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Ten days after this public hearing, the public comment period will close on **May 6, 2017**.

A comment sheet is enclosed and can be submitted at tonight's meeting or by mail to VDOT. Comments also may be submitted by email to jesse.weitzenfeld@vdot.virginia.gov.

Information must be postmarked, e-mailed or delivered to VDOT within 10 calendar days, **May 6, 2017**, of tonight's hearing in order to be included in the design public hearing record.

VDOT representatives will review and evaluate any information received as a result of the design public hearing. This information, including the hearing summary, will be available for review at the VDOT office address listed below.

Project information shared here is available for review after the public hearing at VDOT's Salem District Office located at 731 Harrison Ave., Salem, VA 24153.

After all comments have been addressed, the information received as a result of the hearing will be presented to VDOT's Chief Engineer or designee for consideration. If approval of the major design features is received for this project, it will move forward to the final design phase.

Contact Information

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Design Public Hearing

Route 460 (West Lynchburg-Salem Turnpike) Eastbound Realignment in "S" Curves Bedford County

Wednesday, April 26, 2017, 4:30 p.m. – 6:30 p.m.

Montvale Elementary School
One Little Patriot Drive
Moneta, VA 24122

Design Public Hearing

Welcome to the Virginia Department of Transportation's (VDOT) design public hearing on the proposed project to realign the eastbound lanes of Route 460 (West Lynchburg-Salem Turnpike) in the "S" curves in Bedford County. The meeting will be held in an 'open-house' format.

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 oral and written comments received on this project will be reviewed by VDOT personnel and will be available for review by citizens and other interested parties.

Project Overview



Route 460 "S" Curves near Montvale

Available Allocations – \$18.8 million

Purpose – Improve safety

From – 0.5 mile west of Route 726 (Wilkerson Mill Road)

To – 0.9 east of Route 726

Total Length of Improvements – 1.4 miles

Improvements –

- Realigning the eastbound lanes of Route 460 to eliminate an S-curve
- Adjusting and modifying five crossovers
- Closing one crossover
- Adding one crossover

PROJECT DESCRIPTION

The primary purpose of the project is to enhance safety by realigning 1.4 miles of the eastbound lanes of Route 460 in Bedford County near Montvale to improve safety by eliminating existing “S” curves.

The curves are located about eight miles west of Bedford and approximately 2.3 miles east of Montvale. The S-curves have limited sight distance and have been the location of several severe crashes.

The project also includes modifying five existing crossovers, closing one existing crossover and adding one new crossover. To enhance safety, the crossover improvements will include restrictions for some left turn movements to and from Route 460 and enhancements to facilitate U-turn movements.

As of 2015, approximately 15,900 vehicles use this section of Route 460 each day. This is projected to increase to 18,000 by the year 2041.

The design of this project is in compliance with the Stormwater Management Act, stormwater regulations and the annual stormwater management standards and specifications approved by the Virginia Department of Conservation and Recreation.

The construction of this project will conform to the nationwide best management practices, VDOT specifications and special provisions, and the Virginia Department of Soil and Water conservation regulations. Also, during construction, every reasonable effort will be made to protect the environment with respect to dust and erosion control. Access to all properties will be maintained during construction.

Potential impacts to the flood plains will be evaluated and addressed on this project.

Project Graphic



Estimated Project Cost

Route 460 Safety Improvement Project

Total Estimated Cost: \$18.8 million

Estimated Costs

- Right of Way and Utilities: \$109,000
- Preliminary Engineering: \$2.04 million
- Construction: \$16.67 million

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 in regards to your civil rights on this project or special assistance for persons with disabilities or limited English proficiency, contact the project manager listed on the back of this brochure.

Right of Way

As we further develop and finalize the development of this project, additional easements for utility relocation may be required beyond the proposed right of way shown on the public hearing plans.

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

Information about right of way purchase is discussed in VDOT’s brochure entitled “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.

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

Anticipated Schedule

The following schedule has been proposed for the project:

- Preliminary Engineering Work – In progress
- Public Hearing – Spring 2017
- Right of Way Begin – Fall 2018
- Construction Advertisement – Early 2020
- Construction Begins – Spring 2020
- Construction Completed – late 2022

Environmental Review

VDOT’s Salem 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 applicable to this project and a NEPA document in the form of a Categorical Exclusion has been developed in cooperation with the Federal Highway Administration and in accordance with federal guidelines. The NEPA document includes information from various 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 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.

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.