

PROJECT DESCRIPTION

The purpose of this project is to improve safety and traffic flow on Gleedsville Road (Route 650) by replacing the bridge over Sycolin Creek.

Gleedsville Road carries 1,700 vehicles per day and is expected to carry 3,000 by 2023.

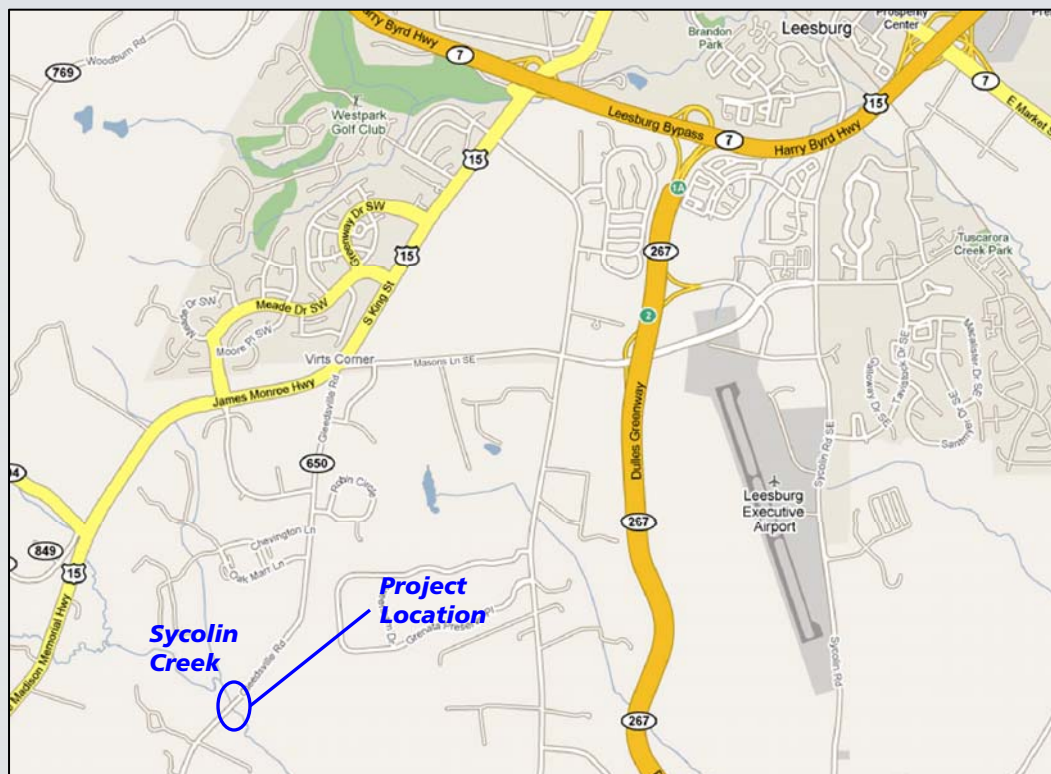
While the 77-year-old bridge is not unsafe, it was built to standards that are no longer used today, and requires continual inspections and repairs. The new bridge will include two 11-foot lanes and two four-foot paved shoulders for pedestrians and cyclists. The bridge and approaches will be raised about two feet to improve hydraulic performance at the stream crossing.

In keeping with the scenic surroundings, guardrails will be made of weathered steel and the concrete bridge railings will be designed to allow a better view of the stream.

During construction, the bridge will be narrowed from two lanes to one lane and a temporary traffic signal will be installed to control one-lane traffic. The single lane of traffic will be in place for about seven months.

This project's design complies with Virginia's Stormwater Management Act, erosion and sediment control regulations and VDOT's approved stormwater management program. During construction, every reasonable effort will be made to protect the environment with respect to dust and erosion control, and access to all properties will be maintained.

Project Graphic



Estimated Project Cost

Total Cost:

\$3.5 million

Engineering of Roadway Plans:

\$720,000

Right of Way Acquisition

\$560,000

Construction:

\$2,220,000

Because development of the project is in the early design stage, cost is subject to change. The project will be financed using federal funds.

Environmental Review

VDOT's Northern Virginia District Environmental Section reviewed environmental resources in the project vicinity and provided natural and historic resource agencies an opportunity to review the project. This process identifies opportunities for avoidance, minimization and mitigation of potential environmental impacts.

The National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) is applicable to this project and a programmatic categorical exclusion (PCE) document was developed in cooperation with the Federal Highway Administration and in accordance with federal guidelines. The NEPA document includes information from technical reviews, including those related to natural resources, water quality, threatened and endangered species, air quality, noise, etc. 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 also provided in the environmental documentation.

The project will continue to be coordinated with the appropriate federal, state, and local agencies as part of environmental review and approval processes required throughout the project. All required environmental clearances and permits will be obtained prior to commencement of construction. Strict compliance with all environmental commitments resulting from regulatory approvals and implementation of VDOT's 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.

Anticipated Schedule

The proposed schedule is:

Design Public Hearing – Fall 2009

Right of Way Acquisition – Spring 2011

Begin construction – 2012

Civil Rights

VDOT ensures nondiscrimination and equal employment in all programs and activities in accordance with Title VI and Title VII 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 Northern Virginia Office of Civil Rights, 14685 Avion Parkway, Chantilly, VA 20151-1104 or telephone 703-383-2341 or TTY/TDD 711.

Right of Way

Construction will not require the displacement of any families, businesses or non-profit organizations.

Displays at this meeting show the extent of right of way that may be needed as the project is currently proposed. As design is further developed, additional easements may be needed for utility relocation. Property owners will be informed of the exact location of the easements during right of way acquisition 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 or the agent listed on the back of the brochure.

Get Involved

The public comment period will close ten days after this public hearing (November 29, 2009). VDOT will review and evaluate any information received as a result of this hearing. This information and a hearing summary will be available at the VDOT office listed below. After all comments have been addressed and after receiving endorsement from the Loudoun County Board of Supervisors, the information received as a result of the hearing will be presented

to VDOT's chief engineer for consideration. If the chief engineer approves the project's major design features the project will move into final design. Public hearing participants will be notified of this decision by letter. Comments can be submitted in writing to Mr. James C. Zeller (address below) or e-mailed to: Meeting_Comments@VDOT.Virginia.gov. Please reference "Route 650 Comments" in the subject line.

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Design Public Hearing

Gleedsville Road (Route 650) Loudoun County

Wednesday, November 18, 2009, 6 - 9 p.m.
Heritage High School
520 Evergreen Mills Road S.E.
Leesburg, VA 20175

Public Meeting

Welcome to the Virginia Department of Transportation's (VDOT) design public hearing on proposed improvements to the Gleedsville Road (Route 650) bridge over Sycolin Creek in Loudoun County.

will be evaluated by staff prior to consideration for approval of the project by the chief engineer.

This public hearing is being held to provide an opportunity for citizens and organizations to give VDOT comments and/or suggestions on the proposed project.

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

All oral and written comments received will be included in a transcript for review by VDOT staff, interested citizens and all other parties. Concerns raised as a result of this meeting

Project Overview



Gleedsville Road Bridge over Sycolin Creek

Cost – \$3.5 million

Purpose – replace the structurally deficient and functionally obsolete Gleedsville Road bridge

From – 0.12 miles south of Sycolin Creek

To – 0.10 miles north of Sycolin Creek

Total length – 0.22 mile

Improvements – Replace existing bridge, improve alignment and maintain the rural nature of the community.

State Project – 0650-053-919, P101, R201, M501, B669, UPC – 85428, Federal Project – BR-5401-(857)