

PROJECT DESCRIPTION

The primary purpose of this project is to improve the intersection of Route 15/29 Business and Route 229 in the town of Culpeper. Approximately 28,000 vehicles per day use this intersection.

The proposed improvements include a two-lane roundabout that will replace the current signalized intersection. A sidewalk will be built on the west side of Route 15/29 and a 10-foot-wide shared use path will be built on the east side of Route 229 and the north side of Route 15/29. The intersection will also accommodate the future construction of the planned Inner Loop road.

Route 229 north of the intersection to Fairview Avenue will be expanded to five lanes from the

current two lanes. The intersection approaches on Route 15/29 Business will also be reconstructed to tie into the roundabout.

As part of the design of this project, a traffic analysis was done to compare the function of a roundabout with a signalized intersection. This study concluded that a roundabout will provide more efficient traffic movements and a safer intersection.

Once the project design is approved by VDOT's chief engineer, which is expected in the winter of 2010, right-of-way acquisition and utility relocation will begin. The project is scheduled for construction in the spring of 2013.

Project Graphic



Estimated Project Cost

Total Cost:

\$7,600,000

Engineering of Roadway Plans:

\$600,000

Right of Way Acquisition and Utility Relocation:

\$2,000,000

Construction:

\$5,000,000

These costs are subject to change because development of the project is in early design stages. The project will be financed using federal funds.

Environmental Review

VDOT's Culpeper District environmental section reviewed the social, economic and environmental impacts of the project on the local community and surrounding area. The project was coordinated with the appropriate federal, state and local officials. As a result of this review, it has been determined that construction of the project will not result in any significant environmental impact.

An environmental document known as a categorical exclusion to the National Environmental Policy Act is available for review at this public hearing or at VDOT's Culpeper District office, 1601 Orange Road, Culpeper, VA 22701. In compliance with the National Historic Preservation Act, Section 106 and 36 CFR Part 800, information concerning the effect of the proposed project on properties listed in or eligible for listing in the National Registry of Historic Places is provided in the environmental documentation.

During construction, all reasonable efforts will be made to protect the environment with respect to dust control, siltation and erosion. Construction will conform to VDOT specifications and special provisions and the Virginia Department of Conservation and Recreation regulations.

Anticipated Schedule

The following schedule is proposed for this project:

Design Public Hearing – June 29, 2010

Public Comment Period Ends – July 9, 2010

Right of Way and Utility Relocation – Winter 2010

Advertise for Construction – Winter 2012

Construction – Spring 2013

Civil Rights

It is VDOT's responsibility 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 Equal Opportunity, 1601 Orange Road, Culpeper, VA 22701; telephone 540-829-7525, TDD/TTY 800-307-4630 or 711.

Right of Way

Right of way needed for this improvement project will be purchased.

Displays at this meeting show the extent of right of way that may be needed as the project is currently proposed. As the design is further developed, additional easements and right of way may be required beyond what is shown in the preliminary plans. 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 brochure, "Right of Way and Utilities: a Guide for Property Owners and Tenants." Copies of this brochure are available at this public meeting or from a VDOT right of way agent.

Get Involved

The public comment period will close 10 days after this design public hearing, July 9, 2010. VDOT representatives will review and evaluate any information received as a result of this public hearing.

The project, including public comments received at this meeting and during the comment period, will be submitted for approval by VDOT's chief engineer in the late fall of 2010. Acquisition of right of way and relocation of utilities is expected to begin in winter 2010. Construction on the project is scheduled to begin in 2013.

Project information shared here is available for

review after the public hearing at VDOT's Culpeper District Office located at 1601 Orange Road, Culpeper, VA 22701.

You may make oral or written comments at this hearing. Comments can also be submitted in writing to Mr. James S. Utterback, PMP, Culpeper District Administrator, 1601 Orange Road, Culpeper, VA 22701; or by email to James.Utterback@VDOT.Virginia.gov.

Information must be postmarked, e-mailed or delivered to VDOT within 10 calendar days of today's meeting (July 9, 2010) in order to be included in the official record of this design public hearing.

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Design Public Hearing

Rixeyville Road (Route 229) Town of Culpeper

Tuesday, June 29, 2010, 5-7 p.m.
Floyd T. Binns Middle School
205 Grandview Avenue
Culpeper, VA 22701

Public Meeting

Welcome to the Virginia Department of Transportation's (VDOT) design public hearing on the proposed improvements to the intersection of Route 15/29 Business and Route 229 in the town of Culpeper.

This design public hearing is being 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. 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 at this hearing and during the public comment period will be included in a transcript for review by VDOT personnel, citizens and other interested parties.

VDOT staff will address questions and concerns raised as a result of this meeting before the project is presented to VDOT's chief engineer for consideration.

Project Overview



Intersection of Route 15/29 Business and Route 229, Culpeper

Cost – \$7.6 million

Purpose – Improve the intersection of Route 15/29 Business and Route 229

From – Route 15/29 Business

To – Fairview Avenue

Total length – 0.246 mile

Improvements – Replace the current signalized intersection with a two-lane roundabout and make improvements to the intersection approaches