Get Involved

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.

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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.

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

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

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

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

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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.

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 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.

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