

## Get Involved

Comments may be submitted orally or in writing at the public hearing; by mail to Justin Warfield, Project Manager, 1601 Orange Road, Culpeper, VA 22701; or by email to [Justin.Warfield@vdot.virginia.gov](mailto:Justin.Warfield@vdot.virginia.gov).

Comments must be postmarked, emailed or delivered to VDOT by **February 18, 2018** in order to be included in the public hearing record.

After the public comment period closes, VDOT will review and evaluate any information received as a result of this hearing. This information, including

the hearing summary, will be available for review at the VDOT Culpeper District office. After all comments have been addressed, the information received as a result of the hearing will be presented to VDOT's District 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.

Visit the project webpage for more information: [www.virginiadot.org/projects/culpeper/schoolbusroad.asp](http://www.virginiadot.org/projects/culpeper/schoolbusroad.asp)

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### DESIGN PUBLIC HEARING

## Route 22/208 (Davis Highway) Louisa County Intersection Improvements at Route 767 (School Bus Road)

Thursday, February 8, 2018, 4:30-6:30 p.m.  
Louisa County Library  
881 Davis Highway  
Mineral, VA 23117

## Public Meeting

**Welcome to the Virginia Department of Transportation's design public hearing on the project to improve the intersection of Route 22/208 (Davis Highway) and Route 767 (School Bus Road) in Louisa County.**

This public hearing is being held to provide an opportunity for any person, acting on his/her own behalf or representing a group or governing agency, to give VDOT comments and/or suggestions on 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



**Anticipated Cost** – \$7.5 million

**Purpose** – To improve safety and mobility for motorists and bicyclists and to support future development.

**Location** – From 0.2-mile west of Route 625 (Chalk Level Road) to 0.3-mile east of Route 625.

**Total Length** – 0.5 mile

**Improvements** – The project will relocate Route 767 (School Bus Road) to create a four-way intersection at Route 625. Left and right turn lanes and paved shoulders will be added on Route 22/208 (Davis Highway) for improved safety and mobility for drivers and bicyclists.

State Project – 0022-054-772, P101, R201, C501  
Federal Project – STP-054-7(041) UPC – 109520

## PROJECT DESCRIPTION

In 2015, Louisa County applied for SMART SCALE funding to relocate Route 767 (School Bus Road) from its existing alignment to create a four-way intersection at Route 22/208 (Davis Highway) and Route 625 (Chalk Level Road). This project was the fourth highest scoring SMART SCALE project in the Culpeper District.

The existing intersection consists of two adjacent one-way stop controlled T-intersections with no turn lanes on Route 22/208. Between July 2011 and June 2016, there were 28 total crashes with 19 persons injured on Route 22/208 in the area of the two intersections. Of the 28 total crashes, 15 were classified as rear-end collisions.

The new four-way intersection will allow for left and right turn lanes to be added on Route 22/208 to improve safety by reducing the trend of rear-end crashes. Paved shoulders will also be constructed on Route 22/208 as a safety improvement for bicyclists. Davis Highway will be shifted slightly south to avoid

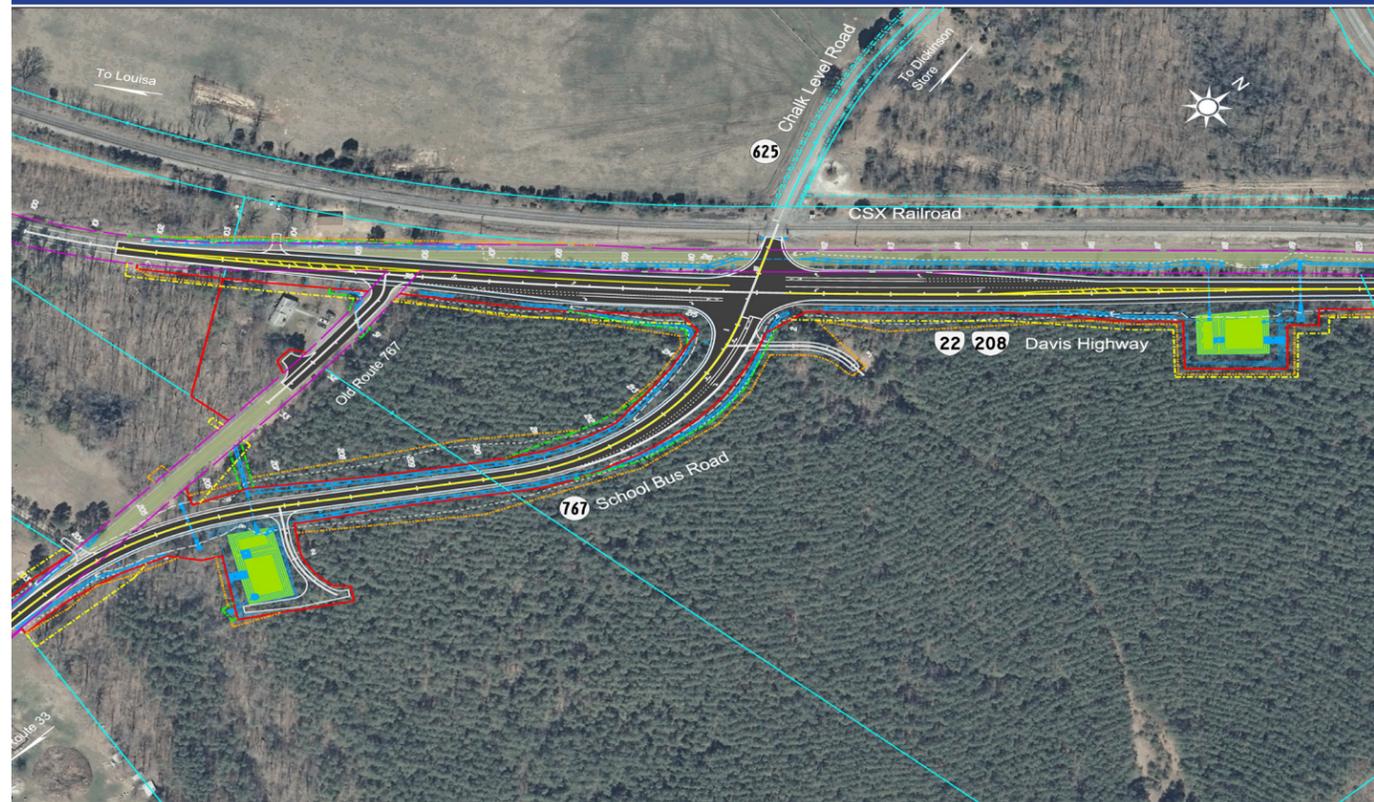
impacts to the railroad and to allow enough space for a tractor-trailer on Route 625 to safely wait for a passing train without impacting traffic on Route 22/208.

Approximately 10,000 vehicles use Route 22/208 daily, according to 2016 data. The traffic count on Route 625 is 560 vehicles per day and about 1,100 vehicles use Route 767 each day.

During construction, all reasonable efforts will be made to protect the environment with respect to dust control, siltation and erosion. Stormwater management strategies will be incorporated in this project.

Construction, which is expected to begin in late 2020, will take about one year and require periodic lane closures. The public will be notified about traffic impacts and changes through media reports, social media posts and 511.

## Conceptual Design



## Estimated Project Cost

Total Cost:

**\$7,500,000**

Engineering of Roadway Plans:

**\$900,000**

Right of Way Acquisition and Utility Relocation:

**\$2,250,000**

Construction:

**\$4,350,000**

*Cost is subject to change as the design is developed.*

## Environmental Review

VDOT's Culpeper District Environmental office has performed environmental reviews and coordination to obtain information about environmental resources in the project vicinity; to provide natural and historic resource agencies an opportunity to review and comment on the project during its 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 Programmatic Categorical Exclusion has been developed in cooperation with the Federal Highway Administration and in accordance with federal guidelines. The NEPA document includes information from various technical reviews including those related to natural resources, water quality, threatened and endangered species, air quality and noise.

The project will continue to be coordinated with the appropriate federal, state and local agencies as part of environmental review and approval processes required throughout project development and construction. All required environmental clearances and permits will be obtained prior to commencement of construction. Strict compliance with all environmental conditions and commitments resulting from regulatory approvals and implementation of VDOT's specifications and standard best management practices will protect the environment during construction.

The NEPA document and the results of other environmental studies are available at the public hearing. Representatives are available to discuss this information and to answer questions.

## Anticipated Schedule

**The following schedule has been proposed:**

Public hearing: **February 8, 2018**

Public comment period ends: **February 18, 2018**

Right of way acquisition and utility relocation:

**Spring 2019**

Construction begins: **Late 2020**

Construction completion: **December 2021**

*Project schedule is subject to change.*

## Civil Rights

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 with regard to your civil rights on this project or special assistance for persons with disabilities or limited English proficiency, contact the project manager listed on the back of this brochure.

## Right of Way

The relocation of Route 767 to create a four-way intersection at Route 22/208 and Route 625 in Louisa County may require the displacement of one family.

As the project is further developed, additional right of way for utility relocation or construction may be required beyond the proposed limits shown on the public hearing plans. The property owners will be informed of the exact location of the easements 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 on the [VDOT website](#) 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.