

Get Involved

Thank you for taking the time to review the information presented here tonight. Your comments are important and are greatly appreciated. VDOT will carefully consider all comments received at this meeting and during the comment period.

Written comments must be postmarked or sent electronically no later than **October 15, 2015**. There are three ways you may provide us with your comments:

At This Meeting

Please leave your written comments in the designated box or make a verbal comment to the Court Reporter.

By E-mail

Fredericksburginfo@VDOT.Virginia.gov

Please reference "I95/Route 630 Interchange Project" in the subject line.

By Mail

You may submit your written comments to:

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Additional information can also be found on the project website, which will be updated periodically during the course of the study.

http://www.virginiadot.org/projects/fredericksburg/route_630_courthouse_road_and_interstate_95_interchange_reconstruction.asp

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Design Public Hearing

Interstate 95/Route 630

Interchange Reconstruction Project Stafford County

Tuesday, September 29, 2015, 5 – 8 p.m.

Colonial Forge High School

550 Courthouse Road

Stafford, VA 22554

Public Meeting

Welcome to the Virginia Department of Transportation's (VDOT) Design Public Hearing on the proposed improvements at the Interstate 95/Route 630 interchange in Stafford County.

This meeting is being held to provide an opportunity for both citizens and organizations to provide VDOT comments and/or suggestions on the proposed improvements. Your input is important and VDOT strives to ensure that all members of the community have the opportunity to participate in public decisions on transportation projects affecting them.

VDOT representatives and members of the study team are present to discuss the project and answer your questions.

A comment sheet is included in the handout for this meeting and your input is encouraged. Verbal comments may also be provided to the Verbatim Recorder. All verbal and written comments received for this project will be included in a summary report for consideration by VDOT personnel, citizens and other interested parties and will be made available upon request. VDOT staff will address questions and concerns raised as a result of this meeting before the project is presented to the VDOT Chief Engineer or his designee for consideration.

Project Overview



Cost – \$149,462,063

Purpose – To increase capacity

Improvements – Interchange reconstruction

State Project: 0095-089-F09, P101, R201, R202, C501, B647, B648 UPC 13558

PROJECT DESCRIPTION

The Interstate 95/Route 630 interchange project will be a complete re-design and construction of the existing interchange (Exit 140/Courthouse Road). The current interchange, constructed in 1963, cannot adequately handle the existing traffic and will not be able to keep up with projected growth in the region.

An Interchange Modification Report (IMR), which is required by the Federal Highway Administration (FHWA), was approved in June 2011 and VDOT selected Alternative A2 to carry forward for detailed design. This alternative is a modified split diamond (MSD) on new Route 630 Alignment. Subsequently, a new alternative, Alternative F, a diverging-diamond interchange (DDI) on new Route 630 alignment, has been developed. A supplement to the IMR was provided to the FHWA. Alternative F performs as well or better than Alternative A2 and has lower costs and fewer right-of-way impacts.

The proposed DDI will construct two new bridges parallel to and approximately 800 feet south of existing Route 630. Route 630 (Courthouse Road) will be realigned to intersect Route 1 adjacent to Stafford Hospital. To the west of the proposed interchange, the intersection of Route 630 and Austin Ridge Drive will be realigned approximately 500' to the west. Additionally, the existing commuter park and ride lot on the west side of Interstate 95, at the intersection of Courthouse Road and Austin Ridge Drive, will be relocated to the east side of Interstate 95. At a minimum, the relocated commuter park and ride lot will replace the 545 parking spaces that exist today. Access to the commuter park and ride lot will be gained via relocated Wyche Road that will be constructed on the east side of the DDI, connecting the relocated Courthouse Road to the existing Courthouse Road alignment. A cul-de-sac will be constructed on existing Route 630 on the east side of the existing interchange.

After the project is complete, VDOT will continue to maintain the road system.

Project Graphic



Estimated Project Cost

Total Cost:

\$149,462,063

Preliminary Engineering:

\$14,765,059

Right of Way Acquisition, Relocation Assistance and Utility Relocation:

\$38,531,016

Construction:

\$96,165,988

Civil Rights

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Right of Way

Right of way acquisitions for the project began in October 2013 and will continue into the construction phase. The construction of this project will require the total acquisition of some commercial and residential parcels. There will also be displacements as well as relocations associated with the project. As we finalize development of the project, additional right of way and easements may be required beyond what is show on the displays. The property owners will be informed of the exact location of the right of way and easements during the right of way acquisition process.

Information about right of way purchase is discussed in VDOT's brochure, "Right of Way and Utilities: a Guide for Property Owners and Tenants." Copies of this brochure are available here from a VDOT right of way agent. After this meeting, information regarding right of way may be obtained from the right of way contact person listed on the back of this brochure.

Anticipated Schedule

The following schedule has been proposed:

Design Public Hearing - September 29, 2015

Comment Period - until October 15, 2015

Design-Build Requests for Qualifications - October 2015

Design-Build Request for Proposals - April 2016

Begin Construction - 2017

Environmental Review

VDOT's Fredericksburg 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 Draft Environmental Assessment 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, noise, etc. In compliance with the National Historic Preservation Act, Section 106 and 36 CFR Part 800, information concerning the potential effects of the proposed project on properties listed in or eligible for listing in the National Register of Historic Places is also provided in the environmental documentation.

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 today's meeting. Representatives from VDOT's Environmental section are available to discuss this information and to answer questions.