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Comments can also be submitted in writing to Barry Jones, Project Manager, 1601 Orange Road, Culpeper, VA 22701; or by email to Barry.Jones@VDOT.Virginia.gov.

Information must be postmarked, emailed or delivered to VDOT within 12 calendar days of today's meeting (August 22, 2011) in order to be included in the public hearing record.

VDOT representatives will review and evaluate any information received as a result of the public hearing.

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.

Project information shared here is available for review after the public hearing at VDOT's Culpeper District Office located at 1601 Orange Road, Culpeper, VA 22701.

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DESIGN PUBLIC HEARING

Route 29 at Route 666 Culpeper County Construction of Interchange

Wednesday, August 10, 2011, 5-7 p.m.
Eastern View High School
16332 Cyclone Way
Culpeper, VA 22701

Public Meeting

The Virginia Department of Transportation (VDOT) welcomes you to the design public hearing for the proposed construction of an interchange where Route 29 meets Route 666 in Culpeper County. The project will begin 0.09 mile west of Rogers Road and end 0.15 mile east of Cyclone Way.

This public hearing is 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 concerning 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



The existing intersection of Routes 29 and 666.

Anticipated Cost – \$28.63 million

Purpose – Replace the existing intersection of Routes 29 and 666 with a diamond interchange

From – 0.09 mile west of Rogers Road

To – 0.15 mile east of Cyclone Way

Total Length – 0.72 mile

Improvements – Improve safety and capacity by reconstructing the at-grade intersection as a diamond interchange with bike lanes, sidewalk and a shared-use path along Route 666

PROJECT DESCRIPTION

The purpose of this project is to replace the existing at-grade intersection of Routes 29 and 666 with a diamond interchange to improve safety and capacity.

Construction of the new interchange will include raising Route 666 to an overhead crossing of Route 29 and widening the roadway to four lanes divided by a 28-foot raised median. Bike lanes will be added on both sides of the road, as well as a five-foot-wide sidewalk on the south side and a 10-foot-wide shared-use path on the north side.

In 1970, when the portion of Route 29 known as the Culpeper Bypass was widened to four lanes, a diamond interchange was envisioned for future construction at this intersection. This project became a priority in 2008 with the opening of Eastern View High School and the associated increase in vehicle, pedestrian and bicycle traffic.

A 2009 interchange study and an interchange justification request, prepared in 2011, explored four different interchange designs: diamond, partial cloverleaf, single-point urban and roundabout. The diamond interchange was recommended due to its lowest initial cost, shortest construction period, flexibility for future modifications and familiarity to motorists.

Traffic will be maintained on the existing roads during the first phase of construction, as the westbound portion of the new Route 666 roadway is built. In the second phase, traffic will switch to the new roadway to allow for demolition of the existing roads and construction of the new eastbound half of Route 666 and its ramps. Construction will last approximately 24 months.

Route 666 carries approximately 5,600 vehicles per day through the current intersection.

Estimated Project Cost

Total Cost:

\$28.63 million

Engineering of Roadway Plans:

\$2,385,592

Right of Way Acquisition, Relocation Assistance and Utility Relocation:

\$5,300,000

Construction:

\$20,948,313

Cost is subject to change because the project is in early stages of design. The project will be financed using federal funds.

Environmental Review

VDOT's Culpeper District Environmental Section has initiated environmental reviews to obtain preliminary information about environmental resources in the project vicinity; to provide the natural and historic resource agencies an opportunity to review and comment on the project during the early stages of 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 Categorical Exclusion (CE) 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 will be available at the public hearing on August 10.

All required environmental clearances and permits will be obtained prior to beginning 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.

Anticipated Schedule

The following schedule has been proposed:

Public hearing: **August 10, 2011**

Public comment period ends: **August 22, 2011**

Right of way acquisition and utility relocation:

October 2011

Construction advertisement: **March 2013**

Project schedule is subject to change based on availability of construction funding. The project will be financed using federal funds.

Civil Rights

Representatives from VDOT are present to discuss the project 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 Equal Opportunity, 1601 Orange Road, Culpeper, VA 22701; telephone 1-800-FOR-ROAD (376-7623), TDD/TTY 800-307-4630 or 711.

Right of Way

It is not anticipated at this time that construction of the new Route 29 interchange at Route 666 will require the displacement of any families, businesses or non-profit organizations.

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 August 10. 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.

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.

Project Graphic

