

PROJECT DESCRIPTION

The purpose of this project is to construct an asphalt path along the west side of Berlin Turnpike (Route 287) in Lovettsville to provide pedestrians and cyclists access to the Town Square.

In addition to building the asphalt path, construction will include drainage improvements, curb and gutter within VDOT right of way and pavement markings. Drainage easements will be needed during construction.

The southern terminus for the path is at the northernmost corner of the Patriot Homes development near Manor Drive and the northern terminus is at Tilghman Drive. The trail section within the Town Square between Hammond Drive and West Broad Way is not being developed by VDOT.

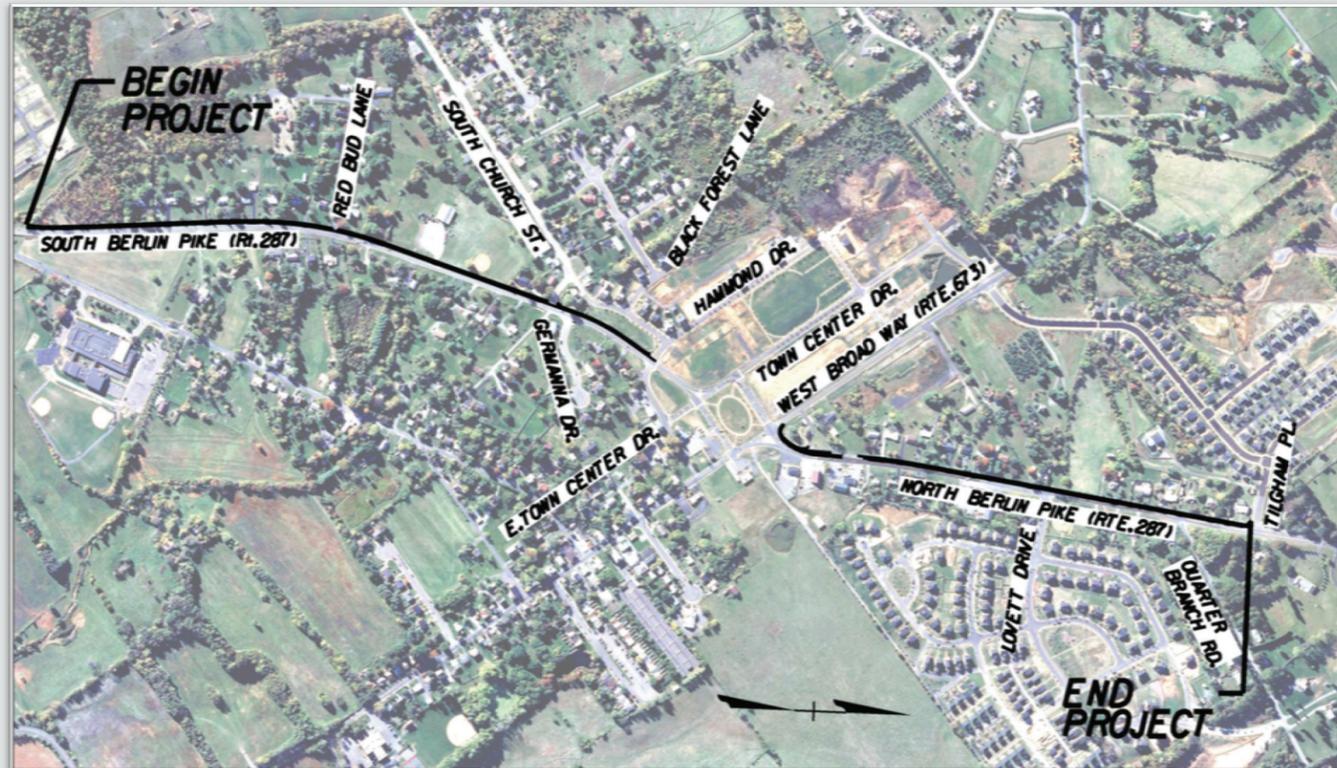
VDOT is administering the project on behalf of the Town of Lovettsville. The project may be constructed in

phases based on the availability of right of way, easements and/or funding.

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

There are no flood plains or environmentally sensitive areas within the project limits.

Project Graphic



Estimated Project Cost

Total Cost:
Approximately \$2.7 million

Engineering:
\$530,000

Right of way acquisition and utility relocation:
\$730,000

Phase 1 construction (South of Town Center):
\$830,000

Phase 2 construction (North of Town Center):
\$640,000

This cost is subject to change as project development is in the early design stage. The project will be financed using transportation enhancement funds.

Environmental Review

VDOT's Northern Virginia District Environmental Office has performed environmental reviews and coordination to obtain information and comments about natural and historic resources in the project vicinity.

The National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) is applicable to this project and Programmatic Categorical Exclusion has been prepared in accordance with the Federal Highway Administration regulations (23 CFR 771) 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 agencies as part of environmental review and approval processes throughout project development and 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

Design hearing and comment period – April 2012

Design approval – September 2012

Begin right of way acquisition and utility relocation – March 2013

Begin construction (funding permitting) – March 2014

Civil Rights

VDOT ensures nondiscrimination 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

Construction of the Lovettsville Shared Use Path will not require displacement of any families, businesses or non-profit organizations.

As we further develop this project, additional easements 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 this public hearing, **April 21, 2012**, the public comment period will close. VDOT will review and evaluate any information received as a result of this public hearing.

Written comments may be submitted in writing to W. Calvin Britt at the address below. Email comments may be sent to meeting_comments@vdot.virginia.gov. Please include "Lovettsville Shared Use Path" in the subject line. Information must be postmarked, emailed or delivered to VDOT by April 21, 2012 in order to be included in design public hearing record.

Project information shared here is available for review after the meeting at VDOT's Northern Virginia District Office located at 4975 Alliance Drive, Fairfax, Virginia 22030 and at VDOT's Leesburg Residency Office located at 41 Lawson Road, SE, Leesburg, Virginia 20175.

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Design Public Hearing

Pedestrian and Cyclist Path Town of Lovettsville

Wednesday, April 11, 2012, 6-8 p.m.
Lovettsville Elementary School
49 South Loudoun Street
Lovettsville, Virginia 20180

Public Meeting

Welcome to the Virginia Department of Transportation's (VDOT) design public hearing on the proposed path for pedestrians and cyclists in the Town of Lovettsville.

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 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.

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



Anticipated Cost – Approximately \$2.7 million
Purpose – Improve pedestrian access to the Town Center.

From – 0.60 mile south of Town Center Drive

To – 0.70 mile north of Town Center Drive

Total length – 1.13 miles

Improvements – Construct an eight-foot-wide shared use path along the west side of Berlin Turnpike for pedestrians and cyclists.

State Project – EN97-255-136 UPC: 17601 Federal Project – TEA-5255(001)