

PROJECT DESCRIPTION

The primary purpose of this project is the relocation and replacement of the existing single-lane structure carrying Route 643, Wagon Trail Road over Horsley Creek. The existing bridge is functionally obsolete.

The bridge was constructed in 1944, is 78 feet in length, and posted for seven tons. According to local citizens flooding has occurred on Route 643 near the intersection with Route 651 and prevented access to and from the area.

The proposed project would replace the existing bridge with a new structure that meets current geometric standards. In addition, improvements to the turning and sight conditions at Route 635 would be considered.

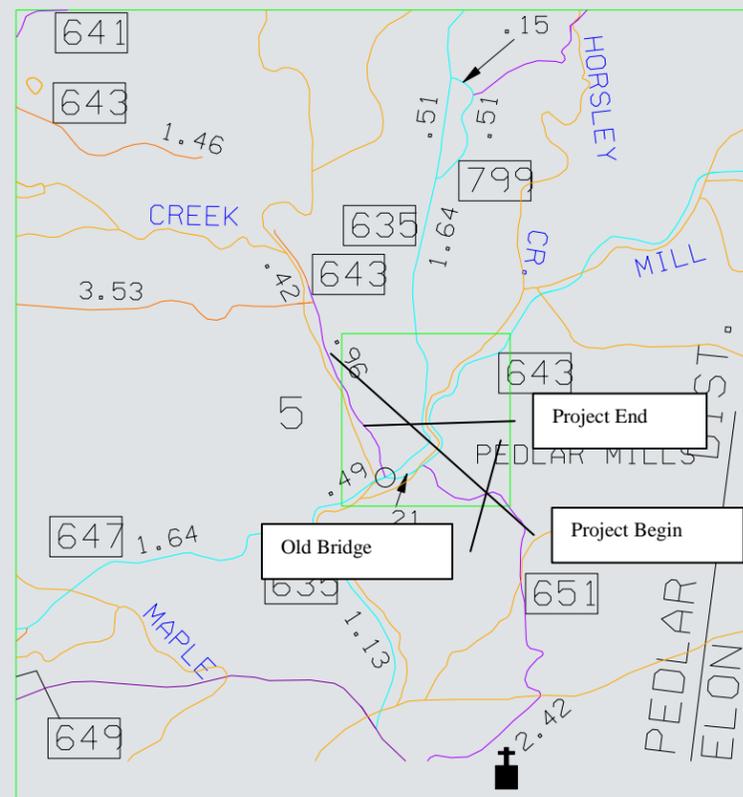
Route 643 currently has an average daily traffic

volume of 927 vehicles per day and a design volume of 1162 vehicles per day.

During construction the work zone will be posted at 25 miles per hour.

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.

Project Graphic



Estimated Project Cost

Total Cost (approximate):

\$ 1.3 million

Engineering of Roadway Plans:

\$390,219

Right of Way:

\$70,632

Construction:

\$902,517

This cost is subject to change because development of the project is in early design stages. 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 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:

Location and Design hearing comment period – ends January 25, February 1 in case of inclement weather

Adopt design – February 2013

Authorize Right of Way – December 2013

Advertise for construction – August 2014

Construction complete – July 2015

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 643 improvement project will require the displacement of no 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 (January 25 or February 1, 2013 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 will 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.

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 643 Location and 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 (January 25 or February 1, 2013 in case of inclement weather) in order to be included in the design public hearing record.

Contact Information

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Location and Design Public Hearing

Route 643 over Horsley Creek (Wagon Trail Road)

Amherst County

Tuesday, January 15, 2013, 5-7 p.m.
(January 22, in case of inclement weather)
Pleasant View Elementary School
229 Dancing Creek Road
Monroe, VA 24574

Public Meeting

Welcome to the Virginia Department of Transportation's (VDOT) location and design public hearing on proposed improvements to the bridge over Horsley Creek on Route 643, Wagon Trail Road in Amherst County.

This location and 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 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



Route 643 in Amherst County

Anticipated Cost – Approximately \$1.3 million

Purpose – To relocate and replace the structurally deficient bridge over Horsley Creek, along with the approaches

From – Route 635

To – Route 643

Total length – 0.04 miles