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Get Involved
The public comment period will close 10 days after this public hearing (October 27, 2019). VDOT representatives will review and evaluate any information received as a result of the public hearing.

Project information shared here is available for review after the public hearing at VDOT’s Petersburg Residency Office located at 4608 Boydton Plank Road, Petersburg, VA 23803.

Comments can also be submitted in writing to Scott.Thornton@VDOT.Virginia.gov. Information must be postmarked, e-mailed or delivered to VDOT within 10 calendar days of today’s meeting (October 27, 2019) in order to be included in the public hearing record.

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Project Overview

Total Estimated Cost – $295,000

Purpose – Construct a modified median U-turn to improve traffic flow and safety at the intersection

Location – New Cox Road (Route 460) and Courthouse Road (Route 627)
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**Estimated Project Cost - Preferred Option**

| Total cost: |
| $295,000 |
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| $0 |
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This cost is subject to change as design progresses.

**Environmental Review**

VDOT’s Richmond District Environmental Office has performed environmental reviews 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.

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Representatives from VDOT’s Environmental Section are available to answer questions.

**Project Description**

The primary purpose of this project is to replace the conventional intersection of New Cox Road (Route 460) and Courthouse Road (Route 627) with a modified median U-turn for enhanced safety and traffic flow. The modified median U-turn will eliminate direct left turns; drivers will turn right from side streets and make a U-turn at designated crossings. The proposed improvements require drivers to monitor only one direction of traffic and lessens the risk of serious injuries, costly property damage and fatalities. The project design can be constructed within existing VDOT right-of-way.

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