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Ten days after this public hearing, on November 24, 2012, 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.

Comments can also be submitted in writing to Janet.Hedrick@vdot.virginia.gov. Please reference "Route 711 widening" in the subject line. Information must be postmarked, emailed or delivered to VDOT within 10 calendar days of today's meeting in order to be included in the location and design public hearing record.

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

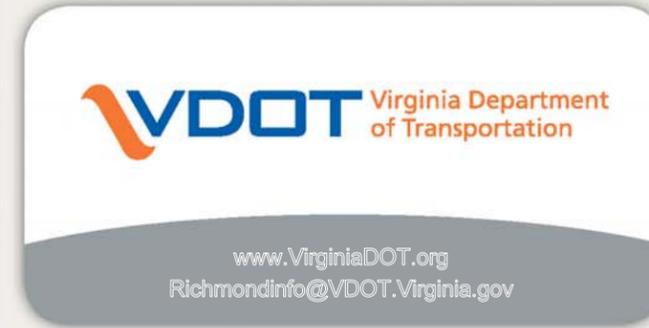
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Design Public Hearing Route 711 (Huguenot Trail) Widening Powhatan County

Wednesday, November 14, 2012, 5 - 7 p.m.
Independence Golf Course, Virginia Room
600 Founders Bridge Boulevard, Midlothian, VA 23113

Public Meeting

Welcome to the Virginia Department of Transportation's (VDOT) design public hearing on proposed plans to widen Route 711 (Huguenot Trail) from two lanes to four lanes between Route 288 and the Powhatan/Chesterfield County line and replace the bridge over Bernard's Creek.

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 handout 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



Cost – Approximately \$21 million

Purpose – Improve safety and reduce congestion by widening Route 711 from two lanes to four lanes and replace the bridge over Bernard's Creek.

Location – Route 711 from 0.4 miles east of Route 288 to 0.1 miles east of the Chesterfield County line

Project Length – 1.16 miles

PROJECT DESCRIPTION

The primary purpose of this project is to improve safety and reduce congestion by widening Route 711 from two lanes to four lanes and replace the bridge over Bernard's Creek. Bike lanes are planned for both sides of Route 711 and a sidewalk would be built on the southern side as part of the project.

The project will include a 4 to 16 foot raised, grassy median to allow for turn lanes as needed, two 12 foot wide travel lanes in each direction, 4 foot wide bike lanes on each side, curb and gutter, and a 5 foot wide sidewalk on the south side.

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.

Project Graphic



Estimated Project Cost

Total cost: **\$21 million**
Engineering of roadway plans: **\$2.4 million**
Right of way acquisition and utility relocation: **\$2.4 million**
Construction: **\$16.5 million**

This project is in the early design stage; therefore, the costs above are subject to change. The project is being financed using a combination of federal and state funds.

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

All improvements under this project will take place within existing and proposed right of way. Should easements for utility relocation be required beyond the proposed right of way, property owners would be informed of the exact location of the easements during the right of way acquisition process and prior to any 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.

Anticipated Schedule

The following schedule has been proposed:

Design approval – November 2012
Begin right of way acquisition – July 2013
Begin construction – February 2016
Completion – February 2018

Environmental Review

VDOT's Richmond 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 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 from VDOT's Environmental Section may be made available to discuss this information and to answer questions.