmarked, emailed or delivered to VDOT by **February 13, 2015** 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 Chief 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. Public hearing participants will be notified of this decision by letter.

More information on this project can be found at www.virginiadot.org/projects/culpeper/schoolhouserd.asp.

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DESIGN PUBLIC HEARING

Route 661 (Schoolhouse Rd.) Fauquier County Intersection Improvements

Tuesday, February 3, 2015, 5-7 p.m.
Cedar Lee Middle School
11138 Marsh Road
Bealeton, VA 22712

Public Meeting

Welcome to the Virginia Department of Transportation's design public hearing on the proposed reconstruction of a 0.15-mile segment of Route 661 (Schoolhouse Road) near Cedar Lee Middle School in Bealeton.

This public hearing is being held to provide an opportunity for any person, acting or his/her own behalf or representing a group or governing agency, to give the department 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 oral and written comments received on this project will be included in a transcript for review by VDOT personnel, citizens and other interested parties.

Project Overview



Existing conditions on Schoolhouse Road.

Anticipated Cost – \$1.425 million

Purpose – Improve safety near Cedar Lee Middle School for vehicular traffic, bicyclists and pedestrians

From – Route 1060 (Meadfield Drive)

To – Route 1070 (Torrie Way)

Total Length – 0.15 mile

Improvements – Reconstruct roadway to slightly realign curve, install stop sign, construct shared-use path and sidewalk

PROJECT DESCRIPTION

VDOT proposes to reconstruct a 0.15-mile stretch of Route 661 (Schoolhouse Road) near Cedar Lee Middle School to address safety concerns and provide improved pedestrian and bicycle access.

Between Route 1060 (Meadfield Drive) and Route 1070 (Torrie Way), VDOT will slightly realign the east-west segment of the road for a better approach to the intersection, as well as install stop signs at all approaches, creating a three-way stop condition that will improve safety.

For pedestrians and bicyclists, VDOT will add a sidewalk on the southern side of the road that will extend from Torrie Way to the Bealeton

Presbyterian Church entrance. A crosswalk and an additional stretch of sidewalk on the northern side will connect to existing pedestrian paths near the school's parking lot. A shared-use path will be added on the northern side of Route 661 directly in front of the school.

Construction is anticipated to occur during summer 2018 to avoid disrupting school transportation schedules. The work will require periodic lane closures and flagging of traffic.

According to a 2014 count, 1,160 vehicles use Route 661 daily.

Project Graphic



Estimated Project Cost

Total Cost:

\$1.425 million

Engineering of Roadway Plans:

\$425,000

Right of Way Acquisition, Relocation Assistance and Utility Relocation:

\$250,000

Construction:

\$750,000

Cost is subject to change as the design is developed.

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

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 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.

Anticipated Schedule

The following schedule has been proposed:

Public hearing: **February 3, 2015**

Public comment period ends: **February 13, 2015**

Right of way acquisition and utility relocation: **Spring 2016**

Construction advertisement: **Winter 2017**

Construction completion: **Summer 2018**

Project schedule is subject to change.

Civil Rights

VDOT ensures nondiscrimination and equal employment in all programs and activities in accordance with Title VI and Title VII of the Civil Rights Act of 1964. If you need more information with regard to your civil rights on this project or special assistance for persons with disabilities or limited English proficiency, contact the project manager listed on the back of this brochure.

Right of Way

Reconstruction of Route 661 in Fauquier County will not require the displacement of any families, businesses or non-profit organizations.

As we further develop and finalize this project, additional easements for utility relocation may be required beyond the proposed right of way shown on the public hearing plans. The property owners will be informed of the exact location of the easements during the right of way acquisition process and prior to construction.

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 and from any VDOT right of way agent.

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.