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Comments can be submitted orally or in writing at the public hearing; by mail to David Cubbage, Project Manager, 1601 Orange Road, Culpeper, VA 22701; or by email to David.Cubbage@VDOT.Virginia.gov.

Comments must be postmarked, emailed or delivered to VDOT by **June 1, 2015** 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. Public hearing participants will be notified of this decision by letter.

More information on this project can be found at www.virginiadot.org/projects/culpeper/mtnrunlake.asp.

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DESIGN PUBLIC HEARING

Route 29 at Route 718 (Mountain Run Lake Road) Culpeper County Intersection Improvements

Thursday, May 21, 2015, 5-7 p.m.
VDOT Culpeper District Office
1601 Orange Road
Culpeper, VA 22701

Public Meeting

Welcome to the Virginia Department of Transportation's design public hearing on the proposed project to improve the intersection of Route 29 (James Monroe Highway) and Route 718 (Mountain Run Lake Road) in Culpeper County.

This public hearing is held to provide an opportunity for any person, acting on his/her own behalf or representing a group or governing agency, to give the department comments and/or suggestions concerning the proposed project.



Project Description

At the intersection of Route 29 and Route 718, VDOT proposes an alternate design to improve safety by constructing a restricted crossing U-turn (RCUT) intersection and two turn-lane improvements.

The Dec. 4, 2014 public hearing revealed that the public generally favored safety improvements at this location, but was concerned about stopping traffic on Route 29. Due to this feedback, VDOT pursued the RCUT, an innovative solution that improves safety and optimizes traffic flow. The proposed RCUT intersection will be among the first of its kind in Virginia.

The design eliminates the left-turn movement from Route 718, instead requiring drivers to turn right onto Route 29 and then make a U-turn maneuver through a channelized crossover about 900 feet past the intersection. With this project,

the Route 29 northbound left-turn lane will be extended to provide full deceleration length. The right-turn lane from Route 29 southbound to Route 718 will be offset to improve visibility for motorists turning right from Route 718.

During construction, the crossover at Route 29 and Route 718 will be closed, prohibiting left turns onto and out of Route 718. Route 29 traffic will be restricted to one lane in each direction near the work zone during off-peak hours. Because the RCUT design is covered by the project's allocated funds, the schedule can proceed as planned. Construction is anticipated to begin in early 2017 and will require about six months to complete.

Approximately 27,000 vehicles use this stretch of Route 29 daily, according to 2013 data. The traffic count on Route 718 is 2,350 vehicles per day.

Project Overview

Purpose – Improve safety and efficiency of travel through the intersection of Route 29 and Route 718

From – 0.1 mile north of Route 718

To – 0.2 mile south of Route 718

Total Length – 0.3 mile

Improvements – Construct a restricted crossing U-turn (RCUT) intersection and two turn-lane improvements

Estimated Project Cost

Total cost: **\$2.36 million**

Engineering of roadway plans: **\$625,000**

Right of way acquisition and utility relocation: **\$140,000**

Construction: **\$1,600,000**

Cost is subject to change as the design is developed. The project is primarily funded by the federal Highway Safety Improvement Program (HSIP).

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.

Anticipated Schedule

The following schedule has been proposed:

Public hearing: **May 21, 2015**

Public comment period ends: **June 1, 2015**

Right of way acquisition and utility relocation: **Fall 2015**

Construction advertisement: **Late 2016**

Construction completion: **Fall 2017**

Project schedule is subject to change.

Environmental Review

VDOT's Culpeper District Environmental office has performed environmental reviews and coordination to obtain information about the environmental resources in the project vicinity.

The National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) is applicable to this project and a Programmatic Categorical Exclusion was completed in accordance with federal guidelines. In compliance with the National Historic Preservation Act, Section 106 and 36 CFR Part 800, potential effects of the proposed project on properties listed in or eligible for listing in the National Register of Historic Places is also provided in the environmental documentation.

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.

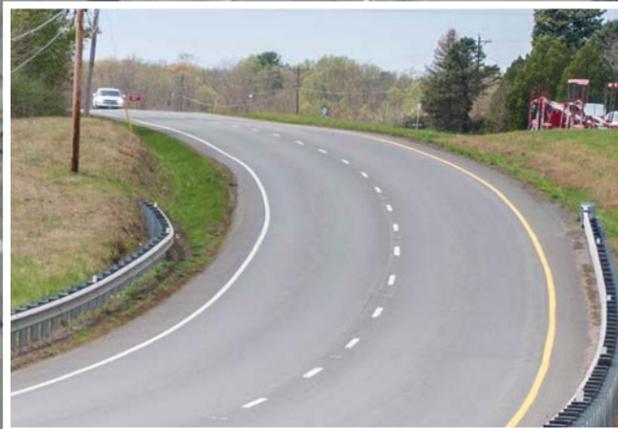
Right of Way

Intersection improvements at Route 29 and Route 718 in Culpeper County will not require the displacement of any families, businesses or non-profit organizations.

As we further develop and finalize this project, additional easements for utility relocation may be required beyond the proposed right of way 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 at the public hearing 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.



The Rt. 29 crossover location provides maximum sight distance.



Existing conditions at the Route 29-Route 718 intersection.

