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CITIZEN INFORMATION MEETING

Route 20 at Route 231 Orange County Construction of Roundabout

Tuesday, June 20, 2017, 4:30-6:30 p.m.
Lewis Hall Classroom at Montpelier
13384 Laundry Road
Montpelier Station, VA 22957

Public Meeting

Welcome to the Virginia Department of Transportation's citizen information meeting on the proposed construction of a roundabout at the intersection of Route 20 (Constitution Highway) and Route 231 (Blue Ridge Turnpike) in Orange County.

This citizen information meeting is 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.

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 with regard 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.

Project Overview



Anticipated Cost – \$2.6 million

Purpose – Improve safety and efficiency of travel through the intersection

Location – Intersection of Route 20 (Constitution Highway) and Route 231 (Blue Ridge Turnpike)

Total Length – 0.24 mile

Improvements – Replace the current two-way stop intersection with a single-lane roundabout to address a history of angle-related crashes.

Anticipated Schedule – Public comment ends June 30; Public hearing, early-mid 2018; right-of-way acquisition and utility relocation, late 2019; advertisement, 2020; construction, 2021

PROJECT DESCRIPTION

VDOT proposes to replace the existing two-way stop intersection of Route 20 (Constitution Highway) and Route 231 (Blue Ridge Parkway) with a single-lane roundabout.

26 crashes occurred at the Old Somerset intersection between 2010 and 2015, resulting in 32 persons injured. The majority of crashes were angle-related, commonly known as "T-Bone" crashes.

VDOT installed rumble strips and intersection ahead signs with advance warning flashers to advise motorists to use caution approaching the area but the rate of crashes remained consistent.

The proposed safety improvement project, funded through

the Highway Safety Improvement Program, will help reduce crashes and more efficiently move traffic through the intersection. Route 20 carries about 3,800 vehicles daily while Route 231 carries about 1,200 vehicles.

During construction, all reasonable efforts will be made to protect the environment with respect to dust control, siltation and erosion. Stormwater management strategies will be incorporated in this project.

Construction is anticipated to take about one year and will require periodic lane closures. More information about the project can be found at www.virginiadot.org/projects/culpeper/20-231roundabout.asp.

Environmental Review

VDOT's Culpeper District Environmental office has initiated 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.

A National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) document is applicable to this project and will be prepared in cooperation with the Federal Highway Administration and in accordance with federal guidelines. The NEPA document will include information from various technical reviews including those related to natural resources, water quality, threatened and endangered species, air quality, noise, etc.

Right of Way

As the design is developed, VDOT will determine what right of way and easements will be needed to accommodate the construction. The right of way and easement information will be available in early-mid 2018. The property owners will be notified of the exact location of the right of way and easements needed during the right of way acquisition process and prior to construction.

Get Involved

Comments can also be submitted in writing to Justin Warfield, Project Manager, 1601 Orange Road, Culpeper, VA 22701; or by email to Justin.Warfield@VDOT.Virginia.gov.

Information must be postmarked, emailed or delivered to VDOT within 10 days of today's meeting (by June 30, 2017) to be included in the meeting record.

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