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Comments can also be submitted in writing to jason.zhang@vdot.virginia.gov. Information must be postmarked, e-mailed or delivered to VDOT within 10 calendar days of today’s meeting (May 18, 2017) in order to be included in the public hearing record.

Get Involved

The public comment period will close 10 days after this public hearing (May 18, 2017). VDOT representatives will review and evaluate any information received as a result of the citizen information meeting.

Acquisition of right of way and relocation of utilities is expected to begin in early summer 2018. Construction is slated to begin in spring 2021.

Project information shared here is available for review after the public hearing at VDOT’s Richmond District Office located at 2430 Pine Forest Drive, Colonial Heights, VA 23834.

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Public Meeting

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Henrico County

Monday, May 8, 2017, 5 - 7 p.m.
Tuckahoe Library
1901 Starling Drive
Henrico, VA 23229

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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.

Public Meeting

Project Overview

Cost – $14 million
Purpose – Improve the intersection at Patterson Avenue and Parham Road
From – 0.27 mile west of Parham Road
To – 0.42 mile east of Parham Road
Total length – 0.69 mile
Improvements – Add and extend turn lanes, replace signals, add sidewalks and add pedestrian accommodations.

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The purpose of this project is to improve intersection capacity at Parham Road and Patterson Avenue by providing extra turn lanes and vehicle storage. On Patterson Avenue, dual left turn lanes are proposed in both directions as well as the extension of the eastbound right turn lane. On Parham Road, dual left turn lanes and a right turn lane heading northbound are proposed. Extra vehicle storage will be added to the southbound left turn lane by closing the median at Wetherly Drive.

The signal at the intersection will be replaced and updated. Pedestrian sidewalk will be provided along Parham Road on the east side south of Patterson Avenue and on the west side north of Patterson Avenue.

At the intersection crosswalks are going to be provided to cross both Patterson Avenue and Parham Road. Median closures and turn restrictions will be implemented at certain locations for access management.

During construction, one lane of traffic will be maintained in all directions at the intersection. Periodic short-term multiple lane closures may be necessary during some phases of construction.

The following schedule has been proposed:
- Begin right of way acquisition – early summer 2018
- Begin construction – spring 2021
- Completion – fall 2022

This cost is subject to change because development of the project is in early design stages. The project will be financed using both state and federal funds.

Environmental Review

VDOT’s Richmond District Environmental Office has initiated environmental reviews to obtain preliminary information about environmental resources in the project vicinity; to provide the natural and historic resource agencies an opportunity to review and comment on the project during the early stages of 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 the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA). A NEPA document (Categorical Exclusion) will be prepared for this project in cooperation with the Federal Highway Administration and in accordance with federal guidelines. The NEPA document will include information from various technical reviews including those related to natural resources, water quality, threatened and endangered species, air quality, noise, 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.

Representatives from VDOT are present to discuss the project and answer your questions. It is the responsibility of VDOT to ensure that all members of the community are afforded the opportunity to participate in public decisions on transportation systems and projects affecting them. VDOT ensures nondiscrimination in all programs and activities in accordance with Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964.

Right of Way

As the design is developed, VDOT will determine what right of way and easements will be needed to accommodate the construction. The right of way and easement information will be available at the public hearing planned for fall 2009. The property owners will be notified of the exact location of the right of way and easements needed 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.