

**The Virginia Office of Public-Private Partnerships (OTP3) in cooperation with the Virginia Department of Transportation, City of Lynchburg and Campbell County are reviewing an unsolicited proposal for a new interchange at Odd Fellows Road and U.S. Route 29/460 in Lynchburg.**

English Construction Company (English), in association with Parsons Brinckerhoff and Raymond James Financial, Inc., submitted the proposal to the OTP3 in July 2013. The Public-Private Partnership Act of 1995, as amended (PPTA), offers an opportunity for the Virginia Department of Transportation, City of Lynchburg and Campbell County to partner with the private sector to advance much needed transportation improvements years earlier than originally planned. This project was previously identified as part of the Governor's Transportation Plan in 2011.

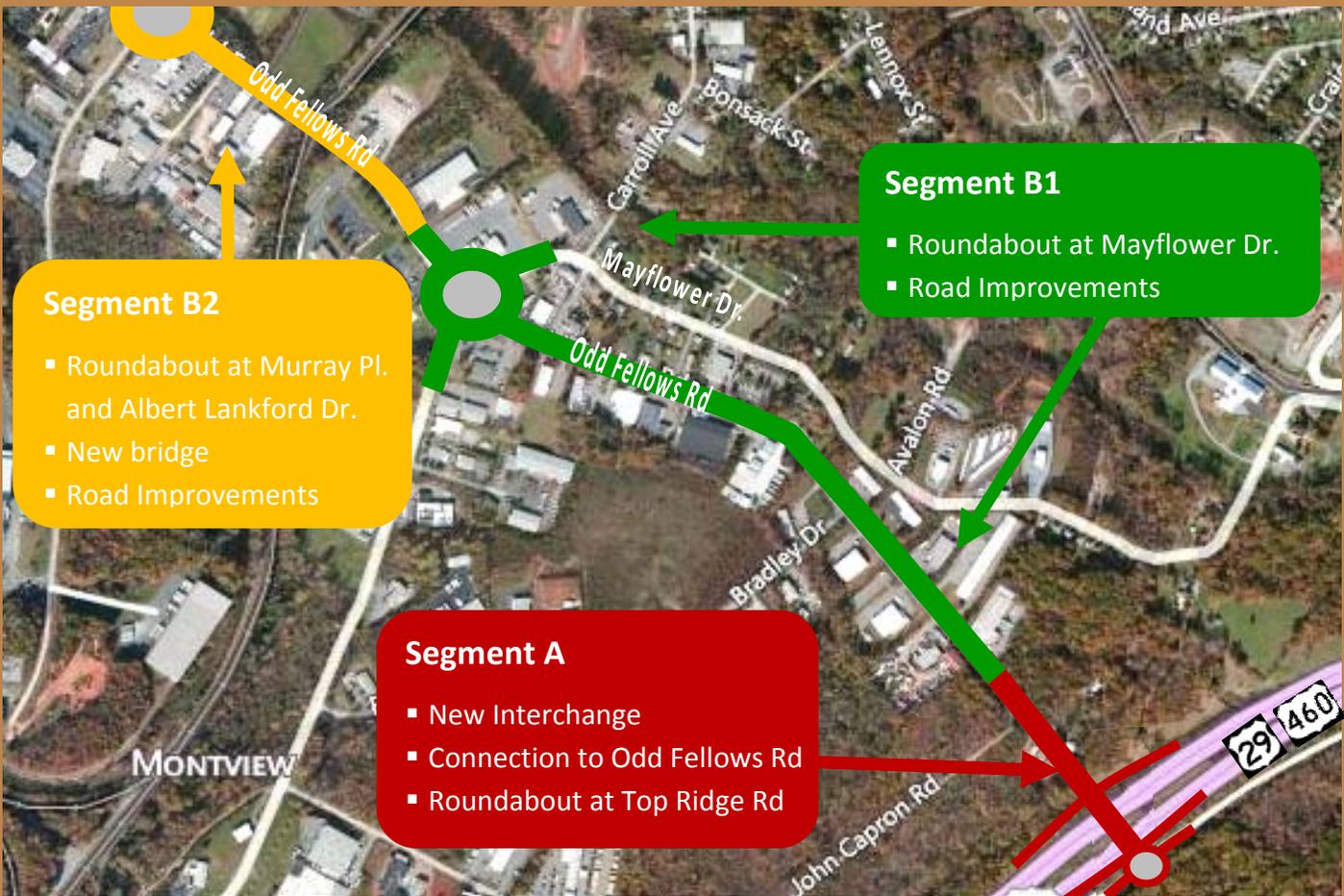
### Project Benefits

The project allows VDOT to partner with and leverage private sector resources to advance one of the City of Lynchburg's top transportation priority projects in a timely and cost effective manner, which reduces the Commonwealth's investment. The Public-Private Partnership (P3) proposal shows the project components could be constructed several years sooner than other procurement methods, both creating and preserving opportunities for business and job growth in the Lynchburg area. The proposal is expected to improve multimodal mobility, access and safety for travelers throughout the area.

- **New access point to Route 29/460** - The reconstruction of Odd Fellows Road and extension to a proposed interchange will provide a new connection between Lynchburg Expressway and U.S. Route 29/460. This is expected to alleviate congestion and increase safety for traffic currently using the parallel Candler's Mountain Rd.
- **Safety improvements** - Improves sight distance and provide safer interactions between trucks and other travelers.
- **Enhance freight access** to the properties located along Odd Fellows Road and Mayflower Drive with the added benefit of potential further economic development in this area.
- **New bike and pedestrian access** - Providing new bicycle and pedestrian accommodations will provide safe connections especially for Liberty University students living in new dormitories on Odd Fellows Road.
- **Improved traffic flow** – Replacing a traffic signal at Odd Fellows Road and Mayflower Drive with a roundabout will improve traffic movement through intersection and reduce potential for vehicle accidents.
- **Enhancements to Greenview Drive** - Additional capacity being proposed will help relieve existing traffic congestion by eliminating a bottleneck.

### Project Financing

The Odd Fellows Road Interchange (estimated at \$31.7 million) and Greenview Drive improvements (estimated at \$14.5 million) are both funded under VDOT's 2013 SYIP, adopted in July 2012. The improvements to Odd Fellows Road were listed in the City of Lynchburg's draft Capital Improvement Program, but the project was not funded under the adopted program. The project will have a maximum budget of \$52 million. Exact levels of contributions from the private sector will not be determined until final revised and competing proposals are received. Tolling is not proposed or under consideration for this project.



## Project Overview

- **New Interchange at Odd Fellows Road (Segment A)** – Build a diamond interchange on U.S. Route 29/460 with a proposed extension of Odd Fellows Road and a roundabout at Top Ridge Road.
- **Improvements to Odd Fellows Road (Segment B1 and B2)**
  - Segment B1: Include one travel lane in each direction, a two-way left-turn lane in the center, and a shared use path on one side of the roadway. Additionally, the traffic signal at the Mayflower Drive intersection will be replaced with a roundabout to provide operational and safety improvements between the proposed interchange at US 29/460 and Mayflower Drive intersection.
  - Segment B2 between the Mayflower Drive intersection and Lynchburg Expressway will include reconstruction of the road and bridge over the Norfolk Southern railroad tracks to provide a two-way left turn lane in the center and the addition of a shared use path.
- **Widen Greenview Drive (Segment C)** from Hermitage Road intersection to just south of Leesville Road. Additionally, the proposed improvements include a sidewalk and shared use path, an upgraded traffic signal at Leesville Road, roadway lighting, retaining walls, erosion control, and stormwater management



## Opportunities for public input

- Environmental review process and evaluation
- Design public hearing
- Ongoing outreach to stakeholders and public through the project's duration
- Ongoing coordination with Affected Jurisdictions (AJ)

## Milestones Completed

- July 2013 – Completed Policy Review
- Sep 2013 – Obtained AJ Comments
- Dec 2013 – Completed Detail-level Screening Report
- Dec 2013 – PPTA Steering Committee advances to short-term priority
- April 2014 - Refined base scope, and validated budget estimate

## Next steps

- Advertise Request for Detailed Proposals – May 2014
- Receive/review proposals – fall 2014
- Comprehensive Agreement Winter 2014/15
- Major Business Points to Commonwealth Transportation Board – Winter 2014/15
- Construction could begin - 2015