

## Get Involved

Comments can be submitted orally or in writing at the public hearing; by mail to Howard Tomlinson, Project Manager, 1601 Orange Road, Culpeper, VA 22701; or by email to

[Howard.Tomlinson@VDOT.Virginia.gov](mailto:Howard.Tomlinson@VDOT.Virginia.gov).

Comments must be postmarked, emailed or delivered to VDOT by May 27, 2017 in order to be included in the public hearing record.

After the public comment period closes, VDOT will review and evaluate any information received as a result of this hearing. This information, including the hearing summary, will be available

for review at the VDOT Culpeper District office. After all comments have been addressed, the information received 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.

More information on this project can be found at [www.virginiadot.org/projects/culpeper/waterloo.asp](http://www.virginiadot.org/projects/culpeper/waterloo.asp).

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## DESIGN PUBLIC HEARING

# Waterloo Bridge Restoration Route 613 (Jefferson Road) Culpeper County

Wednesday, May 17, 2017, 5-7 p.m.  
Warrenton Community Center  
430 East Shirley Avenue  
Warrenton, VA 20186



[www.VirginiaDOT.org](http://www.VirginiaDOT.org)  
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## Public Meeting

**Welcome to the Virginia Department of Transportation's design public hearing on the proposed project to restore the Waterloo Bridge, which carries Route 613 (Jefferson Road) over the Rappahannock River at the border of Culpeper and Fauquier counties.**

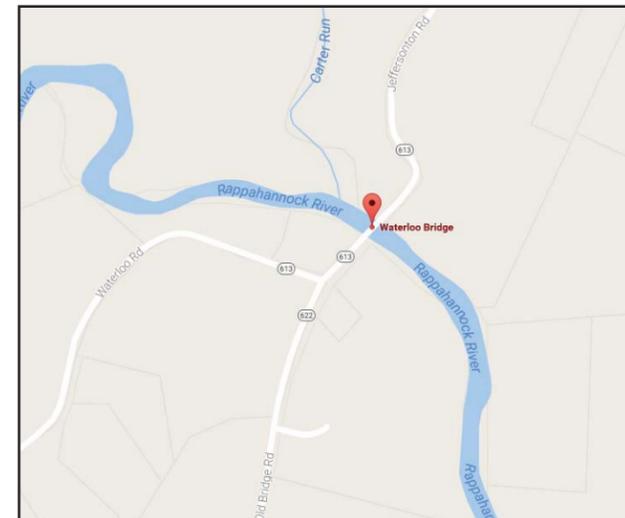
This public hearing is being held to provide an opportunity for any person, acting on his/her own behalf or representing a group or governing agency, to give the department comments and/or suggestions on the proposed project.

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.

## Project Overview



Waterloo bridge location map.

**Anticipated Cost** – \$4 million

**Purpose** – Restore and reopen the historic wrought-iron, single-lane truss bridge

**Total Length** – 0.1 mile

**Improvements** – Dismantle existing bridge to make repairs, then reinstall it in place

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UPC 105782

## PROJECT DESCRIPTION

With this project, VDOT proposes to restore the Route 613 bridge over the Rappahannock River and return it to service. Known locally as the Waterloo bridge, it has been closed to traffic since Jan. 15, 2014 due to its deteriorated condition.

The truss structure, made of wrought iron and built in 1878, was posted for a 3-ton maximum vehicle weight prior to the closure. Despite numerous repairs through the years, advancing age and weather took a toll on the bridge's supporting members. Following a structural inspection, VDOT bridge engineers determined that the deterioration was too severe to continue to allow traffic on the bridge. Prior to its closure, the bridge carried 680 vehicles per day.

The proposed project involves dismantling and removing the truss and making repairs, then

reinstalling the bridge. It is anticipated that some bridge components will not be fit for continued use and will be replaced with new materials. However, every effort will be made to replicate the look of the historic bridge, including its green paint color. With this project, the bridge's concrete piers will also be repaired.

Removing and reinstalling the bridge will require the removal of trees and other foliage in its immediate vicinity.

Following the construction phase, the bridge is expected to be reopened to traffic, but will have a 12-ton weight restriction to safeguard it into the future.

No significant improvements to the roadway approaches are envisioned with this project.

### Waterloo Bridge - Existing Condition



## Estimated Project Cost

Total Cost:

**\$4 million**

Engineering of Roadway Plans:

**\$802,082**

Right of Way Acquisition, Relocation Assistance and Utility Relocation:

**\$120,000**

Construction:

**\$3,005,555**

*Project cost is subject to change as the design is developed. VDOT is working with its Commonwealth Transportation Board members and with Culpeper and Fauquier counties to identify possible funding for the rehabilitation project.*

## Environmental Review

VDOT's Culpeper 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.

This project has been coordinated through the State Environmental Review Process (SERP). The SERP provides state environmental resource agencies an opportunity to comment on the highway improvements at the project initiation stage.

A Preliminary Environmental Inventory, which discusses the information, views and interests received from the resource agencies, has been prepared for this project and is available for review at this public hearing.

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.

Representatives are available to discuss this information and to answer questions.

## Anticipated Schedule

**The following schedule has been proposed:**

Public hearing: **May 17, 2017**

Public comment period ends: **May 27, 2017**

Right of way acquisition and utility relocation: **Summer/ Fall 2017**

Construction advertisement: **Spring 2018**

Construction completion: **August 2019**

*Project schedule is subject to change.*

## 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 with regard 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

Restoration of the Waterloo bridge will not require the displacement of any families, businesses or non-profit organizations.

As we further develop and finalize 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 Right of Way and Utilities brochure, "A Guide for Property Owners and Tenants." Copies of this brochure are available at the public hearing, on the [VDOT website](#) and from any VDOT Right of Way agent.

After the public hearing, information regarding right of way may be obtained from the Right of Way contact listed on the back of this brochure.