Thank you for attending tonight’s “Pardon Our Dust” meeting to discuss the upcoming construction project to improve drainage in the Mathews Courthouse area.

**Fast Facts**

- **Contractor:** Howard Brothers Contractor, Inc.
- **Estimated cost:** $5.7 million
- **Construction start:** November 8, 2017
- **Construction complete:** October 26, 2018

**What will this project accomplish?**
The project will increase the capacity of drainage facilities on Church Street and Main Street near Mathews Courthouse.

**What are the specific improvements?**
Construction crews will remove several existing drainage pipes that carry Put-in Creek underneath Church Street with a single concrete box culvert. Crews will also remove and replace several storm sewer pipes underneath Main Street that connect with Put-in Creek.

**What can drivers expect during construction?**
The project will begin with several weeks of utility relocation starting November 8, 2017. This work can be accomplished outside of the travel lanes. In mid-December, crews will begin work on Church Street near Put-In Creek. Work will be underway at the Church Street location for an estimated 90-120 days. Crews will then shift to working at the Main Street location near Food Lion from spring 2018 until the project is finished in October 2018.

**Lane Closures**
Single lane closures will be permitted between 7 a.m. – 5 p.m. on Mondays through Fridays, with periodic work on Saturdays. When lane closures are needed, Church Street and Main Street traffic will be reduced to one lane, and traffic will alternate traveling through the work zone as directed by a flagging crew.

Steel plates will be needed temporarily as a travel surface as pipes are excavated and new drainage features are installed. Motorists will encounter a rough ride on a temporary basis. Warning signs will be placed to warn travelers approaching the steel plates.

**Entrances**
Access to all businesses, residences, offices and emergency services will be maintained during this project. Drivers will always be able to reach their destination during the project, although traffic may be briefly directed to an alternate access point.

**Sidewalks, Pedestrian Access and Parking**
Sidewalks and pedestrian crossings will be maintained during construction, although the sidewalk
and crossing location may shift slightly to allow for construction. On-street parking will be temporarily unavailable in the work zone on Main Street during specific phases of construction. Notices will be posted well in advance to allow businesses, customers, and residents to make alternate arrangements when these parking spaces will be unavailable.

**How can I stay informed during the project?**
Visit the project page on [www.VirginiaDOT.org](http://www.VirginiaDOT.org). Click on “Projects and Studies,” followed by “Fredericksburg.”

Real-time information on work zones and lane closures is available 24 hours a day through 511Virginia. Visit [www.511virginia.org](http://www.511virginia.org), call 511 from any phone in Virginia, or download the free mobile 511Virginia app for iPhone and Android devices.

**Hot Spots**
If you would like to receive a weekly emailed list of all scheduled work zones and lane closures in VDOT’s 14-county Fredericksburg District, including lane closures for the Mathews Courthouse Area Drainage Improvement project, please send an email to VDOT Communications Manager Kelly Hannon at Kelly.Hannon@VDOT.Virginia.Gov. The “Hot Spots” lane closure email is sent weekly on Friday afternoons for the upcoming Sunday-Saturday.

**Questions?**
Contact VDOT’s 24-hour Customer Service Center at 1-800-FOR-ROAD (800-367-7623) or online at [http://my.vdot.virginia.gov](http://my.vdot.virginia.gov), or please contact VDOT project staff:

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