

ASHLAND TO PETERSBURG TRAIL STUDY

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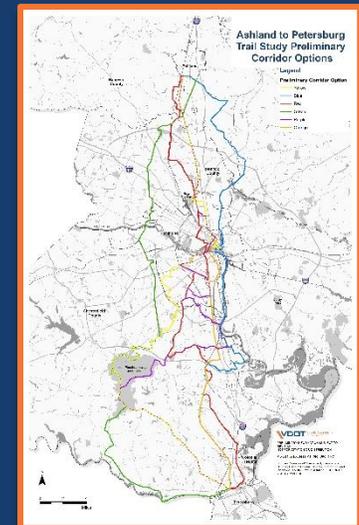
The Virginia Department of Transportation (VDOT) is committed to providing meaningful opportunities for public involvement and encouraging participation in the project development process, beginning in the early planning stages. To keep the public informed on the Ashland to Petersburg (ATP) Trail Study,

VDOT will provide regular updates as the study progresses. Additional opportunities for input and public engagement will also be provided in the form of upcoming public meetings. Stay informed by checking for updates on the study website at: www.ATPTrailStudy.org.

WHAT IS NEW?

VDOT has completed development and evaluation of the multi-use trail corridor options and presented a recommendation for a preferred corridor option to participating stakeholders and environmental agencies involved in the study. In July 2019, the Environmental Agency Working Group indicated their agreement with VDOT's recommended preferred corridor, which preliminarily represents the least impactful options to environmental resources, with consideration given to cost and feasibility of construction.

Currently, VDOT is working with the Stakeholder Technical Advisory Group (STAG), consisting of state agencies, localities, planning organizations, and special interest groups, to refine the preferred corridor to ensure that it meets local and regional active transportation needs.



STAKEHOLDER INVOLVEMENT

Close coordination with state transportation agencies, such as the Virginia Department of Rail and Public Transportation, localities, planning organizations, and special interest groups has been an important component of the ATP Trail Study. In addition to feedback received from the public, input from the STAG has been essential to help identify destinations of interest, barriers and constraints, and desired trail types along the corridors evaluated.

A STAG meeting was held at the VDOT Richmond District Office in July 2019. The purpose of the meeting was to review VDOT's preferred trail corridor and offer the opportunity to the STAG to provide suggested modifications and input. VDOT is currently working with the STAG to evaluate suggested modifications and refine the preferred corridor.

WHAT IS NEXT?

Following the refinement and modification of VDOT's recommended preferred corridor based on feedback from the STAG, VDOT will present the preferred trail corridor to the public. Public information meetings are expected to be held in late September or early October 2019. At the meetings, the public will be able to review the findings from the development and evaluation of the multi-use trail corridor options and provide input on the preferred corridor. Public input will be a critical component in the study process for identifying priority segments along the preferred trail corridor.

Look for upcoming meeting information and materials on the study website at: www.ATPTrailStudy.org.



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