Welcome to the Virginia Department of Transportation’s (VDOT) design public hearing on the Interstate 95 Southbound lanes in Stafford County and the City of Fredericksburg.

This design public hearing is being held to provide an opportunity for citizens or organizations to provide 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.

Cost - $125 million
Purpose – Provide additional capacity; reduce congestion and improve accessibility and mobility.
Improvements – Add two I-95 southbound collector-distributor lanes on a new bridge over the Rappahannock River and Route 17 interchange modifications.

A comment sheet is included in this meeting handout and your input is encouraged. All verbal and written comments received on this project will be included in a transcript for review by VDOT personnel, citizens and other interested parties.

VDOT staff will address questions and concerns raised as a result of this meeting before the project is presented to VDOT’s Project Development Engineer for approval.
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 in accordance with these requirements a Final Environmental Assessment has been prepared and a Finding of No Significant Impact (FONSI) issued by the Federal Highway Administration on November 17, 2015. 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 the 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.

Representatives from VDOT’s Environmental section are available to answer questions.

Project Graphic

Estimated Project Cost

- Total Project Cost: $125,000,000
- Preliminary Engineering: $9,678,000
- Right of Way: $6,500,000
- Construction: $108,822,000

Anticipated Schedule

- The following schedule has been proposed:
  - Design Public Hearing – January 25, 2017
  - Comment Period – January 25, 2017 – February 8, 2017
  - Advertise Project – Spring 2017
  - Right of Way – Spring 2018
  - Begin Construction – Summer 2018

*Project schedule assumes Design-Build project delivery

Environmental Review

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Right of Way

The construction of this project will not require any displacement of families, businesses or non-profit organizations.

As we further develop and finalize the design of this project, additional easements for utility relocation may be required beyond the proposed right of way 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 acquisition is discussed in VDOT’s brochure entitled “Right of Way and Utilities: A Guide for Property Owners and Tenants.” Copies of this booklet are available from a VDOT right of way agent. After this meeting, information regarding right of way may be obtained from the right of way contact listed on the back of this brochure.