Thank you for taking the time to review the information presented here tonight. Your comments are important and are greatly appreciated. VDOT will carefully consider all comments received at this meeting and during the comment period.

Written comments must be postmarked or sent electronically no later than June 22, 2019. You may provide your comments by any of the following methods:

**By Mail**
You may submit your written comments to:
Mr. Bill Arel, P.E.
Virginia Department of Transportation
87 Deacon Road
Fredericksburg, VA 22405

Additional information can also be found on VDOT’s website at [http://www.virginiadot.org/projects/fredericksburg/](http://www.virginiadot.org/projects/fredericksburg/)

**At This Meeting**
Please leave your written comments in the designated box.

**By Email**
Fred.comments@VDOT.Virginia.gov

Please reference “Nice Bridge Replacement” in the subject line.

The information received as a result of the meeting will be presented to VDOT’s Project Development Engineer for consideration.

If approval of the major design features is received the project will move forward to the final design phase.

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**Project Overview**

- **Cost** - $13 million
- **Purpose** – Widen and realign the Virginia approach to the Route 301 bridge over the Potomac River in support of, and coordination with, the Maryland Transportation Authority’s Nice-Middleton Bridge Replacement project.
- **Improvements** – Widen Route 301 to four lanes, relocate Roseland Road intersection, install southbound turn lane at Barnesfield Road.

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Maryland Transportation Authority 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, in accordance with these requirements, a Final Environmental Assessment has been prepared and a Finding of No Significant Impact (FONSI) issued by the Federal Highway Administration on November 27, 2012. A reevaluation was completed in early 2019 and approved on February 28, 2019. 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 the 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.

This project consists of the Virginia-based roadway improvements associated with the project to replace the existing 1.7-mile-long Governor Harry W. Nice Memorial/Senator Thomas “Mac” Middleton Bridge. The Virginia-based roadway project will be funded by the Commonwealth of Virginia. The bridge replacement project is funded and administered by the Maryland Transportation Authority.

The proposed improvements would:
- Expand the Route 301 approach to the Nice-Middleton Bridge to 4 lanes
- Realign Route 301 at the bridge approach north and west of the existing alignment
- Consolidate traffic movements in and out of Roseland Road. Right and left turns will be allowed into Roseland Road, but left turns from Roseland Road will be restricted
- Install a southbound left turn lane at Barnesfield Road in order to accommodate U-turns.

This project will be constructed in accordance with VDOT’s current road and bridge standards and specifications to comply with federal and state regulations pertaining to public welfare and safety.

The construction will be performed in such a manner that traffic will be maintained with a minimum of inconvenience to the traveling public.

After the project is complete, VDOT will maintain the road.

**Estimated Project Cost**

- Total Project Cost: $13 million
- Preliminary Engineering: $1 million
- Right of Way: $2.8 million
- Construction: $9.2 million

**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 or special assistance for persons with disabilities or limited English proficiency, contact VDOT’s Civil Rights Division at 540-899-4288, TTY/TDD 711.

**Right of Way**

The construction of this project will not require any displacement of families, businesses or non-profit organizations.

Information about right of way acquisition is discussed in VDOT’s brochure entitled “Right of Way and Utilities: A Guide for Property Owners and Tenants.” Copies of this booklet are available 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.

**Anticipated Schedule**

- Design Public Hearing – June 12, 2019
- Comment Period – June 12 - 22, 2019
- Begin Construction – Summer 2020

**Environmental Review**

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