

## 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 **February 5, 2018**. You may provide your comments by any of the following methods:

### At This Meeting

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

### By Email

[Fred.comments@VDOT.Virginia.gov](mailto:Fred.comments@VDOT.Virginia.gov)

Please reference "Chatham Bridge Rehabilitation" in the subject line.

### By Mail

You may submit your written comments to:

Mr. Byrd Holloway, P.E.  
Virginia Department of Transportation  
87 Deacon Road  
Fredericksburg, VA 22405

Additional information can also be found on VDOT's website at

<http://www.virginiadot.org/projects/fredericksburg/>

The information received as a result of the meeting will be presented to VDOT's Chief Engineer for consideration.

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Design Public Hearing

## Chatham Bridge Rehabilitation Stafford County & the City of Fredericksburg

Thursday, January 25, 2018, 5-7 p.m.  
Fredericksburg VDOT District Auditorium  
86 Deacon Road  
Fredericksburg, VA 22405

## Public Meeting

Welcome to the Virginia Department of Transportation's (VDOT) design public hearing on the bridge rehabilitation of the Chatham Bridge - Superstructure Replacement 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.

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.

## Project Overview



**Cost** - \$22.2 million

**Purpose** – To rehabilitate the Chatham Bridge which carries Route 3 Business over the Rappahannock River

**Improvements** - Widen bridge deck to provide four – 10' wide travel lanes and a barrier-separated shared use path on the downstream side.

State Project: 0003-089-686, P101, R201, C501, B614 - UPC 105535 - Federal Project: BR-5111 (282)  
State Project: 0003-111-293, C501, B603 – UPC 110822

## PROJECT DESCRIPTION

This project will rehabilitate the Chatham Bridge, which is structurally deficient. Specifically the project will replace the superstructure, the part of the bridge that carries the road. Repairs will be made to the substructure, the part of the bridge that supports the superstructure, and to the roadways as they approach the bridge.

The proposed bridge will be 57' 2" wide with four - 10' wide travel lanes. It will have an 8' wide shared use path that will be separated from the vehicular traffic with a railing/barrier. Key features of the project include:

- Church-style rail on the outside of the bridge to be similar to the existing rail
- Bridge to be widened equally on both sides by 3' 7"
- Vehicular traffic will be slightly farther away from the Old Stone Warehouse

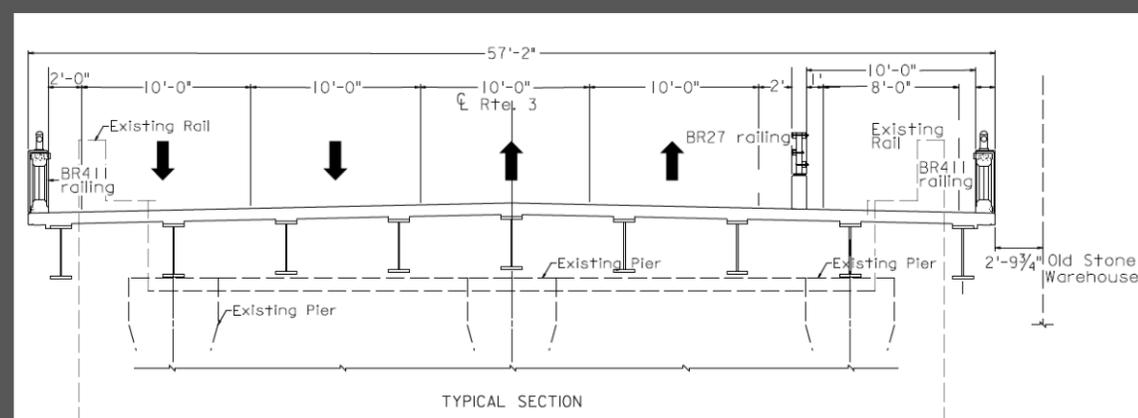
- Shared use path will be adjacent to Old Stone Warehouse and connect to Stafford's Belmont-Ferry Farm Trail
- Superstructure will be rehabilitated on existing bridge piers

This project will be constructed in accordance with VDOT's current road and bridge standards and specifications to comply with federal and state regulations pertaining to public welfare and safety.

The bridge will be closed to traffic during construction. A detour will be provided (please see insert).

After the project is complete, VDOT will maintain the bridge and the roadways within Stafford County. The City of Fredericksburg will maintain the roadways within their limits.

### Project Graphic



### Estimated Project Cost

**Total Project Cost: \$22,200,000**

*Preliminary Engineering: \$3,310,604*

*Right of Way: \$2,000,000*

*Construction: \$16,889,396*

### Anticipated Schedule

**The following schedule has been proposed:**

**Design Public Hearing** – January 25, 2018

**Comment Period** – January 25, 2018 – February 5, 2018

**Right of Way** – May 31, 2019

**Advertise Project** – October 13, 2020

**Construction Begins** – February 28, 2021

**Complete Construction** – September 30, 2022

### 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 Categorical Exclusion and Net Benefit Programmatic 4(f) Evaluation have been developed in cooperation with the Federal Highway Administration and in accordance with federal guidelines. The NEPA and 4(f) documents include 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.

### Civil Rights

VDOT ensures non-discrimination 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 or special assistance for persons with disabilities or limited English proficiency, contact VDOT's Civil Rights Division at 540-899-4562, TTY/TDD 711.

### 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.