PROJECT DESCRIPTION

The primary purpose of this project is to improve safety and traffic flow on Route 501 by adding an additional lane to serve as a passing lane improving alignment to meet current VDOT standards. In addition, the connection with Route 970 will be relocated to tie in further north on Route 501 to improve intersection sight distance. The project is currently funded for preliminary engineering and right of way only.

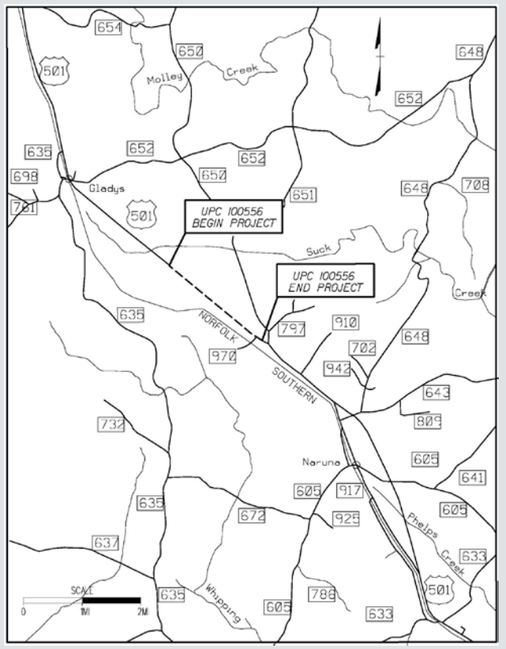
The existing roadway has 12 foot lanes and as little as 3 foot graded shoulders. The proposed typical section will included 12 foot lanes with 8 foot shoulders, 6 foot of which will be paved.

Route 501 functions as a Rural Minor Arterial highway with rolling terrain. The 2012 average daily traffic (ADT) volume is 5500 vehicles per day and the design year ADT is 6820 with over 11 percent of those being trucks. Through traffic will be maintained during construction.

The design of this project is in compliance with the Stormwater Management Act, 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 Virginia Department of Soil and Water Conservation regulations. 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.

Potential impacts to the flood plains will be evaluated and addressed on this project.

Project Graphic



Estimated Project Cost

Total Cost (approximate):
$12.5 million
Engineering of Roadway Plans:
$1.5 million
Right of Way:
$1.6 million
Construction:
$9.4 million

This cost is subject to change. The project will be financed using federal and state funds.

Environmental Review

VDOT's Lynchburg 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 NEPA 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 are available to discuss this information and to answer questions.

Anticipated Schedule

The following schedule has been proposed:

Design hearing comment period – ends August 30; September 1 in case of inclement weather

Adopt design – Winter 2013

Authorize Right of Way –Fall 2014

Advertise for construction – Fall 2016, if funding becomes available

Civil Rights

VDOT ensures nondiscrimination and equal employment in all programs and activities in accordance with Title VI and 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 in this brochure.

Right of Way

The construction of the Route 501 improvement project will not require the displacement of any families, businesses or non-profit organizations.

As we further develop the design of 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 brochure, "Right of Way and Utilities: a Guide for Property Owners and Tenants." Copies of this brochure are available here 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.

Get Involved

Ten days after the public hearing, on August 30, 2013 or September 1, in case of inclement weather, the public comment period will close. VDOT will review and evaluate any information received as a result of this design 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 VDOT's Chief Engineer or designee for approval. If approval of the major design features is received for this project, it will move to the final design phase. Public hearing participants will be notified of this decision by letter.

Project information shared here is available for review after the design public hearing at VDOT's Lynchburg District Office located at 4219 Campbell Ave., Lynchburg, VA 24501.

Comments can also be submitted in writing to lynchburginfo@vdot.virginia.gov. Please include "Route 501 Passing Lane Design Public Hearing Comment" in the subject line. Information must be postmarked, emailed or delivered to VDOT within 10 calendar days of today's meeting (August 30, 2013 or September 1, in case of inclement weather) in order to be included in the design public hearing record.

Contact Information

Primary Contact: **Renard Yeatts**	Project Manager	4219 Campbell Avenue Lynchburg, VA 24501	434-856-8258 1-800-367-7623
Lori Snider	Regional Right of Way Manager	4219 Campbell Avenue Lynchburg, VA 24501	434-856- 8229 1-800-367-7623
Paula K. Jones	Lynchburg District Office of Public Affairs	4219 Campbell Avenue Lynchburg, VA 24501	434-856-8176 1-800-367-7623

VDOT Virginia Department of Transportation

© 2013 Commonwealth of Virginia

VDOT Virginia Department of Transportation

Design Public Hearing

Route 501 Passing Lanes (Brookneal Highway) Campbell County

Tuesday, August 20, 2013, 4-6 p.m.
(Inclement weather date: August 22, 2013)
William Campbell Combined School
474 William Campbell Drive
Naruna, VA 24576

Public Meeting

Project number: 0501-015-218, P101; Federal number: NH-501-3(005) UPC 100556

Welcome to the Virginia Department of Transportation's (VDOT) design public hearing on proposed improvements to Route 501 in Campbell County.

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

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

Anticipated Cost – $12.5 million

Purpose – To improve safety and traffic flow by adding an additional lane to serve as a passing lane

From – 1.453 miles north of Route 970 (Brookneal Highway)

To – 0.052 mile south of Route 970

Total length – 1.50 miles