

Get Involved

The public comment period closes July 6, 2015

Ten days after this public hearing, on July 6, 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 July 6, 2015 in order to be included in the public hearing record. Project information shared here is available for review after this public hearing at:

VDOT Richmond District
2430 Pine Forest Drive
Colonial Heights, VA 23834

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 Maidens Road & Old River Trail Powhatan County

Wednesday, June 24, 2015, 5 - 7 p.m.

Powhatan County Public Library
2270 Mann Road
Powhatan, VA 23139

Public Meeting

Welcome to the Virginia Department of Transportation's (VDOT) public hearing on the proposal for intersection improvements at Maidens Road and Old River Trail to improve mobility into the Powhatan State Park.

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.

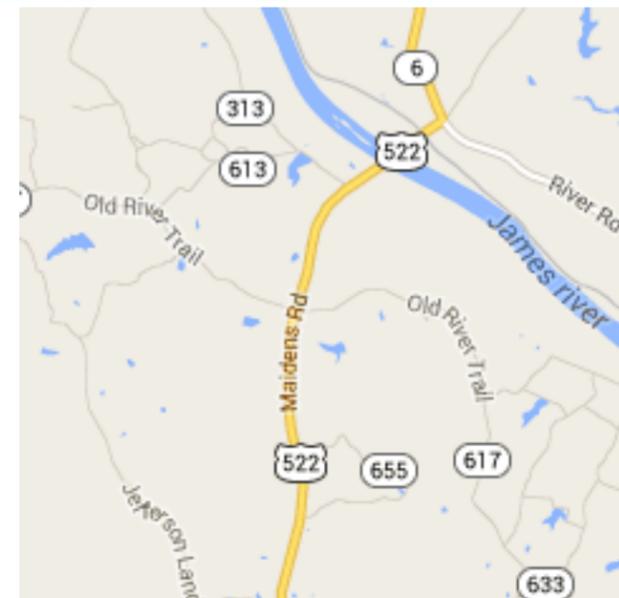
VDOT strives to ensure that all members of the community have the opportunity to participate in public decisions on transportation projects and

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 – \$2.75 million

Purpose – Improve the intersection at Powhatan State Park

Location – Maidens Road and Old River Trail

Project Length – 0.3 miles

PROJECT DESCRIPTION

The purpose of the project is to provide intersection improvements at Maidens Rd. (Rt. 522) and Old River Trail (Rt. 617) to facilitate movement into the Powhatan State Park and improve sight distance. The proposed improvements include adding turn lanes, widening existing lanes and improving shoulders and drainage.

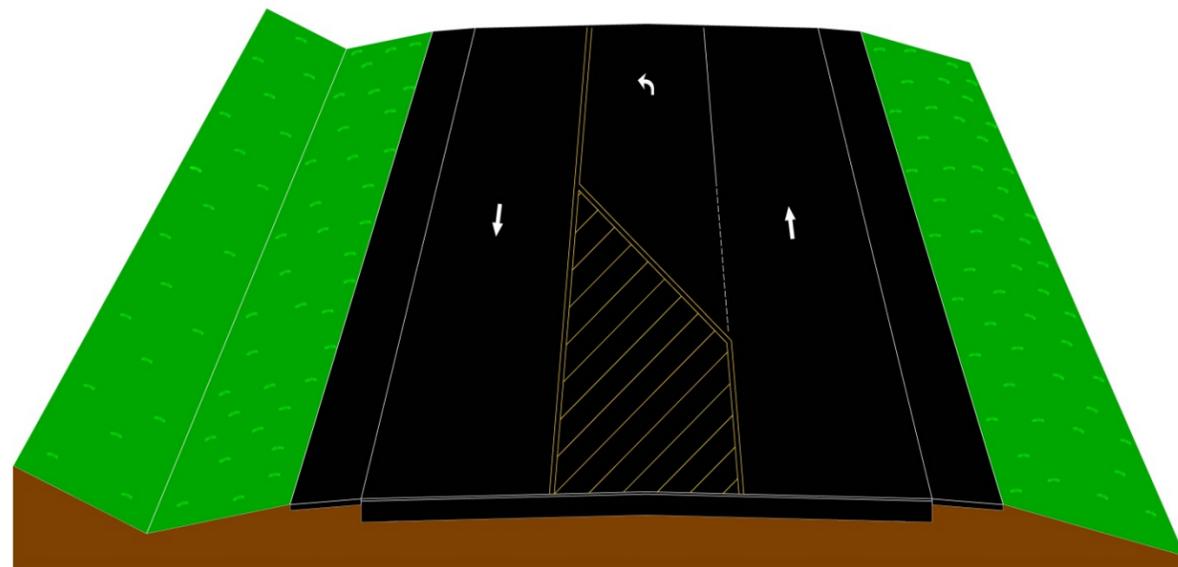
This project includes adding a northbound left turn lane and southbound right turn taper. The project will increase lane widths from 10 ft. to 11 ft. and add 2 ft. paved shoulders with roadside ditches.

The new Rt. 522 roadway centerline will shift approximately 12 ft. at the intersection with Old River Trail, which will improve visibility, especially in the southbound direction.

The project limits include 0.16 miles south of Old River Trail to 0.14 miles north of Old River Trail. The length is 0.30 miles.

Project Graphic

Route 522 Maidens Road



4' — 2' — 11' — 11' — 11' — 2'

Estimated Project Cost

Total Cost: **\$2.75 million**
 Engineering of roadway plans: **\$396,000**
 Right of Way Acquisition and Utility Relocation: **\$1.11 million**
 Construction: **\$1.24 million**

This project is in the early design stage. Therefore, costs above are subject to change. The project will be financed using state funds.

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 will require some property acquisition.

As we further develop and finalize the development of 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 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 – Summer 2015
- Begin right of way acquisition – Winter 2016
- Begin construction – Spring 2017

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 project 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 document 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.