Welcome to the public meeting for the Ashland to Petersburg Trail Study. The purpose of the meeting is to:

- Introduce the study
- Solicit your input on active transportation (walking or jogging, biking, and human powered transportation) needs in the study area
- Find out where you walk, bike, or would like to walk or bike for work or recreation
- Identify important criteria to consider during VDOT’s development and evaluation of potential multi-use trail corridors
WHAT IS THE ASHLAND TO PETERSBURG TRAIL STUDY?

The Ashland to Petersburg Trail Study involves collaborative planning among local, state, and federal government agencies as well as interested stakeholders, with input from the public, to identify a multi-use trail corridor between Ashland and Petersburg, a distance of approximately 40 miles.

- Identify a multi-use trail corridor that is locally and regionally preferred
- Identify opportunities, constraints, and project costs to connect people and places across the Richmond metropolitan region
- Strengthen collaborative planning among local, state, and federal government agencies as well as interested stakeholders and the public
- Inform development of future active transportation projects in the Richmond metropolitan region
STUDY PROCESS

Environmental Agency Working Group (EAWG) Input

- Study Initiation
  - Data Collection, Background Review, and Existing Conditions Inventory
  - Public Meeting/Online Survey
  - Identification and Documentation of Needs, Goal-Setting, Establish Evaluation Criteria
  - Development of Multi-Use Trail Corridors
  - Evaluation of Multi-Use Trail Corridors
  - Identification of Recommended Preferred Multi-Use Trail Corridor

- Stakeholder Technical Advisory Group (STAG) Input
  - Public Meetings
  - Preferred Corridor Refinement, Identification of Individual Project Segments, and Cost Estimating

Study Completion
  - Early 2020

ASHLAND TO PETERSBURG TRAIL STUDY
WHAT IS THE PROJECT PURPOSE?

The Ashland to Petersburg Trail Study will identify a preferred corridor for multi-use trail segments with the purpose to address active transportation needs in the Richmond metropolitan region.

Please place a sticker next to the needs that are important to you:

- Enhanced Connectivity
- Improved Safety
- Consistency with State, Regional, and Local Planning
- Others? Please Provide Your Feedback!
TYPES OF TRAILS

The type of facility and design guidelines for bicyclists, pedestrians, and other active transportation users are customized and characterized by their surrounding environment and how they fit into the community.

Examples of possible types of trails are shown below:

**Urban**
- Accommodated Users
- Description:
  - Within urban core and integrated into roadway infrastructure
  - Very constrained in rights-of-way
  - Can be mix of facility types including on street bike facility, sidewalk, or combination
  - Include ample connections to multiple destinations

**Suburban**
- Accommodated Users
- Description:
  - In developed areas with less right-of-way constraints
  - Often connecting parks, schools and residential neighborhoods

**Rural/Riparian**
- Accommodated Users
- Description:
  - Remote facility with limited connections
  - Often agricultural or stream valley route
  - Can provide unique pastoral experience
  - Often constrained by development and permitting constraints

**Rail**
- Accommodated Users
- Description:
  - Can be urban, suburban or rural
  - Can be a rail-to-trail project along an abandoned rail corridor, or a rail-with-trail adjacent to an active rail corridor
HANDS-ON MAP STATION

Your valuable feedback is a critical component of the study development process. Please review the roll maps at the meeting and mark areas where you want to provide input on specific destinations of interest or corridor locations to consider.
CORRIDOR EVALUATION CONSIDERATIONS

As part of the study process, evaluation criteria are important for developing the preferred corridor for a multi-use trail. These evaluation criteria may include:

- Environmental Conditions
- User Safety
- Network Connectivity (Existing Trails)
- Connection to Destinations
- Cost
- Route Directness
- Right of Way Impacts
- Design Considerations

Please provide your input to help determine which evaluation criteria are most important to the community or if there are other criteria that should be considered.
HOW TO STAY INVOLVED

Thank you for participating at tonight’s meeting. Written or verbal comments may be submitted at the meeting or by mail or email to the contact information provided below.

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Also, you are invited to review the meeting materials from tonight's meeting hosted in a digital format, complete a study survey, and provide feedback on interactive study area mapping online at www.ATPTrailStudy.org.

Comments and feedback must be received by APRIL 9, 2019.

Additional opportunities for public involvement, in addition to agency and stakeholder coordination, will be incorporated as part of the overall study process.

THANK YOU!