

Get Involved

VDOT representatives will review and evaluate any information received as a result of the public hearing. The comment sheet in this brochure is provided to assist in making your comments. You may leave the sheet or any other written comments in the comment box, or mail/email your comments.

Comments must be postmarked, emailed or delivered to VDOT by **February 9, 2017** to be included in the public hearing record.

Mail comments to Mr. Shahrads Behboodi at the address below or email meetingcomments@vdot.virginia.gov. Please include "Backlick Road Bridge Replacement" in the subject line.

Project information shared here, including a summary of comments received during the comment period, will be available at www.virginiadot.org/projects and at VDOT's Northern Virginia District office.

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Public Information Meeting

Bridge Replacement Backlick Road over CSX Railroad

Thursday, January 26, 2017

6:30 p.m. to 8 p.m.

Island Creek Elementary School

7855 Morning View Lane, Alexandria, VA 22315

Public Meeting

Welcome to the Virginia Department of Transportation's public information meeting on the proposed replacement of Backlick Road bridge. We look forward to your participation.

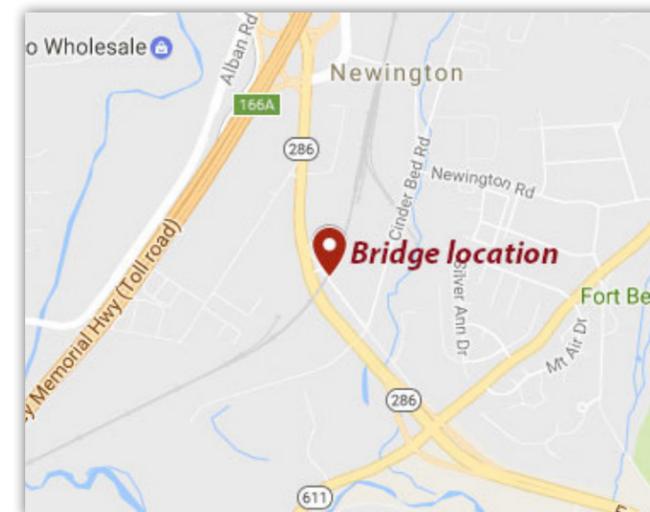
This meeting is being held to provide an opportunity for citizens and organizations to give VDOT their comments and/or suggestions on the proposed project. VDOT strives to ensure that all members of the community have the opportunity to participate in public decisions on transportation projects and programs 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 written comments received will be reviewed by VDOT, and the design team.

Comments will also be summarized and available on the VDOT project website at www.virginiadot.org/projects.

Project Overview



Backlick Road bridge over CSX location

Purpose: Provide clearance for additional tracks along the CSX Railroad.

Location: Intersection of Russell Branch Backlick Road, Route 617 at the CSX Rail Crossing.

Improvements: The new bridge will be slightly higher and provide wider entry for vehicles at the north end of the bridge.

State Project: 0617-029-344, P101, C501, B642 UPC: 110156

Project Description

Virginia's Atlantic Gateway Project is a series of projects to address congestion along the I-95 corridor in Virginia. The project includes 14 miles of new rail track to improve capacity for freight, commuter and passenger rail service.

The Route 617 Bridge over the CSX railroad in the Newington area currently has insufficient horizontal or vertical clearance to accommodate new rail tracks. The primary purpose of this project is to provide room for additional tracks.

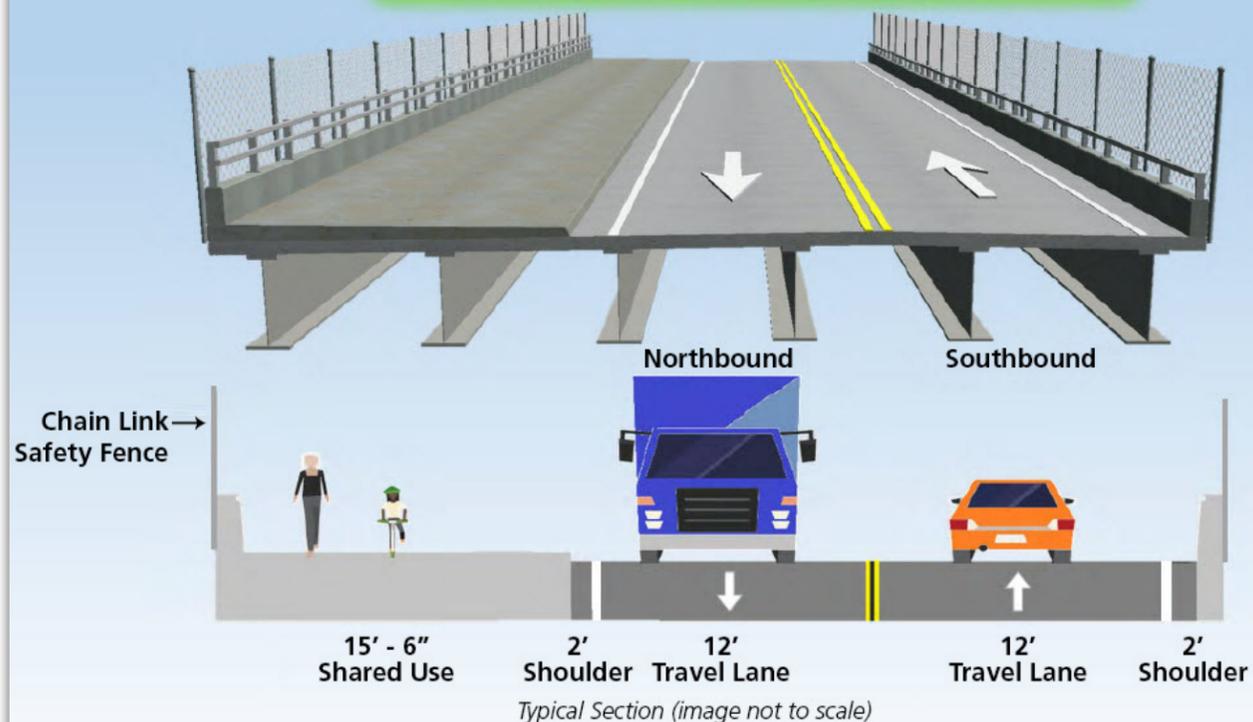
Improvements include:

- Wider shared use path on bridge
- New pavement on both ends of the bridge
- New curb and gutter on the southern approach to the bridge
- Wider entry at the north end of the bridge to provide more room for vehicles to maneuver, particularly trucks

The Virginia Atlantic Gateway Project will improve existing freight and passenger bottlenecks, congestion, and safety concerns on the heavily traveled I-95 corridor.

Typical Section

Backlick Road Bridge Replacement Over CSX Railroad



Estimated Project Cost

Preliminary Engineering:
\$1.0 million

Existing Utility Adjustment/Relocation:
\$50,000

Construction:
\$8.9 million

Total Cost:
\$10 million

Anticipated Schedule

Public Information Meeting
January 26, 2017

Comment period ends
February 9, 2017

Approve design
Spring 2017

Advertise for construction
Spring 2017

Begin construction
Fall 2017

Civil Rights

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Environmental Review

Pursuant to the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) and 23 CFR 771, a Programmatic Categorical Exclusion (PCE) was prepared under an agreement between VDOT and the Federal Highway Administration approved on May 1, 2013. This PCE was completed and distributed on November 18, 2016.

Right of Way

As design of this project is finalized, additional easements may be required beyond the proposed right of way and will be 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: Guide for Property Owners and Tenants." Copies of this brochure are available here from VDOT personnel.

After this meeting, information regarding right of way may be obtained from the right of way contact listed on the back of this brochure.

In compliance with the National Historic Preservation Act, Section 106 and 36 CFR Part 800, information concerning the potential effects of the proposed bridge replacement on properties listed in or eligible for listing in the National Register of Historic Places is included with the environmental document.

Copies of the document are available for review here tonight or can be viewed online at www.virginiadot.org/projects.