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The public comment period closes March 28, 2015

Ten days after this public hearing, on March 18, 2015, the public comment period will close. 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 office listed below. 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.



Information must be postmarked, emailed or delivered by March 28, 2015 in order to be included in the public hearing record. Project information shared here is available for review after this public hearing at:

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Please call 1-800-367-7623 or TTY/TDD 711 if you have any questions.

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Design Public Hearing

**Intersection Improvements
at Huguenot Road (Route 147)
and River Road (Route 650)
Henrico County**

Wednesday, March 18, 2015, 5:30 – 7:30 p.m.
University of Richmond
Jepson Alumni Center, Rosenbaum Room 119
101 College Road, Richmond, VA 23229

Public Meeting

Welcome to the Virginia Department of Transportation's (VDOT) public hearing on the proposal to improve pedestrian accommodations at the intersection of Huguenot Road and River Road.

This public hearing is being held to provide an opportunity for any person, acting on 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

Cost – \$870,000

Purpose – To improve the safety of pedestrians and bicyclists traffic within the project limits.

Location – The intersection of Huguenot Road and River Road

Project Length – 0.22 miles

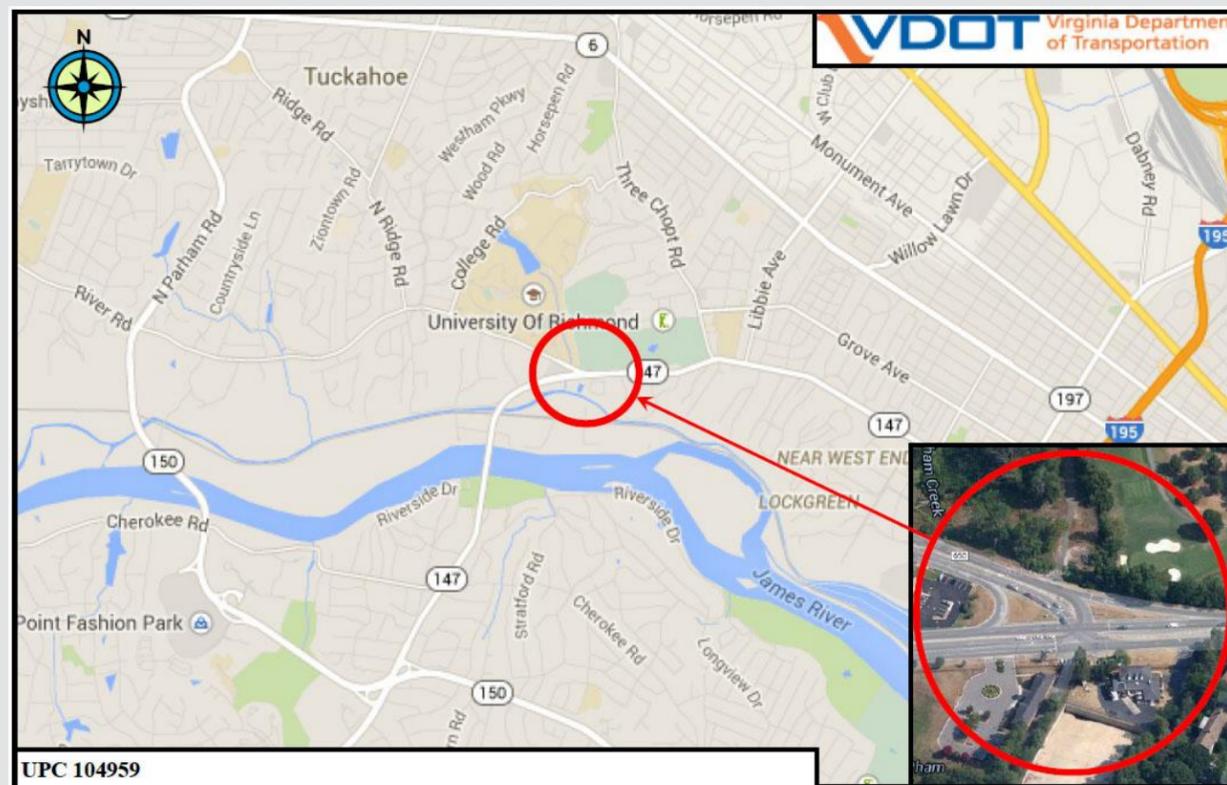


PROJECT DESCRIPTION

The purpose of this project is to provide pedestrians and bicyclists access through the Huguenot Road and River Road Intersection by providing crosswalks across Huguenot Road as well as River Road along with Pedestrian Signal Crossing through this entire intersection. A sidewalk is also being constructed along Huguenot Road and River Road which will connect to Gambles Mill Road to facilitate easy access for the University Of Richmond students and faculty to the shopping center and restaurants located along Huguenot Road and River Road. The three existing traffic poles and signal heads at this intersection, which are mounted on the span wires, will be upgraded to current standards.

The existing roadway will not be widened and there will be no impact on the existing utilities in this corridor. The temporary and permanent easements required for construction of the project will be donated by the Henrico County to VDOT.

Project Graphic



UPC 104959

Huguenot and River Road Intersection Pedestrian Safety Improvement Project

Estimated Project Cost

Total Cost: **\$870,000**

Engineering of roadway plans: **\$150,000**

Right of Way Acquisition, Relocation Assistance and Utility Relocation: **\$15,000**

Construction: **\$705,000**

These projects are in the early design stage. Therefore, costs above are 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 in regards 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

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

All improvements under this project will take place within existing right of way. Should easements for utility relocation be required beyond the proposed right of way, property owners would be informed of the exact location of the easements during the right of way acquisition process and prior to any 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 brochure 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 approval – Spring 2015

Begin right of way acquisition – Summer 2015

Begin construction – Spring 2016

Completion – Summer 2016

Environmental Review

VDOT's Richmond 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 NEPA document 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 Place is also provided in the environmental documentation.

The projects 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 practices will protect the environment during construction.

The NEPA documentation and the results of other environmental studies are available at today's meeting. Representatives from VDOT's Environmental Section are available to discuss this information and to answer questions.