Rockland Road (Route 658) Improvements Warren County Section 4(f) De Minimis Public Notice

In accordance with Section 4(f) of the U.S. Department of Transportation Act of 1966 (49 USC 303), hereinafter referred to as “Section 4(f),” and its implementing regulations 23 CFR Part 774, the Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) is providing public notice of its intent to make a de minimis impact finding regarding the proposed use of Warren County’s Rockland Recreational Park for the Rockland Road improvement project (VDOT Project 0658-093-R13, M501, P101, R201; UPC 112945). Pursuant to 23 CFR 774.5(b) (2), notice is hereby provided for the proposed de minimis impact finding, and its purpose is to provide the public with an opportunity for comment.

The purpose of the proposed project is to provide a grade-separated crossing (i.e. bridge) to carry traffic on Rockland Road (Route 658) over the Norfolk and Southern Railroad. Fishnet Boulevard (Route 705) will also be partially realigned to maintain access to the Rockland Road Recreational Park. The project proponent is the Virginia Inland Port; it is funded by a federal Build Grant administered by the National Maritime Administration (MARAD); and the Virginia Department of Transportation (VDOT) is completing the preliminary engineering work and National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) document for it on the behalf of FHWA.

The proposed de minimis impact finding is a result of coordination with Warren County, which is the official with jurisdiction that owns and/or administers the affected portion of the property protected by Section 4(f). FHWA has notified Warren County of its intent to make a de minimis impact finding for the use of Rockland Recreational Park, and should the official in Warren County concur, FHWA will issue a finding of de minimis impact for the use.

Comments regarding the proposed Section 4(f) de minimis impact finding may be submitted in writing to VDOT’s Environmental Section at 811 Commerce Road, Staunton, 24401 or emailed to VDOT’s Staunton District Environmental Manager TamaraAmbler@vdot.virginia.gov by July 2, 2020.

Please contact the District Environmental Manager at (540) 332-9101 for additional information.

State Project: 0658-093-R13, M501, P101, R201 UPC: 112945
Federal Project: STP/F-0938(45)
From: 0.268 miles west of Rte. 705
To: 0.053 mile east of Rte. 705