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 January 22, 2018. You may provide your comments by any of the following methods:

By Mail
You may submit your written comments to:
Mr. Byrd Holloway, P.E.
Virginia Department of Transportation
87 Deacon Road
Fredericksburg, VA 22405

By Email
Fred.comments@VDOT.Virginia.gov
Please reference “Route 1/Commonwealth Commuter Lot” in the subject line.

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
Route 1 and Commonwealth Drive Park and Ride Commuter Lot, Spotsylvania County

Welcome to the Virginia Department of Transportation’s (VDOT) design public hearing on the Route 1 and Commonwealth Drive Park and Ride Commuter Lot in Spotsylvania 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 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 - $16.6 million

Purpose – To provide additional commuter parking facilities for the Fredericksburg region.

Improvements – Construct a commuter parking lot with approximately 700 spaces at the southwest corner of Commonwealth Drive/Route 1 in the Massaponax area of Spotsylvania County.

State Project: 0001-088-281, P101, R201, C501 - UPC 109474
Federal Project: STP-5111 (299)
This project proposes to construct a park and ride commuter lot containing approximately 700 spaces at the southwest corner of Route 1 and Commonwealth Drive in Spotsylvania County. The proposed lot will contain standard, accessible and motorcycle parking spaces. The lot will also have bicycle racks, a bus lane with a loading area and a shelter, and a sidewalk area.

Primary access to the lot will be provided from a proposed entrance on Commonwealth Drive. A secondary right-in/right-out only access will be provided on Route 1 south of Commonwealth Drive. A right turn lane will be constructed for this entrance and a raised median will be installed on Route 1 to prohibit left turns at this location.

Roadway improvements for the project will include a minor reconstruction of Commonwealth Drive. This work will involve repaving and restriping to create dedicated left turn lanes into the proposed lot entrance and for traffic turning onto Route 1 northbound. Additional improvements will be constructed on Route 1 to facilitate the northbound left turns, specifically a receiving and acceleration lane. The project will also include the construction of bicycle and pedestrian facilities within the limits of the other improvements.

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

The construction will be performed in such a manner that traffic will be maintained with a minimum of inconvenience to the traveling public. After the project is complete VDOT will maintain the lot, Commonwealth Drive between Route 1 and the lot entrance and will continue to maintain Route 1.

The following schedule has been proposed:

- **Design Public Hearing**: January 11, 2018
- **Comment Period**: January 11, 2018 – January 22, 2018
- **Right of Way**: May 2019
- **Advertise Project**: March 2020
- **Complete Construction**: Summer 2021

**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 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.

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.

**Estimated Project Cost**

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**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.

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.