A Notice of Willingness about the proposed improvements at the intersection of Route 17 (George Washington Memorial Highway) and Route 216 (Guinea Road) in Gloucester County is being offered.

This safety improvement project at the intersection of Route 17 and Route 216 will repurpose the existing shared through/left lane on Route 216 (Guinea Road), east of Route 17, to provide a dedicated westbound left turn lane and a dedicated through lane. This will be accomplished by reconstructing the existing median to the south and modifying the traffic signal phasing for efficiency. Additionally, access management improvements will be implemented along Route 17 south of the intersection at several locations. These improvements may include modifying or closing some commercial entrances.

Review the project information at VDOT’s Fredericksburg District Office located at 87 Deacon Road, Fredericksburg, VA 22405, 540-899-4288 or TDD/TTY 711. You can also review the project information at VDOT’s Saluda Residency located at 1027 General Puller Highway, Saluda, VA 23149, 804-758-2321. Please call ahead to ensure the availability of appropriate personnel.

If your concerns cannot be satisfied, VDOT is willing to hold a public hearing. You may request that a public hearing be held by sending a written request to Mr. Curtis Holloway, Project Manager, Virginia Department of Transportation, 87 Deacon Road, Fredericksburg, VA 22405 on or prior to Thursday, August 13, 2020. If a request for a public hearing is received, notice of date, time, and place of the hearing will be posted.

A notice of willingness for the project was previously posted and a design public hearing was held on February 24, 2020. VDOT is repeating the notice of willingness and will accept public comments previously submitted as well as new comments on the proposed design. This notice of willingness and associated comments will supersede previous efforts due to procedural requirements. Documents from the design public hearing are available online at www.VirginiaDOT.org under “Projects and Studies” and “Fredericksburg District.”

In compliance with the National Historic Preservation Act, Section 106 and 36 CFR Part 800, information concerning the potential effects of the proposed improvements on properties listed in or eligible for listing in the National Register of Historic Places are included in the National Environmental Policy Act documentation.

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. If you need more information or special assistance for persons with disabilities or limited English proficiency, contact the project manager at 540-899-4288 or TDD/TTY 711.