Subject to the availability of funding and acquisition of right of way, construction on the project could begin in 2017.

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Project information shared here is available for review after the public hearing at VDOT’s Salem District Office located at 731 Harrison Ave., Salem, VA 24153.

The public comment period will close 10 days after tonight’s public hearing. A comment sheet is enclosed and can be submitted at tonight’s meeting or by mail to VDOT. VDOT representatives will review and evaluate any information received as a result of the design public hearing.

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Welcome to the Virginia Department of Transportation’s (VDOT) design public hearing on the proposed improvements to Route 220 (Botetourt Road) in Botetourt County. The meeting will be held in an ‘open-house’ format with a brief presentation taking place at 5:15 p.m. and 6:15 p.m.

This design 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 the project is presented to VDOT’s Chief Engineer for consideration.

Available Allocations – $79 million
Purpose – Improve safety.
From – 0.129 mile south of the intersection of Route 43 (Narrow Passage Road)
To – Intersection with Route 727 (Fork Farm Road)
Total Length of Improvements – 8.56 miles of a 9.65 section of roadway on Route 220
Improvements – Improve the alignment, widen shoulders, improve intersections and create additional passing zones. The project will incorporate various safety measures including centerline and edge-line rumble strips, raised centerline pavement markers, paved shoulders and turn lanes at various intersections.
The primary purpose of the project is to enhance safety between Iron Gate and the James River Bridge near Eagle Rock. The project will enhance safety on 8.56 miles along a 9.65 section of Route 220 (Botetourt Road) by:

- improving vertical and horizontal alignment
- widening shoulders
- improving intersections
- adding turn lanes
- providing additional passing opportunities
- providing raised centerline pavement markers
- providing centerline and edge-line rumble strips

Route 220 Safety Improvement Project

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Route 220 Safety Improvement Project

Total Estimated Cost: $79 million

- Right of Way and Utilities: $4.4 million
- Preliminary Engineering: $6.3 million
- Final Design and Construction: $68.3 million

Environmental Review

Environmental reviews and coordination are ongoing 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.

Civil Rights

VDOT ensures nondiscrimination and equal employment in all programs and activities in accordance with Title VI and Title VII of the Civil Rights Act of 1964.

Right of Way

As we further develop and finalize the development of this project, additional easements for utility relocation may be required beyond the proposed right of way shown on the public hearing plans.

The property owners will be informed of the exact location of the easements and right of way limits during the right of way acquisition process and prior to construction.

Information about right of way purchase is discussed in VDOT’s brochure entitled “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.

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The following schedule has been proposed for the project:

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- Construction Ends – Summer 2021

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