

## Get Involved

Project information shared here is available for review after the public hearing at the location listed below:

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Comments can be submitted in writing to:

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Comments may also be sent to:  
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Please include "PH Route 696 (Selma-Low Moor Road) Comment" in the subject line.

Ten days after this public hearing, on December 19, 2015, the public comment period will close. 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 office address listed below.

After all comments have been 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 major design features is received for this project, it will move forward to the final design phase. Public hearing participants will be notified of this decision by letter.

## Contact Information

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## Design Public Hearing

### Route 696 (Selma-Low Moor Road) Intersection Improvements Alleghany County

Wednesday, December 9, 2015  
4 p.m. to 6 p.m.  
Alleghany County Governmental Complex  
9212 Winterberry Avenue  
Covington, VA 24426



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## Public Meeting

Welcome to the Virginia Department of Transportation's (VDOT) design public hearing on proposed improvements to Route 696 (Selma-Low Moor Road) in Alleghany County. This project is 0.181-mile long and extends from the intersection of Route 1101 to 0.181 mile south of the intersection with Route 1101.

This design public hearing is being 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 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



Route 696 intersection with Route 1101

**Cost** - \$4,300,000

**Purpose** - This project will address congestion on Route 696 at the intersection with Route 1101 and the I-64 interchange at exit 21.

**From** - Intersection of Route 1101

**To** - 0.181-mile south of intersection with Route 1101

**Total length** - 0.181 miles

**Improvements** - Coordinated traffic signals will be installed at the Route 696/1101 intersection, as well as the westbound and eastbound I-64 ramps. Turn lanes will also be added at each approach to the Route 696/1101 intersection, and to the I-64 westbound off-ramp to help prevent traffic from backing up onto the interstate. A sidewalk will be added along Route 1101 from the Alleghany County Governmental Center to the Route 696 intersection.

## PROJECT DESCRIPTION

This project will address congestion on Route 696 (Selma-Low Moor Road) at the intersection with Route 1101 (Winterberry Avenue) and the I-64 interchange at exit 21. Traffic is particularly congested during the morning rush when the adjacent schools are in session. Coordinated traffic signals will be installed at the Route 696/1101 intersection, as well as the westbound and eastbound I-64 ramps.

The work will be completed before the proposed opening of the Love's Travel Center, to be located just north of the Route 696/1101 intersection.

Turn lanes will also be added at each approach to the Route 696/1101 intersection, and to the I-64 westbound off-ramp to help prevent traffic from backing up onto the interstate. A sidewalk will be added along Route 1101 from the Alleghany County Governmental Center to the Route 696 intersection. The bridge over I-64 will not be improved at this time.

Route 696 north of the interstate currently has an average traffic count of 4,900 vehicles a day. The projected traffic volume in the year 2038 is 8,000 vehicles a day.

The total estimated cost for the project is \$4,300,000, which includes preliminary engineering and construction.

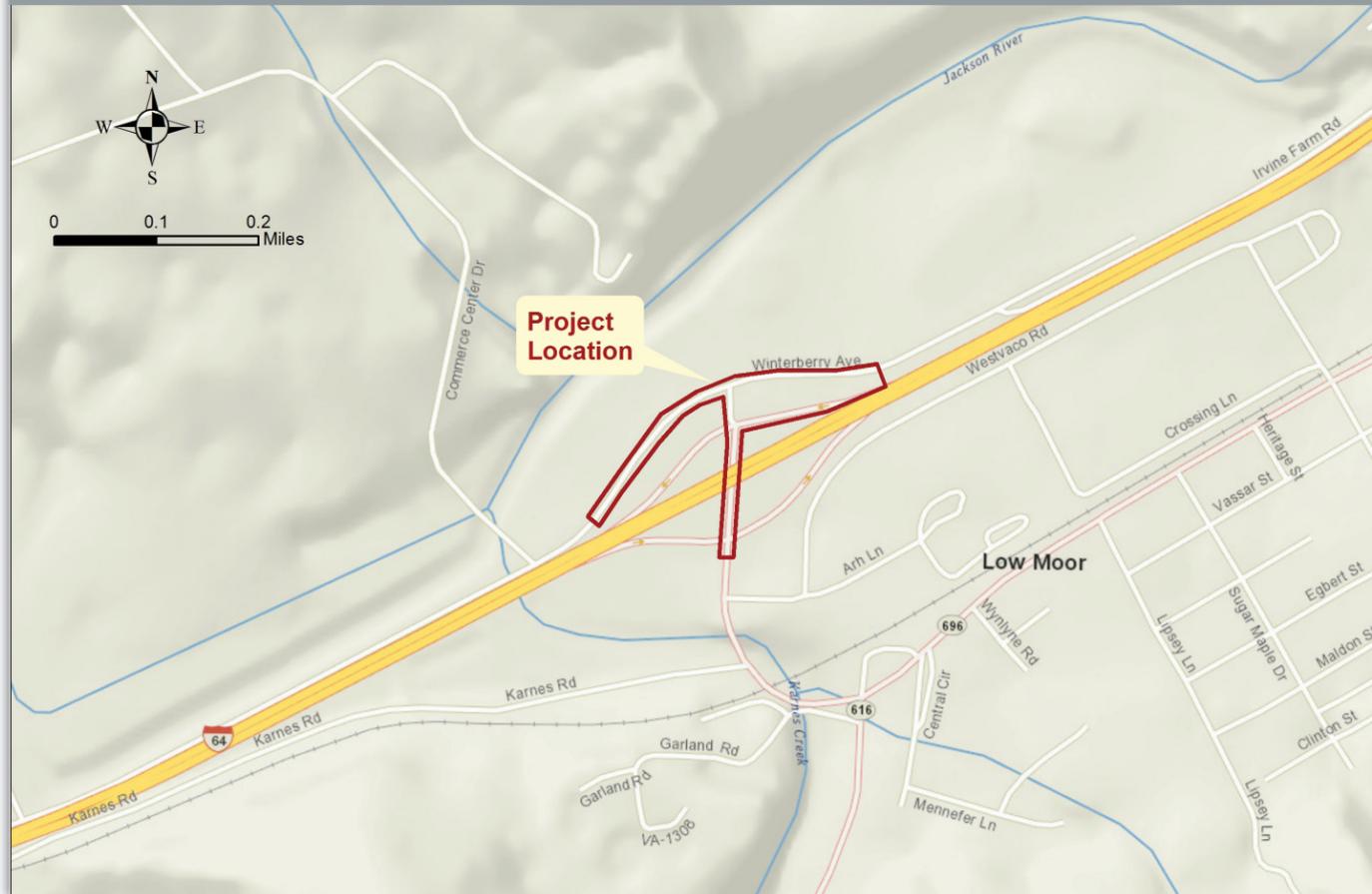
It is anticipated that necessary easements and a small amount of right-of-way will be dedicated at no cost to the project.

This is a VDOT-administered Revenue Sharing project, subject to competitive scoring and funding approval in the upcoming FY 2017 budget.

The design of this project is in compliance with the Stormwater Management Act, stormwater regulations and the annual stormwater management standards and specifications approved by the Virginia Department of Conservation and Recreation. The construction of this project will conform to the nationwide best management practices, VDOT specifications and special provisions, and the Virginia Department of Soil and Water conservation regulations. Also, during construction, every reasonable effort will be made to protect the environment with respect to dust and erosion control. Access to all properties will be maintained during construction.

Potential impacts to the flood plains will be evaluated and addressed on this project.

## Location Map



## Estimated Project Cost

Total Cost:  
**\$4,300,000**

Engineering of the Roadway Plans:  
**\$50,000**

Construction:  
**\$4,250,000**

*This cost is subject to change.*

## Environmental Review

VDOT's Staunton 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 (PCE) NEPA document 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 today's meeting. Representatives from VDOT's Environmental Section are available to discuss this information and to answer questions.

## Anticipated Schedule

**The following schedule has been proposed:**

**Consideration for Design Approval** – February 2016

**Advertisement** – November 2016

**Construction** – Spring 2017

## 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 in regards 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

The construction of the project will not require the displacement of any families, businesses or non-profit organizations.

As we further develop and finalize the development of 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 acquisition is discussed in VDOT's brochure entitled, *Right of Way and Utilities: a Guide for Property Owners and Tenants*.

Copies of this booklet are available from a VDOT right of way agent.

After this meeting, information regarding right of way may be obtained from the right of way contact listed on the back of this brochure.