

## Get Involved

Comments can be submitted orally or in writing at the public hearing; by mail to John Rose, Project Manager, 1601 Orange Road, Culpeper, VA 22701; or by email to [John.Rose1@VDOT.Virginia.gov](mailto:John.Rose1@VDOT.Virginia.gov).

Comments must be postmarked, emailed or delivered to VDOT by **January 26, 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 Chief 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/15-53roundabout.asp](http://www.virginiadot.org/projects/culpeper/15-53roundabout.asp).

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### DESIGN PUBLIC HEARING

## Route 15 at Route 53 Fluvanna County Construction of Roundabout

Thursday, January 15, 2015, 4:30-6:30 p.m.  
Fluvanna County Public Library  
214 Commons Boulevard  
Palmyra, VA 22963

### Public Meeting

Welcome to the Virginia Department of Transportation's design public hearing on the proposed construction of a roundabout at the intersection of Route 15 (James Madison Highway) and Route 53 (Thomas Jefferson Parkway) in Fluvanna County.

This public hearing is being held to provide an opportunity for any person, acting or his/her own behalf or representing a group or governing agency, to give the department 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 the handouts for this meeting, and your input is encouraged. All oral and written comments received on this project will be included in a transcript for review by VDOT personnel, citizens and other interested parties.

### Project Overview



Existing conditions at the Route 15-Route 53 intersection.

**Anticipated Cost** – \$2.6 million

**Purpose** – Improve safety and efficiency of travel through the intersection

**From** – 0.14 mile south of Route 53

**To** – 0.06 mile north of Route 53

**Total Length** – 0.2 mile

**Improvements** – Replace the current "T" intersection, which is controlled by a stop sign, with a roundabout and construct a shared-use path and sidewalk to accommodate bicyclists and pedestrians

## PROJECT DESCRIPTION

VDOT proposes to replace the existing "T" intersection of Route 15 and Route 53 in Palmyra with a roundabout that will include enhanced street lighting and bicycle and pedestrian facilities.

Roundabouts are one of the safest types of intersection designs and have the dual benefit of improving efficiency of travel. Roundabouts also help reduce crashes, fuel consumption, air pollution and roadway maintenance costs.

This project is consistent with Fluvanna County's comprehensive plan, which supports the roundabout due to its proximity to Fluvanna County High School two miles west on Route 53, as well as an economic development area planned to

the east of the intersection.

For pedestrians and bicyclists, the project features a shared-use path in the northwest quadrant of the roundabout that will connect by crosswalk to a five-foot sidewalk on the south side. These facilities will provide access to the JAUNT transit service stop adjacent to the intersection.

Construction is anticipated to take about six months and will require periodic lane closures.

Approximately 6,500 vehicles use Route 15 daily, according to 2013 data. The traffic count on Route 53 is 5,000 vehicles per day.

## Project Graphic



## Estimated Project Cost

Total Cost:

**\$2.6 million**

Engineering of Roadway Plans:

**\$500,000**

Right of Way Acquisition, Relocation Assistance and Utility Relocation:

**\$300,000**

Construction:

**\$1,800,000**

*Cost is subject to change as the design is developed.*

## Environmental Review

VDOT's Culpeper 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 Programmatic 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 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. Representatives are available to discuss this information and to answer questions.

## Anticipated Schedule

**The following schedule has been proposed:**

Public hearing: **January 15, 2015**

Public comment period ends: **January 26, 2015**

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

Construction advertisement: **Early 2016**

Construction completion: **Fall 2016**

*Project schedule is subject to change.*

## 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.

## Right of Way

Construction of a roundabout at Route 15 and Route 53 in Fluvanna 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.