

## Get Involved

Thank you for taking the time to review the information presented here tonight. Your comments are important and are greatly appreciated. VDOT will carefully consider all comments received at this meeting and during the comment period.

Written comments must be postmarked or sent electronically no later than **May 16, 2016**. You may provide your comments by any of the following methods:

### At This Meeting

Please leave your written comments in the designated box.

### By E-Mail

[Fredericksburginfo@VDOT.Virginia.gov](mailto:Fredericksburginfo@VDOT.Virginia.gov)

Please reference "Route 17 & Route 609 Intersection Improvements" in the subject line.

### By Mail

You may submit your written comments to:  
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87 Deacon Road, Fredericksburg, VA 22405

Additional information can also be found on VDOT's website at

<http://www.virginiadot.org/projects/fredericksburg/>.

The information received as a result of the meeting will be presented to VDOT's project development engineer for consideration.

## Contact Information

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Design Public Hearing  
**Intersection Improvements at  
Route 17 (Mills Drive) and Route 609  
(Thornton Rolling Road & Jim Morris Road)  
Spotsylvania County**

Thursday, May 5, 2016, 5-7 p.m.  
Lee Hill Elementary School  
3600 Lee Hill Drive  
Fredericksburg, VA 22408

## Public Meeting

**Welcome to the Virginia Department of Transportation's (VDOT) design public hearing on the proposed intersection improvements at Route 17 (Mills Drive) and Route 609 (Thornton Rolling Road and Jim Morris Road) in Spotsylvania County.**

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 this meeting handout and your input is encouraged. All verbal and written comments received on this project 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 project development engineer for approval.

## Project Overview



**Cost** - \$2,975,000

**Purpose** – To provide improvements to the intersection of Route 17 and Route 609 in Spotsylvania County.

**Improvements** – Addition of turn lanes and minor modifications to intersection approaches and existing traffic signal to enhance safety.

State Project – 0017-088-655, UPC 105893  
Federal Project: CM-511-1(287)

## PROJECT DESCRIPTION

This project will modify the existing intersection of Route 17 (Mills Drive) and Route 609 (Thornton Rolling Road/Jim Morris Road) in Spotsylvania County while will include a left, through and right turn lane on Route 17 (Mills Drive) in the eastbound and westbound directions.

Other intersection improvements include:

- A left turn lane with a shared through/right turn lane on Thornton Rolling Road at the intersection approach.
- A right turn lane with a shared through/left turn lane at the intersection approach on Jim Morris Road.
- Converting the existing traffic signal from a flashing signal to full color operation to accommodate the new traffic pattern.

This project will be constructed in accordance with VDOT's current road and bridge specifications to comply with federal and state regulations pertaining to public welfare and safety.

The construction will be performed in such a manner that traffic will be maintained with a minimum of inconvenience to the traveling public.

After the project is complete, VDOT will continue to maintain the road.

### Project Graphic



## Estimated Project Cost

Total Cost:

**\$2,975,000**

Engineering of Roadway Plans:

\$400,000

Right of Way Acquisition, Relocation Assistance and

Utility Relocation:

\$250,000

Construction:

\$2,325,000

## Civil Rights

VDOT ensures nondiscrimination and equal employment in all programs and activities in accordance Title VI and Title VII of the Civil Rights Act of 1964. If you need more information or special assistance for persons with disabilities or limited English proficiency, contact VDOT's Civil Rights Division at 540-899-4288, TTY/TDD 711.

## Right of Way

The construction of this project will not require any displacement of 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 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 Public Hearing** – May 5, 2016

**Comment Period** – May 5, 2016 through May 16, 2016

**Right of Way Acquisition** – September 2016

**Advertisement for Construction** – October 2017

## Environmental Review

VDOT's Fredericksburg 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 the 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.

Representatives from VDOT's Environmental section are available to answer questions.