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Comments may be submitted orally or in writing at the public hearing; by mail to John Rose, Project Manager, 1601 Orange Road, Culpeper, VA 22701; or by email to John.Rose1@vdot.virginia.gov.

Comments must be postmarked, emailed or delivered to VDOT by **June 23, 2017** in order to be included in the public hearing record.

After the public comment period closes, VDOT will review and evaluate any information received as a result of this hearing. This information, including

the hearing summary, will be available for review at the VDOT Culpeper District office. After all comments have been addressed, the information received as a result of the hearing will be presented to VDOT's District 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.

More information on this project can be found at www.virginiadot.org/projects/culpeper/53-618roundabout.asp.

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DESIGN PUBLIC HEARING

Route 53 at Route 618 Fluvanna County Construction of Roundabout

Tuesday, June 13, 2017, 4:30-6:30 p.m.
Fluvanna County Public Library
214 Commons Boulevard
Palmyra, VA 22963

Public Meeting

Welcome to the Virginia Department of Transportation's design public hearing on the project to construct a roundabout at the intersection of Route 53 (Thomas Jefferson Parkway) and Route 618 (Lake Monticello Road) in Fluvanna County.

This public hearing is being held to provide an opportunity for any person, acting on his/her own behalf or representing a group or governing agency, 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 included in a transcript for review by VDOT personnel, citizens and other interested parties.

Project Overview



Anticipated Cost – \$3.67 million

Purpose – To improve the intersection for safety of motorists, bicyclists and pedestrians and support future development.

Location – Intersection of Route 53 (Thomas Jefferson Parkway) and Route 618 (Lake Monticello Road)

Total Length – 0.2 mile

Improvements – The roundabout will replace the existing "T" intersection to address traffic flow and safety. A 5-foot concrete sidewalk and a marked crosswalk across Route 618 will accommodate pedestrians.

PROJECT DESCRIPTION

VDOT plans to replace the existing "T" intersection at Route 53 (Thomas Jefferson Parkway) and Route 618 (Lake Monticello Road) in Fluvanna County with a single-lane roundabout with enhanced street lighting and pedestrian accommodations.

The roundabout will improve traffic safety and more efficiently move traffic through the intersection. Approximately 7,700 vehicles use Route 53 daily, according to 2016 data. The traffic count on Route 618 is 3,100 vehicles per day.

VDOT originally proposed to construct a left-turn lane at this intersection to reduce the number of rear-end and left-turn collisions. However, in 2015, Fluvanna County applied for \$2.9 million in additional funding through SMART SCALE to construct a roundabout at this intersection. The project was ranked as one of the top five projects in the Commonwealth for safety and was subsequently funded by the Commonwealth Transportation Board in June 2016.

Pedestrian accommodations will include 5-foot wide concrete sidewalks in the northeast quadrant of the roundabout and along the south side of Route 618, plus a marked crosswalk across Route 618. These pedestrian features will serve to connect the existing JAUNT bus stop in the parking lot of the Effort Baptist Church with future Park and Ride spaces that are planned to be included in the proposed development north of the intersection.

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. The public will be notified about traffic impacts and changes through media reports, social media posts and 511.

Project Graphic



Estimated Project Cost

Total Cost:

\$3,674,062

Engineering of Roadway Plans:

\$824,062

Right of Way Acquisition and Utility Relocation:

\$750,000

Construction:

\$2,100,000

Cost is subject to change as the design is developed.

Environmental Review

VDOT's Culpeper District Environmental office has performed 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.

The National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) is applicable to this project and a Programmatic Categorical Exclusion has been developed in cooperation with the Federal Highway Administration and in accordance with federal guidelines. The NEPA document includes information from various technical reviews including those related to natural resources, water quality, threatened and endangered species, air quality and noise.

The project will continue to be coordinated with the appropriate federal, state and local agencies as part of environmental review and approval processes required throughout project development and construction. All required environmental clearances and permits will be obtained prior to commencement of construction. Strict compliance with all environmental conditions and commitments resulting from regulatory approvals and implementation of VDOT's specifications and standard best management practices will protect the environment during construction.

The NEPA document and the results of other environmental studies are available at the public hearing. Representatives are available to discuss this information and to answer questions.

Anticipated Schedule

The following schedule has been proposed:

Public hearing: **June 13, 2017**

Public comment period ends: **June 23, 2017**

Right of way acquisition and utility relocation:

Late summer 2018

Construction begins: **Fall 2019**

Construction completion: **Winter 2020**

Project schedule is subject to change.

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.

Right of Way

The construction of the roundabout at Route 53 and Route 618 in Fluvanna County will not require the displacement of any families, businesses or non-profit organizations.

As the project is further developed, additional right of way for utility relocation or construction may be required beyond the proposed limits 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 purchase is discussed in VDOT's Right of Way and Utilities brochure, "A Guide for Property Owners and Tenants." Copies of this brochure are available on the [VDOT website](#) and from any VDOT Right of Way agent.

After the public hearing, information regarding right of way may be obtained from the Right of Way contact listed on the back of this brochure.