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DESIGN PUBLIC HEARING

Route 522 At Route 208 Louisa County Intersection Improvements

Tuesday, June 23, 2015, 5-7 p.m.
Louisa County Office Building
Public Meeting Room
1 Woolfolk Avenue, Louisa, VA 23093

Public Meeting

Welcome to the Virginia Department of Transportation's design public hearing on the proposed project to improve the intersection of Route 522 (Zachary Taylor Highway) and Route 208 (New Bridge Road) in Louisa County.

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.

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.

Project Overview



Estimated Project Costs – Total: \$594,670; engineering of roadway plans: \$100,000; right of way acquisition and utility relocation: \$178,455; construction: \$316,215

Purpose – To improve safety at the intersection

Lengths and Limits – 0.19 mile; from 0.04 mile north of Route 208 (New Bridge Road) to 0.15 mile south of Route 208

Improvements – Construct an offset right-turn lane on Route 522 and realign the right-turn lane on Route 208

Anticipated Schedule – Public comment ends July 3; right of way acquisition and utility relocation, December 2015; advertisement, March 2017; construction start, summer 2017

Project cost and schedule are subject to change. This project is funded by the federal Highway Safety Improvement Program.

Project Description

This project will construct an offset right-turn lane on Route 522 and realign the right-turn lane on Route 208 to improve safety at the intersection.

Route 522 will be widened on the southeast quadrant of the intersection to accommodate the offset turn lane. This new turn lane will improve sight distance for vehicles turning from Route 208 and will help southbound Route 522 motorists discern whether oncoming traffic is turning or traveling straight through the intersection.

With this project, VDOT plans to install advance warning signs on Route 522 to inform motorists of

the upcoming intersection. A “stop ahead” sign and a two-direction arrow sign will be installed on Route 208 just east of the intersection, alerting drivers to prepare to stop and look for oncoming traffic in both directions.

During construction, which will last four to eight months, the right shoulder on northbound Route 522 will be closed and intermittent lane closures may occur, as needed.

According to a 2014 traffic count, approximately 3,800 vehicles use this segment of Route 522 daily. The traffic count on Route 208 is 5,400 vehicles per day.

Environmental Review

VDOT’s Culpeper District Environmental office has performed environmental reviews and coordination to obtain information about the environmental resources in the project vicinity. The National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) is applicable to this project and a Programmatic Categorical Exclusion was completed in accordance with federal guidelines.

In compliance with the National Historic Preservation Act, Section 106 and 36 CFR Part 800, 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.

Right of Way

Intersection improvements at Route 522 and Route 208 in Louisa 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.

Get Involved

Comments can also be submitted in writing to Robert Strevell, Project Manager, at Robert.Strevell@vdot.virginia.gov. Information must be postmarked, emailed or delivered to VDOT within 10 calendar days of today’s meeting (July 3, 2015) in order to be included in the design public hearing record.

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