

Get Involved

The public comment period closes September 22, 2013

Ten days after this public hearing, on September 22, 2013, 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 the Commonwealth Transportation Board (CTB) to consider the proposed location and any changes in limited access for the project. If a location and any changes in limited access is/are approved by the CTB, the major design features will then be presented to VDOT's Chief Engineer or designee for approval.

Information must be postmarked, emailed or delivered by September 22, 2013 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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Location/Design Public Hearing Interstate 95 Temple Avenue Interchange City of Colonial Heights

Thursday, September 12, 2013, 5 - 7 p.m.
Colonial Heights City Hall
201 James Avenue
Colonial Heights, VA 23834

Public Meeting

Welcome to the Virginia Department of Transportation's (VDOT) public hearing on the proposal to realign the off and on ramps of the I-95/Temple Avenue Interchange in Colonial Heights.

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 – \$20 million. This cost is subject to change.

Purpose – To improve capacity, geometry and safety at the Temple Avenue interchange.

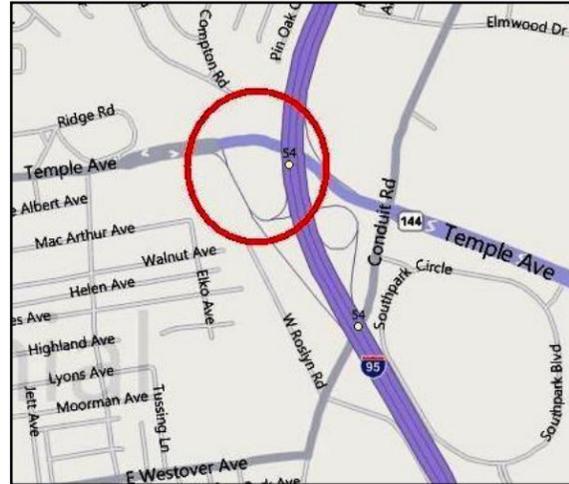
Location – The interchange at Temple Avenue and I-95 in Colonial Heights

Project Length – 0.4 miles

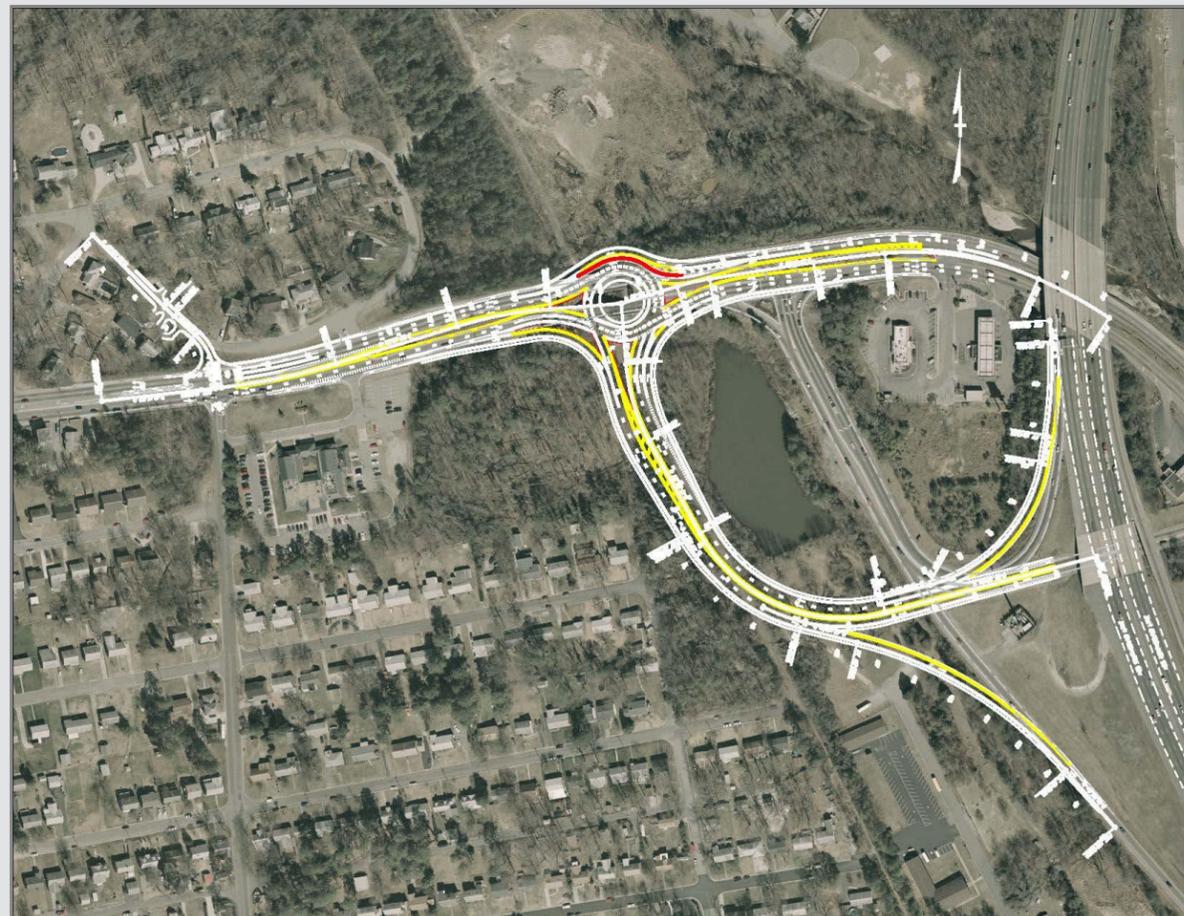
PROJECT DESCRIPTION

The purpose and need of this project is to improve traffic flow through the I-95/Temple Avenue Interchange, to eliminate prolonged periods of delay, and to improve safety within the project limits. The project will address current deficiencies in capacity, geometry and safety.

Improvements will be made to the I-95 Temple Avenue Interchange. The current signalized intersection will be relocated and replaced with a roundabout. Both directions of traffic on Temple Avenue and interchange access will be maintained during construction. A temporary traffic signal will be used during one phase on the interchange ramp.



Project Graphic



Estimated Project Cost

Total Cost: **\$20 million**
 Engineering of roadway plans: **\$2.2 million**
 Right of Way Acquisition, Relocation Assistance and Utility Relocation: **\$5.3 million**
 Construction: **\$12.5 million**

This project is in the early design stage. Therefore, costs above are subject to change. The project will be financed using a combination of federal and 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 of the I-95 Temple Avenue Interchange will require the purchase of one residential property. Right of Way acquisition and utility relocation will be performed by the design-builder in accordance with VDOT standards.

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 – **Oct. 16, 2013**

Begin Request for D-B Proposals – **Jan. 14, 2014**

Begin Contractor Notice to Proceed – **Oct. 17, 2014**

Completion – **June 30, 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 Places 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.