PROJECT DESCRIPTION

The primary purpose of this project is to improve safety by reconstructing the Route 307 intersection with westbound Route 460. The existing right through lane of Route 460 west will be dropped and vehicles entering from Route 307 traveling west will have a dedicated lane. The right turn lane on Route 460 west currently serving Route 307 will be reconstructed and lengthened. In addition, a right turn lane will be constructed to serve Route 600.

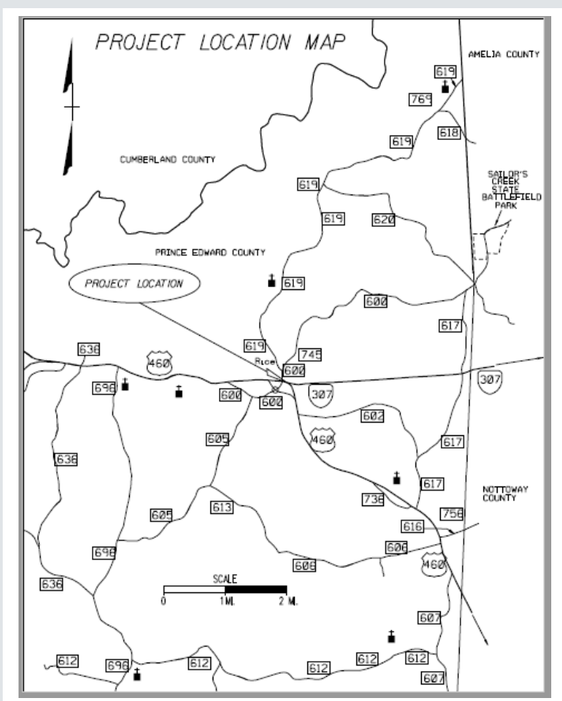
During construction one lane of traffic will be maintained at all times, except for some delays during flagging operations once construction begins.

Route 460 is a primary route and the functional classification is Rural Principal Arterial.

In 2015, the Average Daily Traffic (ADT) on this section of 460 was 13,139 vehicles per day (vpd) with a projected Design Year ADT of 17,609 vehicles in 2042. The Route 307 vpd is 5,489 with a projected Design Year ADT of 6,972 vpd.

The new section of roadway be 12 feet wide with a 10-foot shoulder, 8 feet paved.

Project Graphic



Estimated Project Cost

Total Cost (approximate):
$2.7 million
Preliminary Engineering:
$450,000
Right of Way:
$362,975
Construction:
$1.9 million

The project will be financed using Federal funds.

Environmental Review

VDOT's Lynchburg District Environmental Office has initiated 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.

A National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) document in the form of a Categorical Exclusion (CE) has been prepared for this project 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. 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 for review.

Anticipated Schedule

The following schedule has been proposed:

Design hearing comment period – ends Sept. 24, 2017 (Sept. 29 in case of inclement weather)

Approval of design – Winter 2017

Authorize Right of Way –Fall 2018

Advertise for Construction –Winter 2019

Construction complete – Fall 2020

Civil Rights

VDOT ensures nondiscrimination and equal employment in all programs and activities in accordance with Title VI and VII of the Civil Rights Act of 1964. If you need more information in regards to your civil rights on this project or special assistance for persons with disabilities or limited English proficiency, contact the project manager listed in this brochure.

Right of Way

The safety improvements to Route 460 will not require the displacement of any businesses or families, or non-profit organizations.

As we further develop 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.

Information about right of way purchase is discussed in VDOT's brochure, "Right of Way and Utilities: a Guide for Property Owners and Tenants." Copies of this brochure are available here 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.

Get Involved

Ten days after this public hearing, the public comment period will close. VDOT will review and evaluate any information received as a result of this 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 Chief Engineer or designee for approval. If approval of the major design features is received for this project, it will move forward to the final design phase.

Comments can also be submitted in writing to renard.yeatts@vdot.virginia.gov. Please include "Route 460, Prince Edward County Public Hearing Comments" in the subject line. Information must be postmarked, emailed or delivered to VDOT within 10 calendar days of today's meeting (due by September 24, 2017 or September 29, in case of inclement weather) in order to be included in the design public hearing record.

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Design Public Hearing

Route 460, Prince Edward Hwy Prince Edward County

Thursday, September 14, 2017 4-6 pm
Inclement weather date: September 19, 2017
Rice Volunteer Fire Department
948 Rices Depot Road
Rice, VA 23966

Public Meeting

The Virginia Department of Transportation (VDOT) welcomes you to the Design Public Hearing for the Route 460, Prince Edward County highway project. The project limits are from 0.171 miles west of Route 307 to 0.083 miles east of Route 307, an approximate length of .2530 miles.

This design public hearing is being held to provide an opportunity for any person, acting on his/her own behalf or representing a group or governing agency, to give the department 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 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.

Project Overview

U.S. 460 and VA 307 intersection

Anticipated Cost – Approx. $2.7 million
Purpose –reconstruct the US 460 west intersection with VA 307
From – 0.171 miles west of Route 307
To – 0.083 miles east of Route 307
Total length – .2530 miles

State Project –6460-073-618, P101, R201, C501; UPC-109531
Federal Project – NHPP-073-3(042)