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Design Public Hearing

Route 688 (Leeds Manor Road) at Thumb Run Fauquier County Bridge Replacement

Tuesday, March 26, 2013, 4:30-6:30 p.m.
Orlean Volunteer Fire & Rescue Department
6838 Leeds Manor Road
Orlean, Virginia 20128

Public Meeting

The Virginia Department of Transportation (VDOT) welcomes you to the design public hearing on the proposed replacement of the Route 688 (Leeds Manor Road) bridge over Thumb Run in Fauquier County.

This public hearing is held to provide an opportunity for citizens or organizations to give 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.

Civil Rights

Representatives from VDOT are present to discuss the projects and answer your questions. It is the responsibility of VDOT to ensure that all members of the community are afforded the opportunity to participate in public decisions on transportation systems and projects affecting them.

VDOT ensures nondiscrimination in all programs and activities in accordance with Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964. For additional information or assistance contact VDOT's Culpeper District Office of Civil Rights, 1601 Orange Road, Culpeper, VA 22701; telephone 1-800-376-7623, TDD/TTY 800-307-4630 or 711.

Project Overview



The existing bridge over Thumb Run.

Anticipated Cost – \$1.9 million

Purpose – To replace the existing substandard bridge and rebuild its approaches

From – 0.15 mile south of Thumb Run

To – 0.15 mile north of Thumb Run

Total length – 0.3 mile

Improvements – Construct a new two-lane bridge carrying Route 688 over Thumb Run

Anticipated Schedule – Public comment ends April 5; right-of-way acquisition and utility relocation, winter 2013; advertisement, winter 2014; construction start, spring 2015

PROJECT DESCRIPTION

This project will replace the Route 688 (Leeds Manor Road) bridge over Thumb Run in Fauquier County. The existing concrete-slab bridge, built in 1925, is substandard.

VDOT proposes to construct a new two-lane bridge of pre-stressed concrete slabs with an asphalt overlay riding surface. The proposed bridge will be 54 feet long and 26 feet wide and will be in the same approximate location as the existing bridge and approaches.

Located approximately 350 feet south of the bridge, an additional structure spanning the tributary of Thumb

Run is proposed to be replaced with a new concrete box culvert. The box culvert will be 20 feet wide and 47 feet long and will be in the same approximate location as the existing structure.

The proposed bridge and box culvert will be constructed utilizing a phased road closure to allow access for local traffic. Detour routes will be signed. Construction is anticipated to begin in the spring of 2015 and will take 15 months to complete.

Approximately 580 vehicles use Route 688 daily, according to a 2011 traffic count.

Environmental Review

The National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) is applicable to this project and a Programmatic Categorical Exclusion (PCE) was 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 NEPA document and the results of other environmental studies are available at today's meeting.

Right of Way

As the design is developed, VDOT will determine what right of way and easements will be needed to accommodate the construction. The right of way and easement information will be available at the public hearing on March 26.

The property owners will be notified of the exact location of the right of way and easements needed during the right of way acquisition process and prior to construction.

Get Involved

Comments can also be submitted in writing to Howard Tomlinson, Project Manager, at howard.tomlinson@vdot.virginia.gov. Information must be postmarked, emailed

or delivered to VDOT within 10 calendar days of today's meeting (April 5, 2013) in order to be included in the design public hearing record.

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