OPTIONS RECOMMENDED TO NOT BE RETAINED FOR DETAILED ANALYSIS

These options are not being retained for detailed analysis and will not be advanced further.

BUILD OPTIONS

Option 3 – Relies on an at-grade rail crossing. VDOT is discouraged from constructing new at-grade crossings and such an option may not be feasible.

Option 4 – The road would need to be steep to clear the railroad, creating undesirable driving conditions for trucks and other users.

Option 5 – Mixes local traffic with trucks entering/exiting distribution centers. The proposed connection at VA 143 is close to an existing connection and does not adequately meet the Purpose and Need.

Option 6 – Represents the "improve existing" option. Improving the US 60/VA 238 intersection would result in measurable impacts to historic properties. Historic preservation laws require consideration of options that would cause less impacts, such as Options 1 and 2. Therefore it is not feasible to consider this alternative for advancement. Within the corridor, no other existing connections require improvements that would meet the Purpose and Need.

OTHER OPTIONS CONSIDERED included Transportation System Management, mass transit improvements, or bicycle and pedestrian improvements. These options alone would not meet the Purpose and Need but they are not precluded from future inclusion in a project.