If approval of the major design features is received from VDOT’s project development engineer for this project, the project will move forward to the final design phase.

The information received as a result of the meeting will be presented to VDOT’s chief engineer for consideration.

Welcome to the Virginia Department of Transportation’s (VDOT) design public hearing on the signal coordination project along Route 17 (George Washington Memorial Highway) in Gloucester County.

This design public hearing is being held to provide an opportunity for citizens or organizations to give VDOT 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 verbal and written comments received on this project will be included in a transcript for review by VDOT personnel, citizens and other interested parties.

VDOT staff will address questions and concerns raised as a result of this meeting before the project is presented to VDOT’s project development engineer for approval.

Cost – $220,189

Purpose – Coordinate traffic signals

Improvements – Improve safety, traffic flow, and signal communication.
The primary purpose of this project is to improve safety, traffic flow, and enhance signal communications during peak travel times and in the event of an incident or emergency evacuation along Route 17 (George Washington Memorial Highway) from the intersection of Route 616 to the intersection of Route 33/198 in Gloucester County.

This project will be constructed in accordance with the current road and bridge specifications to comply with federal and state regulations pertaining to public welfare and safety.

After the project is complete, VDOT will continue to maintain the road system.

The construction will be performed in such a manner that traffic will be maintained with a minimum of inconvenience to the traveling public.

Total Cost:
$220,189

Engineering of Roadway Plans:
$65,000

Right of Way Acquisition, Relocation Assistance and Utility Relocation:
$0

Construction:
$155,189

The following schedule has been proposed:

Design Public Hearing and Comment Period – April 30, 2014 through May 12, 2014

Construction – Summer 2017

Nonetheless, VDOT 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 not applicable to this project. 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 project development and construction. 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. Representatives from VDOT’s Environmental section are available to discuss this information and to answer questions.

VDOT’s Fredericksburg 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 not applicable to this project. 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 project development and construction. 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. Representatives from VDOT’s Environmental section are available to discuss this information and to answer questions.

Civil Rights

VDOT ensures nondiscrimination and equal employment in all programs and activities in accordance 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 Civil Rights Division at 540-899-4288, TTY/TTD 711.

Right of Way

The construction of this project will require no displacement of families, businesses or non-profit organizations.

As we further develop and finalize 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 acquisition is discussed in VDOT’s brochure entitled Right of Way and Utilities: a Guide for Property Owners and Tenants. Copies of this booklet are available 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.