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 April 28, 2018. You may provide your comments by any of the following methods:

At This Meeting
Please leave your written comments in the designated box.

By Mail
You may submit your written comments to:
Mr. Lanksford Hankins Jr., 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 Project Development Engineer for consideration.

By Email
Fred.comments@VDOT.Virginia.gov

Please reference “Rte. 639-Ladysmith Road Widening” in the subject line.

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Design Public Hearing
Route 639 (Ladysmith Road) Roadway Reconstruction and Widening, Caroline County

Welcome to the Virginia Department of Transportation’s (VDOT) design public hearing on the widening of Route 639, Ladysmith Road, in Caroline County.

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 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.

Public Meeting

Wednesday April 18, 2018, 5-7 p.m.
Lewis and Clark Elementary School
18101 Clark and York Boulevard
Ruther Glen, VA 22546-2896

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.

Project Overview

Cost - $26.65 million

Purpose – To increase capacity and improve the functionality of the intersection

Improvements - Widening Route 639 from two to four lanes; adding new signals at relocated Green Road and Center Drive; modifying signal at Route 1; and installing new pedestrian and bike accommodations

The 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 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.

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After the project is complete VDOT will maintain the road.

The project will widen Route 639, Ladysmith Road, from two to four lanes from the west end of the bridge on Route 639 over I-95 at Exit 110 westbound to its intersection with Route 1. The project will include the installation of traffic signals at relocated Green Road and Center Drive. It will also provide for the modification of the existing signal at the intersection of Route 1 and Ladysmith Road. Dual left turns in both directions will be constructed at each new signalized intersection. Additional through and turn lanes will be provided at the Route 1/639 intersection. A raised median will be constructed along project limits. Right in/right out only access will be provided at key locations.

**Estimated Project Cost**

- **Total Project Cost:** $26.65 million
- **Preliminary Engineering:** $2 million
- **Right of Way:** $7.65 million
- **Construction:** $17 million

**Anticipated Schedule**

- **Design Public Hearing:** April 18, 2018
- **Comment Period:** April 18, 2018 – April 28, 2018
- **Right of Way:** May 10, 2019
- **Advertise Project:** September 14, 2021
- **Construction Begins:** February 2022
- **Complete Construction:** February 2023

**Civil Rights**

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**Right of Way**

The construction of this project may require displacement of three residential dwellings and one business 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.

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