Welcome to the Virginia Department of Transportation’s (VDOT) public hearing on proposed improvements to East Main Street (Route 460) in the City of Salem.

This public hearing is being held to provide an opportunity for citizens or organizations to give VDOT 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 reviewed by VDOT personnel and will be available for review by citizens and other interested parties.

VDOT staff will evaluate questions and concerns raised as a result of this meeting before advancing the project to advertisement.

**Project Overview**

- **Estimated Cost**: $38.2 million
- **Purpose**: To improve access and traffic flow on East Main Street for motorists, bicyclists, and pedestrians
- **From**: Route 311 (Thompson Memorial Drive)
- **To**: 0.044 mile east of Kessler Mill Road
- **Total length**: 1.26 miles
- **Improvements**: Add dedicated turn lanes, two-way left turn lanes at some locations, bike lanes, curbing, sidewalk, and a new traffic signal at Lynchburg Turnpike.

**Public Hearing**

**East Main Street (Route 460) Roadway Improvements City of Salem**

Thursday, October 9, 2014, 5 – 7 p.m.

Inclement weather date: Thursday, October 16, 2014, 5 - 7 p.m.

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The public comment period will close 10 days after this public hearing on October 19, 2014. VDOT representatives will review and evaluate any information received as a result of the public hearing.

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The design of this project is in compliance with the Stormwater Management Act, stormwater regulations and the annual stormwater management standards and specifications approved by the Virginia Department of Conservation and Recreation.

The construction of this project will conform to the nationwide best management practices, VDOT specifications and special provisions, and the Virginia Department of Soil and Water conservation regulations. Also, during construction, every reasonable effort will be made to protect the environment with respect to dust and erosion control.

Potential impacts to affected flood plains will be evaluated and addressed on this project. Access to all properties will be maintained during construction.

Due to funding limitations, phased construction is anticipated.

### Estimated Project Cost

**Total Estimated Cost:**

$38.2 million

**Engineering of Roadway Plans:**

$4.2 million

**Construction:**

$23 million

**Right of Way:**

$11 million

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

### Environmental Review

VDOT’s Salem District Environmental Office 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 a NEPA document in the form of a categorical exclusion 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 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.

The NEPA document and the results of other environmental studies are available at today’s meeting. Representatives from VDOT’s Environmental Section are available to discuss this information and to answer questions.

### Anticipated Schedule

The following schedule has been proposed:

- **(Based on phased construction)**
  - Public Hearing and Comment period – October 2014
  - Authorize Right of Way Funds – 2016
  - Advertisement – 2017