Welcome to the Citizen Information Meeting for the Martinsville Southern Connector Study

The purpose of this meeting is to:

- Introduce the Martinsville Southern Connector Study
- Gather public comments on transportation issues within and surrounding the U.S. Route 220 corridor
- Solicit input on social, economic, and natural environmental resources that may need to be considered as part of the study
What is the Martinsville Southern Connector Study?

A study to evaluate potential alternatives for improving the U.S. Route 220 corridor from the North Carolina state line to the U.S. Route 58 / U.S. Route 220 Bypass.

An environmental review process including the preparation of an Environmental Impact Statement that documents possible impacts to social, economic, and natural environmental resources.

An evaluation of modifying access along existing U.S. Route 220 or building a new roadway along different alignments.
The Environmental Impact Statement will analyze the possible social, economic, and natural environmental impacts that could result from the potential alternatives, based on the following process.

- **Agency Concurrence Point**, required by statewide National Environmental Policy Act and Clean Water Act (Section 404) merged process for highway projects in Virginia.
- **Opportunity for Public and Agency Involvement**
- **Funding for a subsequent phase of the project (e.g., detailed design, final design and right of way, or construction) must be shown in the Statewide Transportation Improvement Program before the Federal Highway Administration can sign a Record of Decision.**

**VDOT Project Development Process**

Once a selected alternative has been identified and necessary funding has been assigned, the following steps must occur prior to construction.

- Preliminary Engineering
- Detailed Design
- Final Design & Right of Way Acquisition
- Advertise

- **Opportunity for Public and Agency Involvement**
  Each phase of the project development process may be funded separately.
Scoping and Study Initiation

What is scoping?
Scoping is an early and open process during which public input is solicited.

The public, interest groups and stakeholders, and government agencies are encouraged to participate.

The input received along with existing data are used to determine the scope of issues to be considered.

What data will be collected?

☐ Existing traffic and crash data  ☐ Future land use plans
☐ Projected traffic volumes  ☐ Input from general public, interest groups, stakeholders, and government agencies.
☐ Future growth projections

What are the preliminary needs to be addressed by the study?
Potential alternatives for improving the U.S. Route 220 corridor are anticipated to address:

• Safety  • Mobility  • Access

What are your suggestions for U.S. Route 220?
We encourage you to provide input and information on transportation issues, resources, and needs that may help define the scope of the Martinsville Southern Connector Study.
Study Schedule

Study Initiation — February 2018
• Notice of Intent to prepare an Environmental Impact Statement (EIS)

Public EIS Scoping Meeting — May 2018
• Introduce the Martinsville Southern Connector Study

Purpose and Need — Late 2018
• Project website launch
• On-line public survey

Range of Alternatives — Early 2019
• Community Information Meeting
• Present alternatives under consideration to the public

Draft EIS — Late 2019
• Evaluates possible social, economic, and environmental effects for the range of alternatives considered

Draft EIS Public Hearing — Early 2020
• Present Draft EIS information to the public and request comments

Identify Selected Alternative — Early–Mid 2020

Final EIS — Early 2021

Federal Highway Administration Record of Decision — TBD

* Opportunity for Public and Agency Involvement
Environmental Resources to be Considered

- Community Facilities
- Low-Income/Minority Populations
- Wetlands and Streams
- Wildlife and Habitat
- Parks, Recreation and Open Space
- Farmland
- Energy
- Noise
- Air Quality
- Visual
- Topography, Soils, and Geology
- Historic and Cultural Resources
- Hazardous Materials

Please provide input on what resources are important to you
Martinsville Southern Connector Study
Route 220 Environmental Impact Statement

Preliminary Environmental Resources Map

LEGEND
- Streams
- School
- 100-Year Floodplain
- Church
- Park
We want your input

Please review the roll maps of the project study area. Using the materials provided, please mark on the map the areas where you want to provide input. Specifically, we are interested in:

- Gather public comments on transportation issues within and surrounding the U.S. Route 220 corridor
- Solicit input on social, economic, and natural environmental resources that may need to be considered as part of the study

Your valuable feedback is a critical component in the study development.
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Route 220 Environmental Impact Statement

Other Projects

- U.S. Route 220 Access Management Improvements North of Bypass
- U.S. Route 220 Over Reed Creek—Bridge Replacement
- U.S. Route 220 Communications and Adaptive System Project
- U.S. Route 220 Over Back Creek—Bridge Replacement
- Shoulder Widening/Guardrail Improvements
- U.S. Route 220 Corridor Study (Short term improvements from Roanoke to Martinsville)
- U.S. Route 220—Safety Improvements (shoulder paving, guardrail, rumble strips—various locations)
- U.S. Route 58 East Turn Lane at U.S. Route 58/ U.S. Route 220 Bypass
- U.S. Route 220 / U.S. Route 688 Safety Improvements
We Want Your Input

Thank you for participating at today’s meeting. Please provide your written comments today or submit them by May 18, 2018, to:

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Additional opportunities for public involvement and agency coordination will be incorporated as part of the overall study process. Keep up-to-date with the study’s progress by visiting our web site: http://www.virginiadot.org/projects/salem/martinsville_southern_connector_study.asp

Thank You