Welcome!

Thank you for attending tonight’s Public Hearing to discuss the preliminary design for improvements to Popes Head Road (Route 654) between Lewisham Road (Route 5435) and O’Faly Rd (Route 5436). Tonight is your opportunity to review and comment on the plans for these improvements. Our project team, comprised of VDOT staff and staff from the Fairfax County Government, is available to respond to questions and concerns. **Comment sheets are available to document your concerns.**

You are encouraged to make written comments on the form provided. Your comments can be e-mailed or mailed to us within 10 days after this meeting, if you choose not to submit comments tonight. These comments will be used to enhance the project as the design continues.

**A brief VDOT presentation on the project will begin at 6:00 p.m. and will be followed by a question and answer period.**

We look forward to working with you as the project moves forward.

Thanks for coming!

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**LOCATION MAP**

*Location of Proposed Project*

Project: 0654-029-S61, PE-101, RW-201, C-501

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Monday
April 12, 2004
5:00 PM to 8:00 PM
Bonnie Brae Elementary School
5420 Sideburn Rd
Fairfax, Virginia 22032
PROJECT DESCRIPTION

The project consists of improvements to the horizontal alignment, vertical alignment, and typical section of Popes Head Road within the project limits (300’ west of Lewisham Road to O’Faly Road). The purpose of the project is to mitigate historical accident experience at the project site by improving the geometry, sight distance, and roadside safety characteristics of this section of Popes Head Road.

This is a Hazard Elimination and Safety (HES) project which will receive federal funding.

PROPOSED DESIGN FEATURES

The proposed improvements will bring the line, grade, and typical section of Popes Head Road within the project limits up to current standards for a road of its classification and traffic volume. The improved road will consist of two 12 ft lanes with 8 ft graded shoulders (4 ft. paved). The proposed typical section is shown below.

PROPOSED TYPICAL SECTION

NOTE: This typical section is for illustrative purposes.

TRAFFIC DATA

Average daily traffic on this section of Popes Head Road is 3,200 vehicles per day. The projected design year traffic for the year 2015 is 4,000 vehicles per day. There were 15 recorded accidents (September 1, 1999 to September 1, 2003) from 1,000 ft west of Lewisham Road to 1,000 ft east of O’Faly Road. Eleven people were injured, including one pedestrian.

NONDISCRIMINATION

VDOT ensures nondiscrimination in all programs and activities in accordance with Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964. For further information contact The Virginia Department of Transportation, Office of Equal Opportunity located at 14685 Avion Parkway, Chantilly, Virginia 20151 or telephone (703) 383-2341 or TDD 711.
ENVIRONMENTAL CONSIDERATIONS

Through on-site inspection and coordination with Federal, State, and local agencies, VDOT has determined that the proposed project will have no significant environmental impacts and qualifies for a Categorical Exclusion pursuant to the National Environmental Policy Act of 1969 (NEPA).

During construction, all reasonable effort will be made to protect the environment with respect to dust control, siltation, and erosion. Construction will conform to the Nationwide Best Management Practices, VDOT Specifications and Special Provisions, and the Virginia Department of Conservation and Recreation, Division of Soil and Water Conservation Regulations. Additionally, any impacts to streams and/or wetlands will be evaluated and any permits required from the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers or the Virginia Department of Environmental Quality for stream or wetland impacts will be obtained prior to construction.

RIGHT OF WAY CONSIDERATIONS

No displacements or relocations of families or businesses are anticipated at this time. As the project develops and the design is finalized, some additional right of way and easements may be required beyond the proposed or existing right of way shown on the plans. Property owners will be informed of the exact locations and use of the easements during the right of way process prior to construction. If you require further information contact:

Mr. Steven E. Welch, P.E.
District Right of Way Manager
VDOT Northern Virginia District Office
14685 Avion Parkway
Chantilly, Virginia 20151-1104

ESTIMATED COSTS

The estimated cost of the project in 2004 dollars is $1,785,100. This cost includes engineering, utility relocation, right-of-way acquisition, and construction costs.

MILESTONES

The following schedule has been proposed:

Review and evaluate feedback from Public Hearing Meeting. . . . Spring 2004
Begin Right-of-Way Acquisition . . . . Winter 2004
Advertise for Construction . . . . . Early 2006

Device for the Hearing Impaired (TDD):
1-800-307-4630
WRITTEN COMMENTS

The comment sheet in this brochure is provided to assist you in making your comments. You may leave this sheet or any other written comments in the comment box or mail your comments to the address below: (Note: Comments are due no later than April 22, 2004)

Mr. Leonard Siegel, P.E.
Virginia Department of Transportation
Northern Virginia District Office
14685 Avion Parkway
Chantilly, Virginia 20151-1104

E-MAIL COMMENTS

E-mail comments can be sent to the following address within 10 days (April 22, 2004) after the meeting. Please include the title of this meeting “Popes Head Road PH Comments” in the subject line.

meeting_comments@virginiadot.org

The project will be available for review in the Plan Room in the Northern Virginia District Office, located off of Route 50 on Avion Parkway, in the Avion Lakeside 1 Building (14685 Avion Parkway, Chantilly, Virginia 20151).