

Get Involved

The public comment period will close on **Friday, September 7, 2018**, ten (10) days after this public hearing. VDOT will review and evaluate any information received as a result of this hearing. Comments can also be submitted in writing to Kenneth.McKinna@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 (**August 28, 2018**) 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 7511 Burbage Drive, Suffolk, VA 23435, 757-956-3000, 1-800-367-7623, TTY/TDD 711. It will also be available at VDOT's Accomac Residency located at 23096 Courthouse Avenue, Accomac, Virginia 23301, 757-787-5856, TTY/TDD 711. Please call ahead to ensure the availability of appropriate personnel to answer your questions.

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.

Questions concerning the right-of-way relocation or acquisition process should be directed to Mr. Craig Southall, Right-of-Way Manager, at the contact information given in the table below.

All other questions or comments should be directed to Mr. Kenneth McKinna at the contact information given below.

Please visit the VDOT website for additional project information:

http://www.vdot.virginia.gov/projects/hamptonroads/route_602_cemetery_road-lee_street_improvements.asp

Contact Information

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Design Public Hearing

Route 602 (Cemetery Road/Lee Street) Improvements Northampton County/Accomack County

Tuesday, August 28, 2018, 4 p.m. to 7 p.m.
Eastern Shore Community College
29300 Lankford Highway
Melfa, VA 23410



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Public Meeting

Welcome to the Virginia Department of Transportation's (VDOT) design public hearing on the proposed safety and operational improvements on Route 602 (Cemetery Road/Lee Street) in Northampton County and Accomack 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.

At this public hearing you will have the opportunity to

review the project exhibits on display and ask questions of the project team. VDOT representatives are present to discuss the project and answer your questions. A court reporter is available to record your verbal comments.

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 included in a transcript for review by VDOT personnel, citizens and other interested parties.

Written questions or comments should be placed in the comment box or mailed to the address provided on the comment form.

Project Overview



Lee Street (background) at the intersection with Belle Haven Road (foreground) in Belle Haven

Estimated Total Cost – \$4.9 million

Purpose – To extend the life of the Cemetery Road in Northampton County and Lee Street in Accomack County

Lengths and Limits – 1.2 miles of Cemetery Road and 0.55 miles of Lee Street

Improvements – The plans include rehabilitating pavement on Cemetery Road as well as improving roadway alignment, improving drainage and adding paved shoulders on Lee Street.

PROJECT DESCRIPTIONS

Route 602 (Cemetery Road/Lee Street) Improvements:

The purpose of improving Route 602 is to extend the life of the road and improve driving conditions. There will be two separate projects as follows:

Improvements planned for Route 602 (Cemetery Road) in Northampton County include rehabilitating the existing pavement and flattening the cross slope, which is the slope designed to facilitate drainage off the surface of the roadway.

The project extends from the intersection with Route 183 (Occohannock Neck Road) to the Accomack County line, a length of approximately 1.2 miles.

Improvements planned for Route 602 (Lee Street) in Accomack County include addressing the existing width, curvature and drainage deficiencies. Paved 4-foot wide shoulders will be added to accommodate bicycle riders.

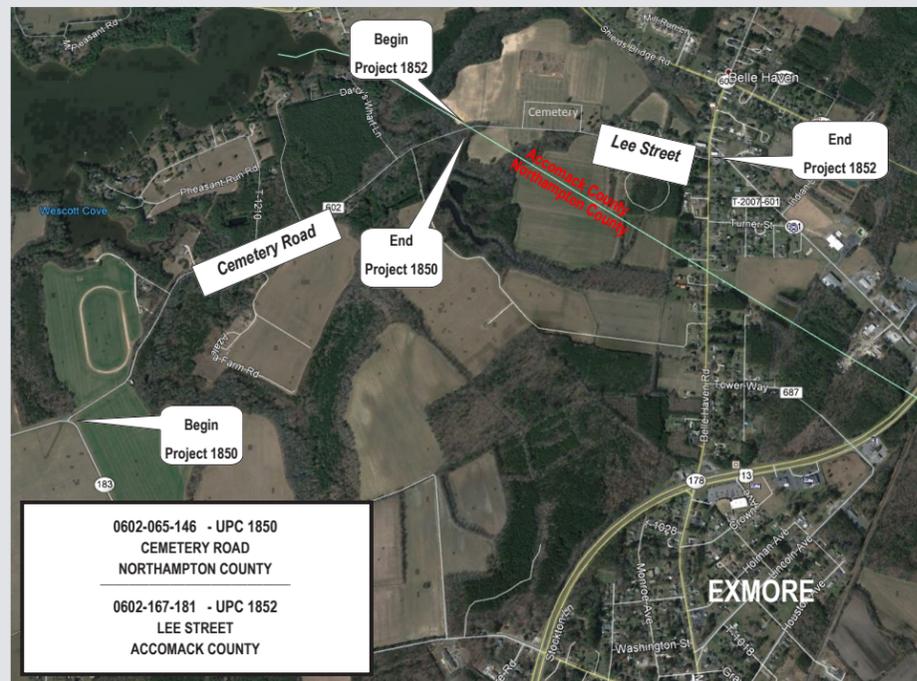
The project extends from the Northampton County line, east to the intersection with

Route 178 (Belle Haven Road), a length of approximately 0.55 miles.

Route 602 is classified as a Rural Major Collector with a current average daily traffic (ADT) of 617 vehicles. The ADT is projected to be 750 vehicles per day in design year 2038 and 800 vehicles per day in design year 2045.

The posted speed limit is 45 mph for most of the roadway with a 25 mph speed limit for 0.25 miles at the eastern end of Lee Street in Belle Haven, Accomack County.

Project Map



Above: A map showing the lengths and limits of UPC 1850, Route 602 Improvements on Cemetery Road in Northampton County and the lengths and limits of UPC 1852, Route 602 Improvements on Lee Street in Accomack County

Estimated Project Costs

Total Cost of the Projects:
\$4.9 million

0602-065-146 – Route 602 (Cemetery Road, Northampton County)
Preliminary Engineering \$166,000
Construction \$758,016
Total \$924,016

0602-167-181 – Route 602 (Lee Street, Accomack County)
Preliminary Engineering \$381,336
Right of Way Acquisition, Relocation Assistance and Utility Relocation \$1,289,900
Construction \$2,321,070
Total \$3,992,306

These costs are subject to change because development of these projects is in early design stages. The projects will be financed using federal funds.

Environmental Review

A Programmatic Categorical Exclusion (PCE) document has been prepared and approved for these projects. These documents are 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.

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.

Anticipated Schedule

The following schedule has been proposed for both projects:

Public Hearing – August 28, 2018

Begin Right-of-Way Activities – October 2019

Award Contract and Begin Construction – December 2022

Civil Rights

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.

VDOT ensures nondiscrimination in all programs and activities in accordance with Title VI 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 757-956-3000, TTY/TDD 711.

Right of Way

The construction of this project will not require the displacement of any families, businesses or nonprofit organizations.

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 acquisitions 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 contact listed on this brochure.