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Comments can be submitted at the public hearing, in writing 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 within 14 calendar days of today's meeting (December 26, 2013) in order to be included in the public hearing record.

Fourteen days after this public hearing, on December 26, 2013, 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.

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DESIGN PUBLIC HEARING

Route 230 (Wolftown-Hood Road) at the Conway River Madison County Bridge Rehabilitation

Thursday, December 12, 2013, 5-7 p.m.
American Legion Post 128
636 Madison Road
Stanardsville, VA 22973

Public Meeting

Welcome to the Virginia Department of Transportation's design public hearing on the proposed rehabilitation of the Route 230 (Wolftown-Hood Road) bridge over the Conway River, located at the Madison-Greene county line.

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



The existing Route 230 bridge over the Conway River.

Anticipated Cost – \$3.83 million

Purpose – Rehabilitate the 74-year-old Conway River bridge

Location – At the Madison-Greene county line

Total Length – 0.08 mile

Improvements – Replace the existing bridge's superstructure and piers and widen the abutments, as well as improve the roadway approaches

PROJECT DESCRIPTION

The primary purpose of this project is to rehabilitate the Route 230 (Wolfstown-Hood Road) bridge over the Conway River, located at the Madison-Greene county line.

The existing concrete bridge was built in 1939 and has a sufficiency rating of 47.6 on a scale of 0 (poor) to 100 (very good). The rating considers adequacy, whether the bridge is functionally obsolete and the level of service provided to the public.

VDOT proposes replacing the bridge's superstructure, including its deck and riding surface, as well as its piers. The existing abutments

will remain in place but will be extended to support the wider bridge deck.

During the 15-month construction period, VDOT will maintain one 11-foot lane over the bridge. Traffic will be temporarily controlled with signals on both ends of the project. Large vehicles, including tractor-trailers and other commercial vehicles, will be detoured around the project using Routes 29 and 33.

The Conway River bridge carries 2,970 vehicles per day, according to a 2012 count.

Project Graphic



Estimated Project Cost

Total Cost:

\$3,825,000

Engineering of Roadway Plans:

\$600,000

Right of Way Acquisition, Relocation Assistance and Utility Relocation:

\$125,000

Construction:

\$3,100,000

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 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 today's meeting. Representatives are available to discuss this information and to answer questions.

Anticipated Schedule

The following schedule has been proposed:

Public hearing: **December 10, 2013**

Public comment period ends: **December 20, 2013**

Right of way acquisition and utility relocation:

Summer 2015

Construction advertisement: **Spring 2016**

Construction completion: **Fall 2017**

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

The rehabilitation of the Route 230 bridge over the Conway River 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.