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Comments can also be submitted in writing to Mike Jacobs, Project Manager, 1601 Orange Road, Culpeper, VA 22701; or by email to Mike.Jacobs@VDOT.Virginia.gov.

Information must be postmarked, emailed or delivered to VDOT within 10 calendar days of today's meeting (December 7, 2012) in order to be included in the public hearing record.

VDOT representatives will review and evaluate any information received as a result of the public hearing.

After all comments have been addressed, the information received as a result of the hearing will be presented to VDOT's Chief Engineer or designee for consideration. If approval of the major design features is received for this project, it will move forward to the final design phase. Public hearing participants will be notified of this decision by letter.

Project information shared here is available for review after the public hearing at VDOT's Culpeper District Office located at 1601 Orange Road, Culpeper, VA 22701.

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Design Public Hearing

U.S. 29 (Emmet Street)/ U.S. 250 Bypass Interchange

Tuesday, November 27, 2012, 4:30 p.m. to 6:30 p.m.
Holiday Inn Emmet Street
1901 Emmet Street
Charlottesville, VA 22901

Public Meeting

Welcome to the Virginia Department of Transportation's (VDOT) design public hearing on the proposed improvements to the U.S. 29/U.S. 250 Bypass Interchange. These improvements extend from the Barracks Road Interchange (U.S. 250 Bypass) to south of Hydraulic Road.

This public hearing is 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 concerning 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



Existing conditions on U.S. 29 southbound.

Anticipated Cost – Approximately \$11.15 million

Purpose – Improve safety and traffic operations along U.S. 29 southbound onto the U.S. 250 Bypass westbound

From – Barracks Road Interchange (U.S. 250 Bypass)

To – South of Hydraulic Road

Total Length – 0.797 mile

Improvements – Widen U.S. 29 in the median to add one additional southbound lane, and widen the westbound entrance ramp onto the U.S. 250 Bypass to add one auxiliary lane on the outside of the existing ramp, which will extend to the Barracks Road exit.

PROJECT DESCRIPTION

The purpose of this project is to improve traffic operations, reduce delays and enhance safety along southbound U.S. 29 (Emmet Street) and the westbound U.S. 250 Bypass.

The proposed improvements include the addition of one southbound lane along U.S. 29 by widening in the median and an additional lane along the westbound entrance ramp onto the U.S. 250 Bypass by widening to the outside of the existing ramp. The traffic signal at Angus Road will be upgraded to accommodate the proposed improvements.

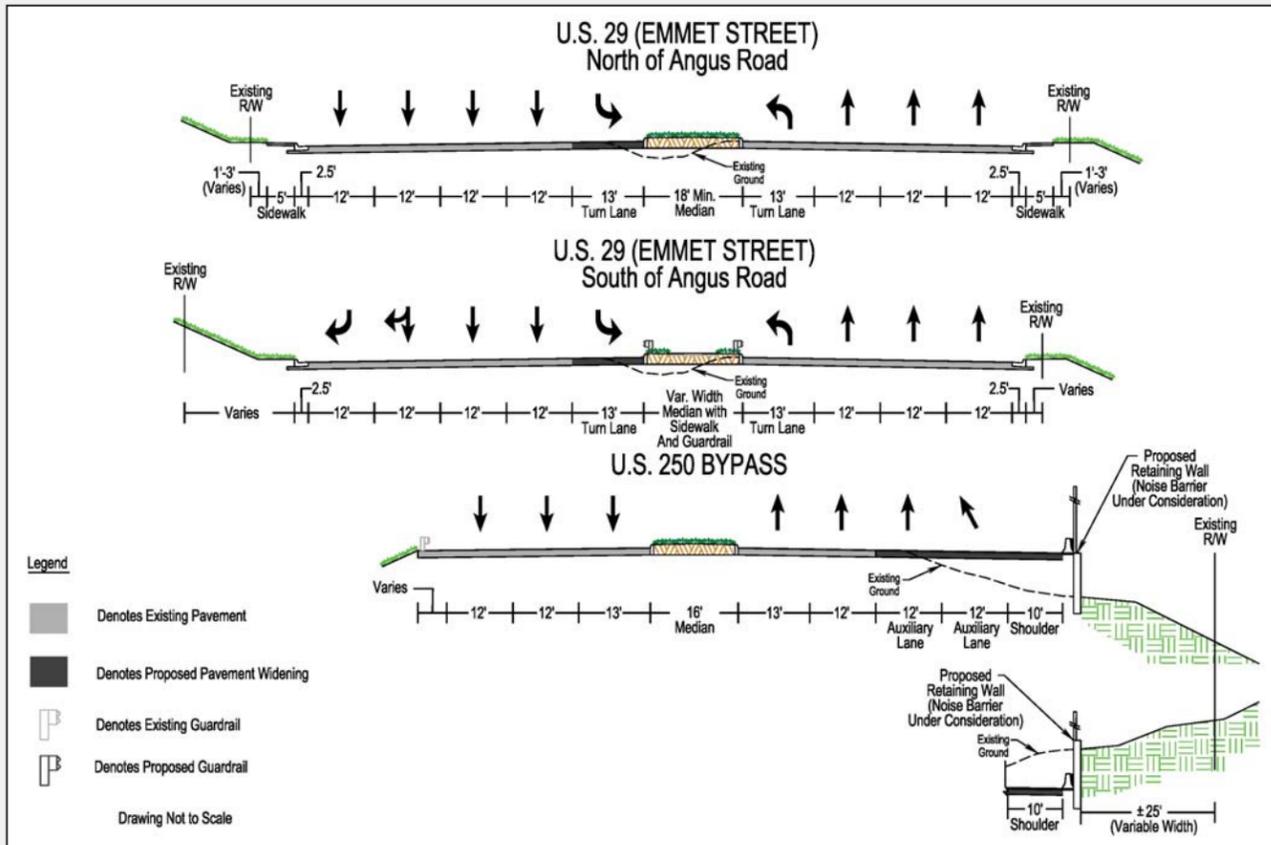
Also included in the proposed improvements is the construction of new sidewalk between Morton Drive and Angus Road. Modifications to the traffic signal at Morton Drive may be required as part of the proposed improvements. The proposed sidewalk will be located in the median in this area, which provides the safest and quickest pedestrian route.

As part of the environmental review, a preliminary noise study has been performed and potential locations for noise barriers have been identified along the eastbound and westbound lanes of the U.S. 250 Bypass between U.S. 29 and Barracks Road. Additional noise analysis will occur following the public hearing and impacted property owners will be contacted to review and provide feedback on the proposed plans for noise barriers.

This project has been developed in compliance with the Stormwater Management Act and the annual Stormwater Management Standards and Specifications approved by the Virginia Department of Conservation and Recreation. The project is not expected to generate any negative impacts to floodplains, streams or wetlands.

During construction, VDOT and its contractor will protect the environment by maintaining dust and erosion control.

Project Graphic



Typical sections of U.S. 29 and the U.S. 250 Bypass.

Estimated Project Cost

Total Cost:

\$11,150,000

Engineering of Roadway Plans:

\$1,750,000

Right of Way Acquisition and Utility Relocation:

\$500,000

Construction:

\$8,900,000 (includes noise barriers)

Cost is subject to change as the design is finalized.

Environmental Review

VDOT's Culpeper District Environmental Section 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 National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) is applicable to this project and a Categorical Exclusion (CE) is being developed 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.

In addition to NEPA, this project is subject to Section 106 of the National Historic Preservation Act (16 USC 370f; 36 CFR 800.2(c) (3)). Pursuant to this regulation the agency is coordinating its review of historic resource impacts with the Department of Historical Resources and other consulting parties.

The NEPA document and the results of other environmental studies are available at the public hearing on November 27.

Anticipated Schedule

The following schedule has been proposed:

Public hearing: **November 27, 2012**

Public comment period ends: **December 7, 2012**

Right of way acquisition and utility relocation: **Summer 2013**

Construction advertisement: **Fall 2014**

Construction start: **Spring 2015**

The project's schedule is subject to change.

Civil Rights

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. For additional information or assistance contact VDOT's Culpeper District Office of Civil Rights, 1601 Orange Road, Culpeper, VA 22701; telephone 1-800-FOR-ROAD (376-7623), TDD/TTY 800-307-4630 or 711.

Right of Way

The plans on display at this meeting show the extent of right of way that is needed for this project. As currently proposed, three parcels of land are affected by the acquisition of right of way and/or easements.

Affected 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 Right of Way and Utilities brochure, "A Guide for Property Owners and Tenants." Copies of this brochure are available at the public hearing and from any VDOT right of way agent.

After the public hearing, information regarding right of way may be obtained from the right of way contact listed on the back of this brochure.