

Get Involved

Thank you for taking the time to review the information presented here tonight. Your comments are important and are greatly appreciated. VDOT will carefully consider all comments received at this meeting and during the comment period.

Written comments must be postmarked or sent electronically no later than **September 2, 2017**. You may provide your comments by any of the following methods:

At This Meeting

Please leave your written comments in the designated box.

By Email

Catherine.Coffey@VDOT.Virginia.gov

Please reference "Rte. 17 over I-95 Widening/Bridge Replacement" in the subject line.

By Mail

You may submit your written comments to:

Ms. Catherine Coffey, P.E.
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87 Deacon Road
Fredericksburg, VA 22405

Additional information can also be found on VDOT's website at

<http://www.virginiadot.org/projects/fredericksburg/>

The information received as a result of the meeting will be presented to VDOT's Project Development Engineer for consideration.

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Design Public Hearing

Route 17 over I-95 Widening and Bridge Replacement, Spotsylvania County

Wednesday, August 23, 2017, 5-7 p.m.
Lee Hill Elementary School Auditorium
3600 Lee Hill School Drive
Fredericksburg, VA 22408

Inclement Weather Date: Wednesday, August 30, 2017

Public Meeting

Welcome to the Virginia Department of Transportation's (VDOT) design public hearing on the Route 17 over I-95 widening and bridge replacement in Spotsylvania County.

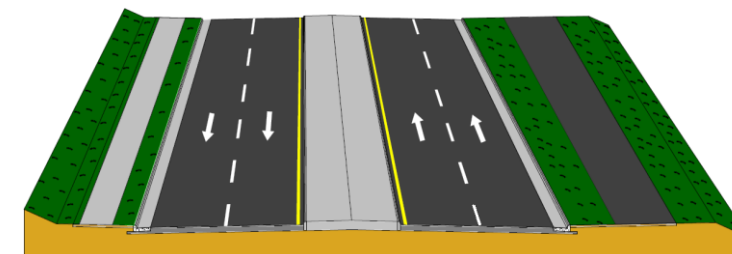
This design public hearing is being held to provide an opportunity for citizens or organizations to provide VDOT comments and/or suggestions on the proposed project. VDOT strives to ensure that all members of the community have the opportunity to participate in public decisions on transportation projects and programs affecting them.

VDOT representatives are present to discuss the project and answer your questions.

A comment sheet is included in this meeting handout and your input is encouraged. All verbal and written comments received on this project will be included in a transcript for review by VDOT personnel, citizens and other interested parties.

VDOT staff will address questions and concerns raised as a result of this meeting before the project is presented to VDOT's Project Development Engineer for approval.

Project Overview



Cost - \$20 million

Purpose – Provide additional capacity, reduce congestion and replace the structurally deficient bridge over I-95.

Improvements – Increase number of lanes from two to four on Route 17 to include a new bridge over I-95.

State Project – 0017-088-R72, P101, C501, B616, R201 UPC 107140
Federal Project: NHPP-5111 (298)

PROJECT DESCRIPTION

This project will replace the existing Route 17 overpass at Interstate 95 in Spotsylvania County with a new, four-lane overpass. The existing overpass is structurally deficient.

Route 17 will be widened to four lanes from the existing four lane section west of I-95 (near the Target store) to the intersection with Hospital Boulevard. Improvements in this area will also include the addition of a sidewalk and a shared use path along Route 17.

The project will also extend the second eastbound thru lane on Rte. 17, at the intersection with Hospital Boulevard, approximately 2,000 feet and will tie to the existing lanes at the intersection with Old Dominion Parkway/Cosner Drive.

The proposed improvements will:

- Replace the structurally deficient bridge with a new bridge over I-95
- Increase the capacity of Route 17 in the project area

This project will be constructed in accordance with VDOT's current road and bridge standards and specifications to comply with federal and state regulations pertaining to public welfare and safety.

The construction will be performed in such a manner that traffic will be maintained with a minimum of inconvenience to the traveling public.

After the project is complete, VDOT will maintain the road and the bridge.

Project Graphic



Estimated Project Cost

Total Project Cost: **\$20,000,000**

Preliminary Engineering: \$2,500,000

Right of Way: \$1,000,000

Construction: \$16,500,000

Civil Rights

VDOT ensures non-discrimination 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 or special assistance for persons with disabilities or limited English proficiency, contact VDOT's Civil Rights Division at 540-899-4562, TTY/TDD 711.

Right of Way

The construction of this project will not require any displacement of families, businesses or non-profit organizations.

As we further develop and finalize the design of 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 acquisition is discussed in VDOT's brochure entitled "Right of Way and Utilities: A Guide for Property Owners and Tenants." Copies of this booklet are available from a VDOT right of way agent. After this meeting, information regarding right of way may be obtained from the right of way contact listed on the back of this brochure.

Anticipated Schedule

The following schedule has been proposed:
Design Public Hearing – August 23, 2017
Comment Period – August 23, 2017 – September 2, 2017
Right of Way – Early 2019
Advertise Project – Fall 2020
Complete Construction – Fall 2022

Environmental Review

VDOT's Fredericksburg 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 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, noise, etc. In compliance with the National Historic Preservation Act, Section 106 and 36 CFR Part 800, information concerning the 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 the 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.

Representatives from VDOT's Environmental section are available to answer questions.