The Martinsville Southern Connector Study is a first step toward identifying future improvements to the U.S. Route 220 corridor. This is a separate study from the Environmental Impact Statement that was prepared for the overall Interstate 73 (I-73) corridor that included portions of Henry County. The Martinsville Southern Connector Study will focus specifically on identifying and addressing transportation needs within the U.S. Route 220 study area. Should any future transportation improvements from the Martinsville Southern Connector Study be implemented along the U.S. Route 220 corridor, they could be considered for incorporation into the overall I-73 corridor. However, this would require a separate evaluation and analysis of I-73.

**WHAT’S NEW**

As part of the ongoing effort to keep the public involved in the Martinsville Southern Connector Study, materials are now available on the study website [www.virginiadot.org/martinsvilleconnector](http://www.virginiadot.org/martinsvilleconnector). The materials include a video presentation of the alignment options under consideration, the results of the public survey conducted September–October, and the display boards that will be presented at the Citizen Information Meeting on January 23.

The January 23 Citizen Information Meeting will be held from 6–8:00 p.m. at the Drewry Mason Elementary School gymnasium. In the event of inclement weather, the meeting will be held on January 30. This meeting will be in open house format and no formal presentation will be given. This meeting will be another opportunity for the public to stay involved in the Martinsville Southern Connector Study. Please continue to check the study website for updates on this meeting, or to view meeting displays and submit comments. Public comments will be accepted through February 2.

**Stay Involved**

To stay informed about the upcoming meeting and to review meeting materials, please visit the study website: [www.virginiadot.org/martinsvilleconnector](http://www.virginiadot.org/martinsvilleconnector). If you know of others who are interested in the study, encourage them to visit the website and sign-up for the monthly newsletter.