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**

VDOT is planning for the next Citizen Information Meeting to be held on January 23, 2019 from 6-8PM at Drewry Mason Elementary School. In the event of inclement weather, the meeting will be held on January 30th. Information to be presented at this meeting includes the results of the fall public survey, the Purpose and Need, and the preliminary design options under consideration. 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, including meeting displays and an on-line comment form.

**Stay Involved**

To stay informed about the upcoming meeting and for more information on the Martinsville Southern Connector Study, sign up for the monthly newsletter on the study web site: [www.virginiadot.org/martinsvilleconnector](http://www.virginiadot.org/martinsvilleconnector).

This newsletter is being distributed early due to the Thanksgiving holiday.