The project involves the reconstruction of Route 131, Old Courthouse Road in the Town of Appomattox. The project begins at US 460 Business and ends 0.08 miles north of Route 1014, a project length of 0.45 miles.

The purpose of the project is to improve safety and drainage on this roadway. The project consists of reconstructing the roadway per the illustrations shown below, addressing drainage issues, constructing a shared use path for pedestrian/bicyclist travel and adding lighting and landscaping.

During construction, flaggers will assist motorists.

Route 131 has an Average Daily Traffic (ADT) volume of 3,910 vehicles per day (vpd) based upon 2017 statistics. In the project Design Year (2044), the road will have an estimated ADT of 4,885 vpd.

The design of this project is in compliance with the Stormwater Management Act, 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, special provisions, and Virginia Department of Environmental Quality Regulations. Also, during construction every reasonable effort will be made to protect the environment with respect to dust and erosion.

Appomattox County submitted a SMART SCALE application for this project and it was selected in the Fiscal Year 2018 SMART SCALE program.

### Project Graphic

- **Overall Improvements as Plan**
- **Typical Sections**
- **Sections A, B, C, D**
- **Project电视台 Diagram**
- **Table of Contents**

### Estimated Project Cost

- **Total Cost (approximate):** $11.5 million
- **Preliminary Engineering:** $832,816
- **Right of Way:** $2.9 million
- **Construction:** $7.8 million

The project will be financed using state and federal funds. This cost is subject to change.

### Environmental Review

VDOT’s Lynchburg 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 NEPA document in the form of a Programmatic Categorical Exclusion (PCE) 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, notice, etc.

Also, 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 provided in the project’s environmental documentation.

The project will continue to be coordinated with appropriate federal, state, and local agencies as part of various environmental review processes, and 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.

The NEPA document and the results of other environmental studies are available at today’s meeting. Representatives from VDOT’s Environmental Section are available to discuss this information and to answer questions.
Get Involved

Ten days after this public hearing on October 18 (November 1–inclement weather) the public comment period will close. VDOT will review and evaluate any information received as a result of this location and design hearing. This information, including the hearing summary, will be available for review at the VDOT office address listed below.

After all comments have been addressed, the information received as a result of the hearing will be presented to the Commonwealth Transportation Board (CTB) to consider the proposed location for the project. If a location is approved by the CTB, the major design features will then be presented to VDOT’s Chief Engineer or designee for approval.

Comments can also be submitted in writing to anthony.revelle@vdot.virginia.gov. Please include “Route 131 Public Hearing Comments” in the subject line.

Information must be postmarked, emailed or delivered to VDOT within 10 calendar days of today’s meeting on October 18, 2019 (November 1–inclement weather) in order to be included in the location public hearing record.

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