The public comment period closes December 17, 2017

Ten days after this public hearing, on December 17, 2017, the public comment period will close. 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 office listed below. After all comments have been addressed, the information received as a result of the hearing will be presented to the Commonwealth Transportation Board (CTB) to consider the proposed location and any changes in limited access for the project. If a location and any changes in limited access is/are approved by the CTB, the major design features will then be presented to VDOT’s Chief Engineer or designee for approval.

Information must be postmarked, emailed to Anthony.Haverly@VDOT.Virginia.gov or delivered by December 17, 2017 in order to be included in the public hearing record. Project information shared here is available for review after this public hearing at:

VDOT Richmond District
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Please call 1-800-367-7623 or TTY/TDD 711 if you have any questions.

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Welcome to the Virginia Department of Transportation’s (VDOT) public hearing on the proposal improvements at the I-195 Laburnum Avenue Interchange in Richmond.

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

Cost – $2.4 million. This cost is subject to change.

Purpose – To improve capacity, geometry and safety at the Laburnum Avenue interchange.

Location – 0.027 miles west of the I-195 south ramps to 0.180 miles east of the I-195 south ramps

Project Length – 0.207 miles
PROJECT DESCRIPTION

The purpose and need of this project is to improve traffic flow through the I-195/Laburnum Avenue interchange during peak hours to eliminate prolonged periods of delay, and to improve safety within the project limits. The project will address current deficiencies in capacity, geometry and safety.

Some of the major improvements include a single-lane roundabout at the I-195 south off-ramp intersection with Laburnum Avenue, a separate left turn lane at the I-195 north off-ramp intersection with Laburnum and a single travel lane between the two intersections.

Estimated Project Cost

- Total Cost: $24.0 million
- Engineering of roadway plans: $300,000
- Right of Way Acquisition, Relocation Assistance and Utility Relocation: $322,320
- Construction: $18.0 million

This project is in the early design stage. Therefore, costs above are subject to change. The project will be financed using a combination of federal and state funds.

Environmental Review

VDOT’s Richmond District Environmental Office has performed environmental reviews and coordinated with other agencies 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 or mitigation of potential environmental impacts.

The National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) is applicable to this project and a NEPA document has been developed in cooperation with the Federal Highway Administration and in accordance with federal guidelines. 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 practices will protect the environment during construction.

Representatives from VDOT’s Environmental section are available to answer questions about NEPA documentation and other applicable environmental studies.