The public comment period will close ten (10) days after this public hearing on November 26, 2016. VDOT will review and evaluate any information received as a result of this hearing. Comments can also be submitted in writing to Wali.Zaman@VDOT.Virginia.gov or mailed to the address provided on the comment form. Information must be postmarked, emailed or delivered to VDOT within 10 calendar days of today’s hearing (November 16, 2016) in order to be included in the public hearing meeting record.

This information, including the hearing summary, will be available for review at the VDOT Hampton Roads District Office located at 1700 North Main Street, Suffolk, VA 23434, 757-925-2500, 1-800-367-7623, TTY/TDD 711, or at the VDOT Williamsburg Residency Office, 4451 Ironbound Road, Williamsburg, VA 23188, 757-253-5138. Please call ahead to ensure the availability of appropriate personnel to answer your questions.

After all comments have been addressed, and after receiving endorsement from the James City County Board of Supervisors, 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. Public hearing participants will be notified of this decision by letter.

Questions concerning the right-of-way relocation or acquisition process should be directed to Mr. Randy Friedland, Regional Right-of-Way Manager, at the contact information given in the table below. All other questions or comments should be directed to Mr. Wali Zaman, at the contact information given below.

Please visit the VDOT website for additional project information:
http://www.virginiadot.org/projects/hamptonroads/centerville_road_intersection.asp
Representatives from VDOT are present to discuss the project and answer your questions. It is the responsibility of VDOT to ensure that all members of the community are afforded the opportunity to participate in public decisions on transportation systems and projects affecting them.

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Right of Way

Environmental Review

A National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) document has been prepared and approved for this project. This document is available for public review here tonight. Through on-site inspections, and coordination with federal, state and local agencies, VDOT (with concurrence from the Federal Highway Administration) has determined that the proposed work will not have any significant environmental impacts.

All applicable permits required for impacts to existing wetlands will be acquired prior to project construction. All impacts will be mitigated as required by the permitting.

During construction, all reasonable efforts will be made to protect the environment with respect to dust, silt and erosion. Construction of this project will conform to nationwide best management practices, VDOT’s Road and Bridge Specification and the guidelines of the American Association of State Highway and Transportation Officials (AASHTO), as well as regulations set forth by the Virginia Department of Conservation and Recreation regarding erosion and sedimentation and storm water management.

On behalf of the Federal Highway Administration and in accordance with Section 106 of the National Historic Preservation Act, the Virginia Department of Transportation (VDOT) has taken into account the effects of this undertaking on historic properties and has consulted with the Virginia State Historic Preservation Officer (VA SHPO), the director of the Virginia Department of Historic Resources. In order to identify historic properties that are within the project’s area of potential effect, VDOT conducted architectural and archaeological surveys of the project area. For a resource to be considered a historic property, it must be eligible for the National Register. Therefore, since no historic properties are located within the project’s area of potential effect, the project will not have an effect on historic properties.

PROJECT DESCRIPTION

The project is located at the intersection of Centerville Road and News Road in James City County. Centerville Road (Route 614) is an urban minor arterial roadway with a current average daily traffic (ADT) of 6,768 vehicles. The ADT is projected to be 8,400 vehicles per day in design year 2039. News Road (Route 613) is an urban collector roadway with a current ADT of 4,034 vehicles, and the projected ADT is 5,000 vehicles per day. The posted speed limit is 45 mph for both roadways.

The purpose of the project is to improve safety and create improved operational conditions by building a left and right turn lane on Centerville Road and a right turn lane on News Road. Existing and future capacity issues will be addressed by installing a new traffic signal. To reduce impacts to private property a mountable curb will be installed on the right turn lanes and the left turn lane widening.

Anticipated Schedule

The following schedule has been proposed:

Public Hearing – November 16, 2016
Begin Right-of-Way Activities – Fall 2017
Award Contract & Start Construction – Winter 2019

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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 acquisition process and 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.

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Total Cost:

$3.26 million (approximate)

Preliminary Engineering of Roadway: $393,000
Right of Way Acquisition, Relocation Assistance and Utility Relocation: $563,000
Construction: $2.303 million

This project is in the early design stages and cost is subject to change. The project will be financed using federal funds.

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