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

Information must be postmarked, emailed or delivered to VDOT within 13 calendar days of today's meeting (January 2, 2013) 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 637 (Dick Woods Road) Route 677 (Broomley Road) Albemarle County Bridge Replacements

Thursday, December 20, 2012, 5-7 p.m.
Murray Elementary School
3251 Morgantown Road
Charlottesville, VA 22903

Public Meeting

The Virginia Department of Transportation (VDOT) welcomes you to the design public hearing on the proposed replacement of the Route 637 (Dick Woods Road) bridge over Ivy Creek and the Route 677 (Broomley Road) bridge over the Buckingham Branch Railroad in Albemarle County.

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.

Overview

Route 637 Bridge

Anticipated Cost – \$2,458,161

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

From – 0.15 mile north of Ivy Creek Farm Road

To – 0.4 mile north of Ivy Creek Farm Road

Total Length – 0.25 mile

Improvements – A new legal-load, single-span pre-stressed concrete slab bridge with minimal approaches constructed to tie in to the new bridge

State Project – 0637-002-824,P101,R201,C501,B675
Federal Project – BROS-002-7(034)
UPC – 95159

Route 677 Bridge

Anticipated Cost – \$4,677,092

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

From – 0.06 mile north of Route 250

To – 0.15 mile north of Route 250

Total Length – 0.09 mile

Improvements – A new legal-load, single-span steel truss bridge with minimal approaches constructed to tie in to the new bridge

State Project – 0677-002-823,P101,R201,C501,B646
Federal Project – BROS-002-7(032)
UPC – 95114

Description

These projects will replace two substandard bridges in western Albemarle County.

Route 637 (Dick Woods Road) Bridge

VDOT proposes to replace the Route 637 bridge over Ivy Creek with a single-span pre-stressed concrete slab structure. The new bridge will meet current design standards and will be capable of carrying all legal loads.

Due to its significantly deteriorated condition, the Route 637 bridge was replaced in September 2012 with a temporary structure intended to make it last until this project could be completed. The temporary bridge will be reused in another location.

VDOT will close Route 637 to through traffic at the bridge for the four-month construction period. Traffic will use Route 250 (Ivy Road) and Route 677

(Bloomfield Road) as the detour route.

Route 637 carries 1,100 vehicles per day, according to a 2011 count.

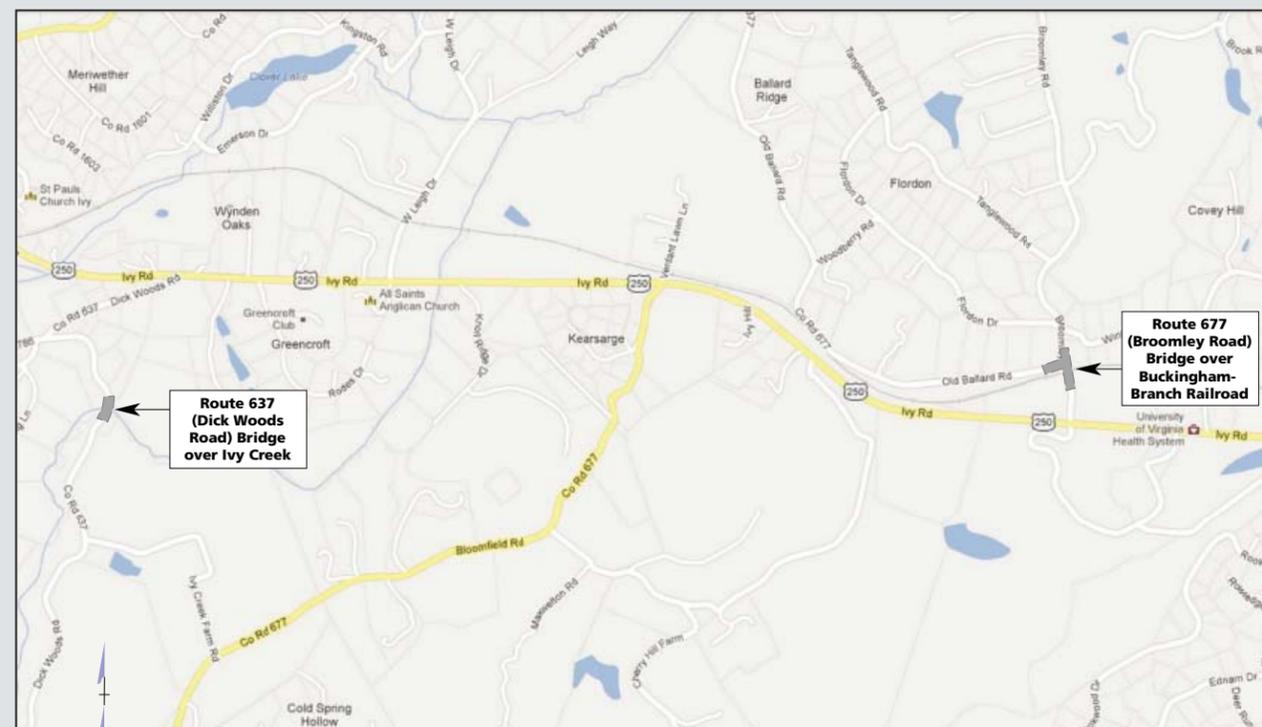
Route 677 (Broomley Road) Bridge

The Route 677 bridge over the Buckingham-Branch Railroad will be replaced with a single-span steel truss bridge. The new bridge will meet current design standards and will be capable of carrying all legal loads.

VDOT proposes closing Route 677 to through traffic during construction, anticipated to last seven months. The detour route will be Route 677 (Old Ballard Road) to Route 676/678 (Owensville Road) to Route 250 (Ivy Road).

A 2011 count shows that 740 vehicles use Route 677 daily.

Location Map



Estimated Costs

Route 637 (Dick Woods Road) Bridge

Total Cost: **\$2,458,161**

Engineering of Roadway Plans: **\$700,500**

Right of Way Acquisition and Utility Relocation: **\$200,000**

Construction: **\$1,557,661**

Route 677 (Broomley Road) Bridge

Total Cost: **\$4,677,092**

Engineering of Roadway Plans: **\$760,000**

Right of Way Acquisition and Utility Relocation: **\$808,574**

Construction: **\$3,108,518**

Costs are subject to change as the designs are finalized.

Environmental Review

To fulfill the requirements of the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA), VDOT's Culpeper District Environmental Section has initiated environmental reviews to obtain preliminary information about environmental resources in the projects' vicinity; to provide the natural and historic resource agencies an opportunity to review and comment on the projects during the early stages of development; and to identify opportunities for avoidance, minimization and mitigation of potential environmental impacts.

In addition to NEPA, these projects are subject to Section 106 of the National Historic Preservation Act (16 USC 370f; 36 CFR 800.2(c)(3)). Pursuant to this regulation the agency is coordinating its review of historic resource impacts with the Department of Historical Resources and other consulting parties.

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: **December 20, 2012**

Public comment period ends: **January 2, 2013**

Right of way acquisition and utility relocation: **July 2013**

Construction advertisement: **December 2014**

Construction start: **April 2015**

The projects' schedules are subject to change.

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-FOR-ROAD (376-7623), TDD/TTY 800-307-4630 or 711.

Right of Way

It is not anticipated at this time that the replacement of the Route 637 and Route 677 bridges 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 December 20. 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.