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The public comment period will close on **December 24, 2017**, ten (10) days after this public hearing. VDOT will review and evaluate any information received as a result of this hearing. Comments can also be submitted in writing to Troy.Eisenberger@VDOT.Virginia.gov or mailed to the address provided on the comment form. Information must be postmarked, emailed or delivered to VDOT within 10 calendar days of today's hearing (**December 14, 2017**) in order to be included in the public hearing meeting record.

This information, including the hearing summary, will be available for review at the VDOT Hampton Roads District Office located at 1700 North Main Street, Suffolk, VA 23434, 757-925-2500, 1-800-367-7623, TTY/TDD 711. Please call ahead to ensure the availability of appropriate personnel to answer your questions.

After all comments have been addressed, the information

Please visit the VDOT website for additional project information:
http://www.virginiadot.org/projects/hamptonroads/laskin_road.asp

received as a result of the hearing will be presented to VDOT's Chief Engineer or designee for consideration. If approval of the major design features is received for this project, it will move forward to the final design phase.

Questions concerning the right-of-way relocation or acquisition process should be directed to Mr. Randy Friedland, Regional Right-of-Way Manager, at the contact information given in the table below.

All other questions or comments should be directed to Mr. Troy Eisenberger, at the contact information given below.

Contact Information

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Design Public Hearing

Laskin Road Improvement Project Virginia Beach

Thursday, December 14, 2017, 5 p.m. to 7 p.m.
 First Colonial High School
 1272 Mill Dam Road
 Virginia Beach, Virginia 23454

Public Meeting

Welcome to the Virginia Department of Transportation's (VDOT) design public hearing on the proposed improvements to Laskin Road to include replacement of Laskin Road Bridge over Linkhorn Bay in the city of Virginia Beach. These improvements will begin from Republic Drive and continue to Red Robin Drive.

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

At this public hearing you will have the opportunity to review the project exhibits on display and to ask questions of the project team. VDOT representatives are present to discuss the project and answer your questions. A court reporter is available to record your verbal comments.

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

Written questions or comments should be placed in the comment box or mailed to the address provided on the comment form.

Project Overview



Laskin Road Bridge in Virginia Beach

Estimated Cost – \$92.2 million

Purpose – To improve capacity and enhance safety along Laskin Road and replace the Laskin Road Bridge over Linkhorn Bay

From – Republic Road

To – Red Robin Road

Total length – 1.50 mile stretch of roadway

Improvements – Widen Laskin Road and replace the existing bridge. Also, widen First Colonial Road, as well as signal improvements at Laskin Road and First Colonial Road.

PROJECT DESCRIPTION

This project includes construction of an 8-lane divided highway (two 12-foot through lanes and one 14-foot wide outside lane to accommodate bikes in each direction and a continuous right turn lane in each direction) with a 5-foot sidewalk on the south, a 10-foot shared-use path on the north on Laskin Road, from Republic Road to the east end of the existing Linkhorn Bay bridge.

This phase also includes full improvements to the Laskin Road/ First Colonial Road intersection as well as construction of a 6-lane divided highway on First Colonial Road from Laurel Lane to I-264.

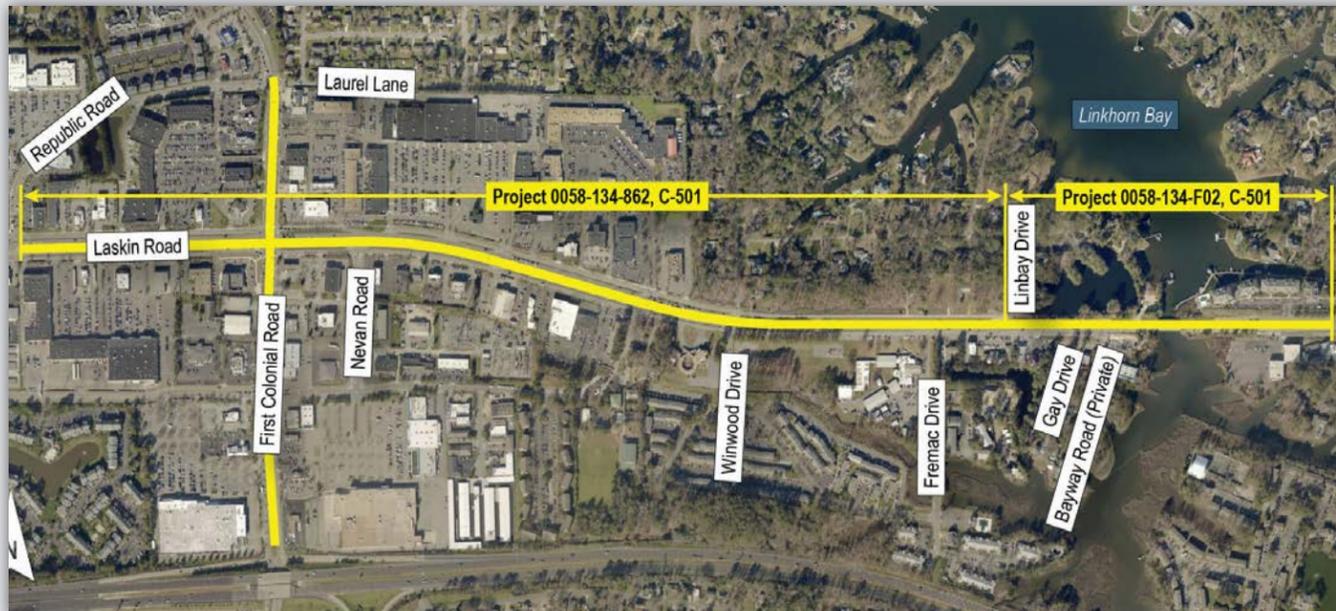
This project will also replace the Laskin Road Bridge over Linkhorn Bay in the city of Virginia Beach. The new bridge will include five travel lanes, curb and gutter, a sidewalk on the eastbound side of the bridge, and a shared use path on the westbound side of the bridge. The bridge will be built to accommodate future expansion to 6 lanes.

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Traffic will be maintained in both directions during construction of the new bridge. Access to all properties will be maintained during construction.

The design of this project is in compliance with the Stormwater Management Act, stormwater regulations and the annual stormwater management standards and specifications approved by the Virginia Department of Conservation and Recreation. The construction of this project will conform to the nationwide best management practices, VDOT specifications and special provisions, and the Virginia Department of Soil and Water conservation regulations. Also, during construction, every reasonable effort will be made to protect the environment with respect to dust and erosion control.

Project Map



Estimated Project Cost

Total Combined Project Cost:
\$92.2 million

0058-134-862 – Laskin Road Widening Project:
Preliminary Engineering \$1.6 million
Right-of-Way \$760,000
Construction \$26.6 million

0058-134-F02 – Laskin Road Bridge Replacement Project:
Preliminary Engineering \$8.5 million
Right-of-Way \$33.5 million
Construction \$21.2 million

This project is in the early design stages and cost is subject to change. The project will be financed using state and federal funds and was selected for funding using the Commonwealth's SMART SCALE project selection process.

Environmental Review

An Environmental Assessment (EA) was prepared for this project and released for public review in November 2000. The Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) issued a Finding of No Significant Impacts (FONSI) in December 2001. The Virginia Department of Transportation (VDOT) is working with FHWA to evaluate environmental impacts associated with design changes, analyze new information, and update studies subsequent to the release of the EA for public review. The project will continue to be coordinated with the appropriate federal, state, and local agencies as part of the various environmental review processes.

All applicable permits required for impacts to existing wetlands will be acquired prior to project construction. All impacts will be mitigated as required by the permitting.

During construction, all reasonable efforts will be made to protect the environment with respect to dust, silt and erosion. Construction of this project will conform to nationwide best management practices, VDOT's Road and Bridge Specification and the guidelines of the American Association of State Highway and Transportation Officials (AASHTO), as well as regulations set forth by the Virginia Department of Environmental Quality regarding erosion and sedimentation and storm water management.

On behalf of the Federal Highway Administration and in accordance with Section 106 of the National Historic Preservation Act, the Virginia Department of Transportation (VDOT) has taken into account the effects of this undertaking on historic properties and has consulted with the Virginia State Historic Preservation Officer (VA SHPO), the director of the Virginia Department of Historic Resources. In order to identify historic properties that are within the project's area of potential effect, VDOT conducted architectural and archaeological surveys of the project area. The Virginia Department of Historic resources agrees with the VDOT that the project as proposed will have no adverse effect on historic properties.

Anticipated Schedule

The following schedule has been proposed:

Design Public Hearing – December 14, 2017

Approval of Design – Spring 2018

Advertise for Construction – Late 2018

Civil Rights

Representatives from VDOT are present to discuss the project and answer your questions. It is the responsibility of VDOT to ensure that all members of the community are afforded the opportunity to participate in public decisions on transportation systems and projects affecting them.

VDOT ensures nondiscrimination in all programs and activities in accordance with Title VI 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 757-925-2500, TTY/TDD 711.

Right of Way

The construction of this project will not require the displacement of any families, businesses or nonprofit organizations.

As we further develop and finalize the development 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 at the Design Public Hearing and will be provided to all affected landowners. After this meeting, information regarding right-of-way may be obtained from the contact listed on this brochure.