



# NEWS JULY 2020

The Martinsville Southern Connector Study newsletter shifted to a bi-monthly distribution in March 2020.

## WHAT'S NEW

### Joint Permit Application Submitted on July 1, 2020

As part of the Martinsville Southern Connector Study, water quality permits are being obtained because there are impacts to wetlands and streams associated with the preferred alternative. A Joint Permit Application (JPA) is submitted for permits for work in wetlands and streams within Virginia from multiple agencies, including the Norfolk District of the US Army Corps of Engineers, the Virginia Marine Resources Commission and the Virginia Department of Environmental Quality.

The Martinsville Southern Connector Study follows the One Federal Decision (OFD) process, which was enacted on August 15, 2017 by Executive Order 13807. As part of OFD, specific timelines and milestones, such as water quality permitting, are established for environmental review and authorization among all Federal agencies involved in the development of major infrastructure projects. The JPA for the Martinsville Southern Connector Study was submitted on July 1, 2020, in accordance with OFD.

[View the JPA](#)








### The Draft EIS Comment Period

The Draft Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) is available online and the comment period remains open for public comment. If you have not yet had an opportunity, please take a moment to share your input on the Draft EIS and supporting technical documents.

[View Draft EIS](#)

### Comment on the Draft EIS

Given the ongoing pandemic, VDOT has not scheduled an in-person public hearing for the Draft EIS. The public is welcome to comment on the Draft EIS in the following ways.

-  Submit comments online:  
[virginiadot.org/martinsvilleconnector](http://virginiadot.org/martinsvilleconnector)
-  Text Route220 to 77948 to have the survey sent directly to your phone
-  Email comments to:  
[martinsville220@vdot.virginia.gov](mailto:martinsville220@vdot.virginia.gov)
-  Provide oral comments by calling:  
(276) 821-8425
-  Mail written comments to:  
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