

## Get Involved

The public comment period will close 10 days after tonight's informational meeting. VDOT representatives will review and evaluate any information received as a result of the citizen information meeting.

A comment sheet is enclosed and can be submitted at tonight's hearing or by mail to VDOT. Comments also may be submitted by email to [tim.dowdy@vdot.virginia.gov](mailto:tim.dowdy@vdot.virginia.gov).

Information must be postmarked, e-mailed or delivered to VDOT within 10 calendar days, **May 2, 2019**, of tonight's meeting in order to be included in the citizen information meeting record.

Project information shared here is available for review after the information meeting at VDOT's Salem District Office located at 731 Harrison Ave., Salem, VA 24153.

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## Citizen Information Meeting Western Perimeter Road on the Campus of Virginia Tech Town of Blacksburg

Monday, April 22, 2019, 5 – 7 p.m.

The Inn at Virginia Tech and Skelton Conference Center  
901 Prices Fork Road  
Blacksburg, Virginia 24061

## Citizen Information Meeting

**Welcome to the Virginia Department of Transportation's (VDOT) citizen information meeting on proposed construction of a western perimeter road on the campus of Virginia Tech.**

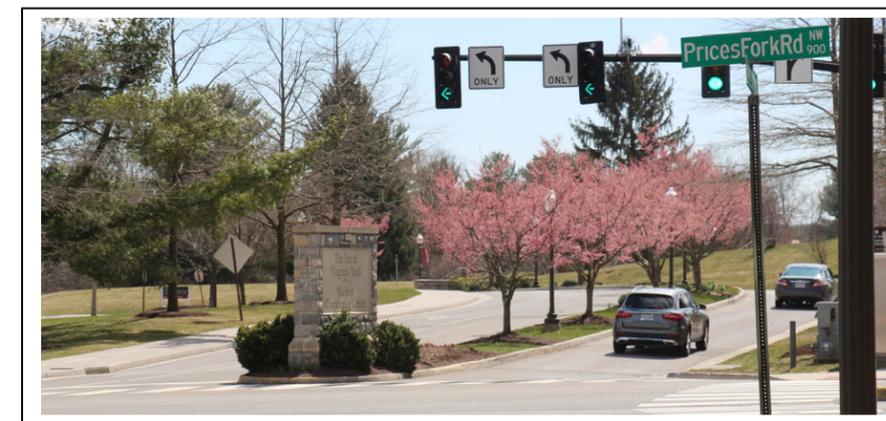
This information meeting is being held to provide an opportunity for citizens or organizations to give VDOT comments and/or suggestions on the proposed project. VDOT strives to ensure that all members of the community have the opportunity to participate in public decisions on transportation projects 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 will be reviewed by VDOT personnel and will be available for review by citizens and other interested parties.

VDOT staff will evaluate questions and concerns raised as a result of this meeting before advancing the project to advertisement.

## Project Overview



University City Boulevard/Prices Fork Road intersection

**Cost** – \$63 million  
**Purpose** – Construct a new 2-lane divided roadway with curb and gutter that connects Prices Fork Road to Southgate Drive on the campus of Virginia Tech with connections to other existing roads.  
**From** – The Research Center Drive roundabout on Southgate Drive  
**To** – The intersection of Prices Fork Road and University City Boulevard  
**Total length** – 2.61 miles

State Project: 0314-060-R32, P-101  
UPC: 108871

## PROJECT DESCRIPTION

Conceptual plans are being developed for a new 2.61 mile, two-lane divided roadway that would connect Prices Fork Road and Southgate Drive on the campus of Virginia Tech. The new road and its connections are intended to relieve congestion, improve connectivity and enhance safety.

Building the new road would involve the following connections:

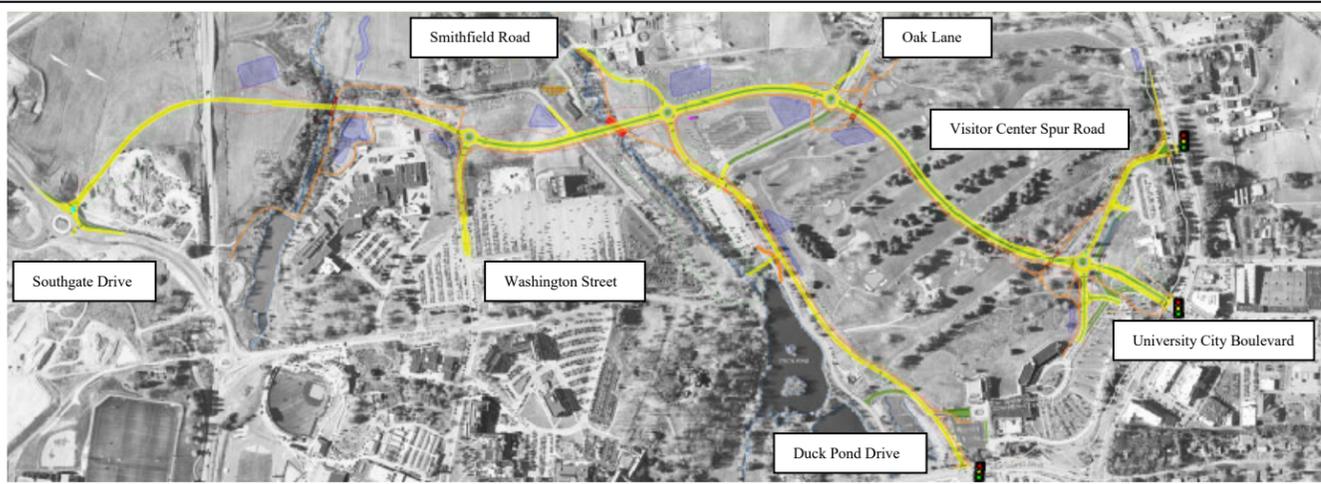
- Constructing a new section of road, Visitor Center Spur Road, to provide access to Virginia Tech's Visitor Center
- Relocating Duck Pond Drive to a new connection at Perry Street/West Campus Drive intersection
- Extending Washington Street
- Relocating a portion of Smithfield Road
- Creating a new intersection at Oak Lane



Roundabouts will be considered as the preferred intersection alternative.

Accommodations for various forms of alternative transportation such as bicycles, pedestrians and public transit have been incorporated in the concepts.

### Project Graphic



### Estimated Project Cost

<b>Total Cost:</b>	<b>\$63 million</b>
Engineering Plans:	\$10 million
Right of Way:	\$1.9 million
Construction:	\$51.1 million

*Phases of this project could be further developed and constructed as future funds are identified.*

*Costs are subject to change because development of the project is in conceptual and preliminary design stages.*

### Civil Rights

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

### Right of Way

As we further develop and finalize this project, information about the exact location of the easements and right of way limits will be presented to the property owners at a public hearing for each project phase.

These public hearings will be scheduled at a later date.

### Anticipated Schedule

Once funding is identified and the scope of work for individual phases is determined, a schedule can be established.

### Environmental Review

VDOT's Salem District Environmental Office has initiated 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 project will continue to be coordinated with appropriate federal, state, and local agencies as part of various environmental review processes including those related to natural resources, water quality, threatened and endangered species, cultural resources, etc. Also, 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 will be provided in the project's environmental documentation.

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.

A summary of environmental reviews and coordination completed thus far are available at today's meeting. Representatives from VDOT's Environmental Section are available to discuss this information and to answer questions.