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Comments may be submitted orally or in writing at the public hearing; by mail to Hal Jones, Project Manager, 701 VDOT Way, Charlottesville, VA 22911; or by email to Harold.Jones@VDOT.Virginia.gov.

Comments must be postmarked, emailed or delivered to VDOT by **June 21, 2019** in order to be included in the public hearing record.

Visit the project webpage for more information: www.virginiadot.org/projects/culpeper/albroundabout.asp.

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DESIGN PUBLIC HEARING

Route 240/250/680 Albemarle County Construction of Roundabout

Tuesday, June 11, 2019, 5-7 p.m.
Field School
1408 Crozet Avenue
Crozet, VA 22932

Public Meeting

Welcome to the Virginia Department of Transportation's design public hearing on the proposed project to reconstruct the existing intersection of Route 240 (Three Notched Road), Route 250 (Rockfish Gap Turnpike) and Route 680 (Browns Gap Turnpike) as a roundabout in Albemarle County.

This 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 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.

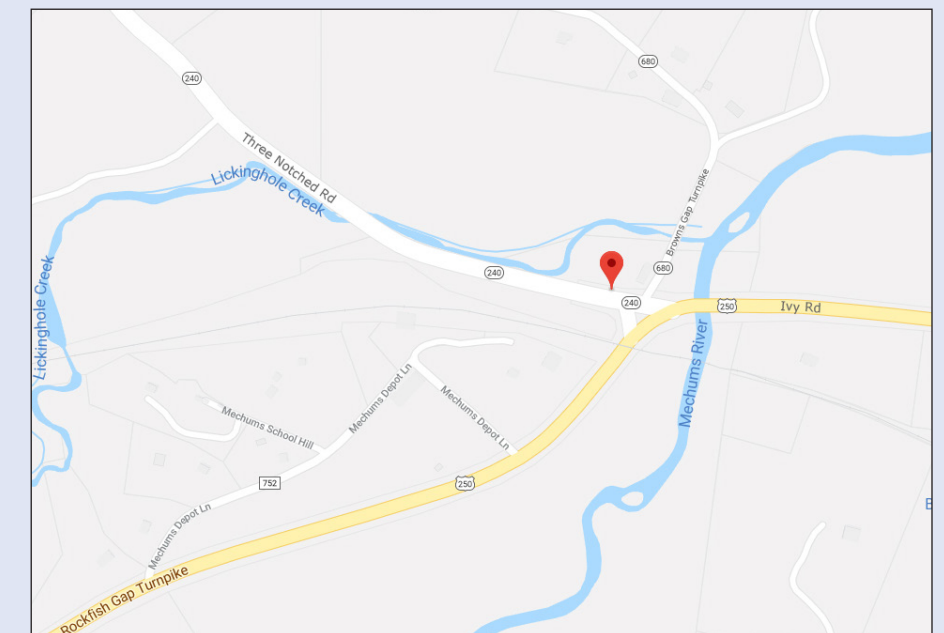
A comment sheet is included in the handouts for this meeting, and your input is encouraged. All oral and written comments received on this project will be included in a transcript for review by VDOT personnel, citizens and other interested parties.

Project Overview

Anticipated Cost – \$3.5 million

Purpose – Reconstruct the intersection of Route 240/250/680 as a roundabout to improve safety and traffic flow.

Anticipated Schedule –
Public comment ends June 21, 2019; advertisement, fall 2020; construction, 2021



State Project – 0250-002-957, P101, R201, C501
Federal Project – OC-5104(268) UPC – 111729

PROJECT DESCRIPTION

VDOT proposes to reconstruct the existing intersection of Route 240 (Three Notched Road), Route 250 (Rockfish Gap Turnpike) and Route 680 (Browns Gap Turnpike) as a roundabout.

The proposed roundabout will improve traffic safety and more efficiently move traffic through the busy Albemarle County intersection. Roundabouts are safer than conventional stop-controlled intersections because traffic can continually and efficiently flow through the intersection and vehicle operating speeds are lower. Additionally, roundabouts help reduce air pollution and fuel use compared to a signalized intersection due to reduced idling and less acceleration and deceleration.

During construction, VDOT proposes to close Route 680 to through traffic between Route 250

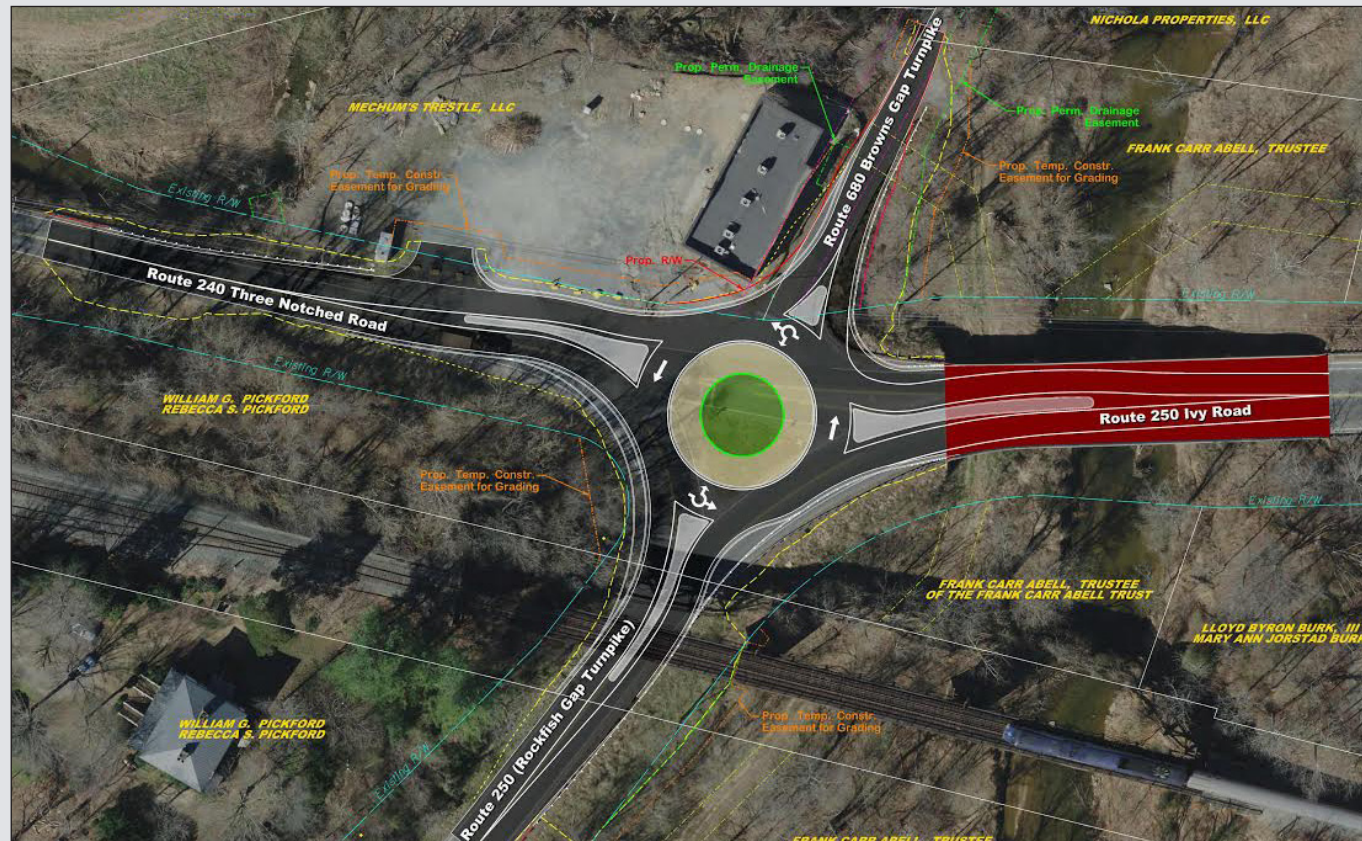
and Route 802 (Old Three Notched Road) with a posted detour. Traffic would be detoured via Route 240 to Route 802 for about two months.

Approximately 6,100 vehicles use Route 240 near the intersection, according to 2017 data. The traffic count on Route 250 is about 10,000 vehicles and Route 680 carries about 580 vehicles per day.

All reasonable efforts will be made to protect the environment with respect to dust control, siltation and erosion. Stormwater management strategies will be incorporated in this project.

Construction is anticipated to take about one year and will require periodic lane closures. The public will be notified about traffic impacts and changes through media reports, social media posts and 511.

Project Graphic



Estimated Project Cost

Total cost:
\$3,550,000

Engineering of roadway plans:
\$550,000

Right of way acquisition and utility relocation:
\$400,000

Construction:
\$2,600,000

Cost is subject to change as the design is developed.

Anticipated Schedule

The following schedule has been proposed:

Public hearing: **June 11, 2019**

Public comment period ends: **June 21, 2019**

Right of way acquisition and utility relocation: **Spring/ Summer 2020**

Project advertised for construction bids: **Fall 2020**

Construction completion: **Late 2021**

Project schedule is subject to change.

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 required documentation has been developed in cooperation with the Federal Highway Administration and in accordance with federal guidelines.

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.

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 reconstruction of the existing intersection will not require the displacement of any families, businesses or non-profit organizations.

As the project is further developed, additional right of way for utility relocation or construction may be required beyond the proposed limits shown on the public hearing plans.

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 on the [VDOT website](#) and from any VDOT Right of Way agent.