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Design Public Hearing

Route 688 (Leeds Manor Road) at Thumb Run Fauquier County Bridge Replacement

Tuesday, November 19, 2013, 5:00-7:00 p.m.
Orlean Volunteer Fire & Rescue Department
6838 Leeds Manor Road
Orlean, Virginia 20128

Public Meeting

The Virginia Department of Transportation (VDOT) welcomes you to the design public hearing on the proposed replacement of the Route 688 (Leeds Manor Road) bridge over Thumb Run in Fauquier County.

This public hearing is held to provide an opportunity for citizens or 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.

Civil Rights

Representatives from VDOT are present to discuss the projects 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 1-800-376-7623, TDD/TTY 800-307-4630 or 711.

Project Overview



The existing bridge over Thumb Run.

Anticipated Cost – \$3.34 million

Purpose – To replace the existing substandard bridge and rebuild its approaches

From – 0.035 mile south of Thumb Run

To – 0.034 mile north of Thumb Run

Total length – 0.059 mile

Improvements – Construct a new two-lane bridge carrying Route 688 over Thumb Run; install a box culvert in place of a second, smaller structure

Anticipated Schedule – Public comment ends November 29; right-of-way acquisition and utility relocation, early 2014; advertisement, late 2014; construction start, spring 2015

PROJECT DESCRIPTION

This project will replace the Route 688 (Leeds Manor Road) bridge over Thumb Run with a new two-lane, prestressed concrete bridge. The proposed bridge will be in the same approximate location as the existing bridge, built in 1925.

Situated 350 feet south of the bridge, an additional structure spanning the tributary of Thumb Run will be replaced with a concrete box culvert.

A public hearing on this project was held on March 26 and several comments were received that opposed

closing the bridge and detouring traffic during construction. As a result, VDOT has revised its plans and proposes a phased road closure with a single travel lane maintained throughout construction. A signal will control two-way traffic through the work zone.

Construction is anticipated to begin in spring 2015 and will take 15 months to complete.

Approximately 580 vehicles use Route 688 daily, according to a 2011 traffic count.

Environmental Review

The National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) is applicable to this project and a Programmatic Categorical Exclusion (PCE) was 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 NEPA document and the results of other environmental studies are available at today's meeting.

Right of Way

As the design is developed, VDOT will determine what right of way and easements will be needed to accommodate the construction. The right of way and easement information will be available at the public hearing on November 19.

The property owners will be notified of the exact location of the right of way and easements needed during the right of way acquisition process and prior to construction.

Get Involved

Comments can also be submitted in writing to Howard Tomlinson, Project Manager, at howard.tomlinson@vdot.virginia.gov. Information must be postmarked, emailed

or delivered to VDOT within 10 calendar days of today's meeting (November 29, 2013) in order to be included in the design public hearing record.

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