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VDOT Staunton District Office
811 Commerce Road
Staunton, VA 24401-9029

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Harrisonburg, VA 22802

Comments can be submitted in writing to:

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Comments may also be sent to:
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Please include "Route 801 PH Comment" in the subject line.

Ten days after this public hearing, on June 10, 2011, 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 addresses listed below.

After all comments have been addressed, the information gathered as a result of the hearing will be presented to VDOT's Chief Engineer for consideration.

If approval of the major design features is received from VDOT's Chief Engineer for this project, the project will proceed to design completion. Public hearing participants will be notified of this decision by letter.

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Design Public Hearing

Route 801 (Hangers Mill Road) Improvements to Bridge over Jennings Branch Augusta County

Wednesday, June 1, 2011, 4 - 6 p.m.
Churchville Elementary School
3710 Churchville Avenue
Churchville, VA 24421

Public Meeting

Welcome to the Virginia Department of Transportation's (VDOT) design public hearing on proposed improvements to Route 801 (Hangers Mill Road) in Augusta County.

This public hearing is being held to provide an opportunity for citizens or organizations to give VDOT comments and/or suggestions on the proposed project after reviewing the project information. 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.

VDOT staff will address questions and concerns raised as a result of this hearing before the project is presented to VDOT's Chief Engineer for consideration. If approval of the major design features is received from VDOT's Chief Engineer for this project, the project will proceed to design completion. Public hearing participants will be notified of this decision by letter.

Project Overview



Route 801 - Bridge over Jennings Branch

Cost - \$1,430,383

Purpose - This project replaces an existing substandard single-lane truss bridge on Route 801 over Jennings Branch.

From - 0.15 mile from intersection with Route 250

To - 0.28 mile from intersection with Route 250

Total length - 0.13-mile long

Improvements - Construct new two-lane bridge over Jennings Branch.

PROJECT DESCRIPTION

The project is located on Route 801 (Hangers Mill Road) in the northwestern part of Augusta County. A new bridge structure will be built over Jennings Branch, replacing the existing truss bridge built in 1900. The existing truss bridge can no longer serve modern-day traffic. The new bridge will be located slightly downstream, providing a smoother alignment with Route 801 and improving driver visibility.

Route 801 is a secondary road connecting Route 250 and Route 835. This road is 2.06-miles long and serves the traveling public and provides economic value to the farming communities around Churchville.

Population is sparse along the roadway, with the general area around this project classified as an Agricultural Conservation Area as documented in the Augusta County Comprehensive Plan (2007 – 2027). The entire length of the project has no significant commercial or industrial properties. There are no industries, schools, or commercial interest that will be impacted by the road closure or the detour. The current average daily traffic volume is 80 vehicles per day. By the projected design year of 2023 the traffic volume is expected to be 96 vehicles per day.

Part of the new bridge construction will feature a 112-foot-long steel truss superstructure with two nine-foot travel lanes. The bridge superstructure includes a bridge concrete deck, guardrails, curbs, floor system and truss members that rest on bridge bearings and supported by concrete cantilever abutments. The wider bridge will accommodate the average piece of farm machinery.

The approaches will have two nine-foot lanes with two-

foot shoulders and taper into the existing 14-foot wide roadway. Safety will also be enhanced with the addition of guardrails on the approaches to the bridge.

During construction the road will be closed to traffic. Drivers will use Route 835 as a detour. Signs will be posted along this five-mile detour.

No existing separate bicycle or pedestrian accommodations will be affected. Route 801 is not listed on any identified Augusta County bike routes.

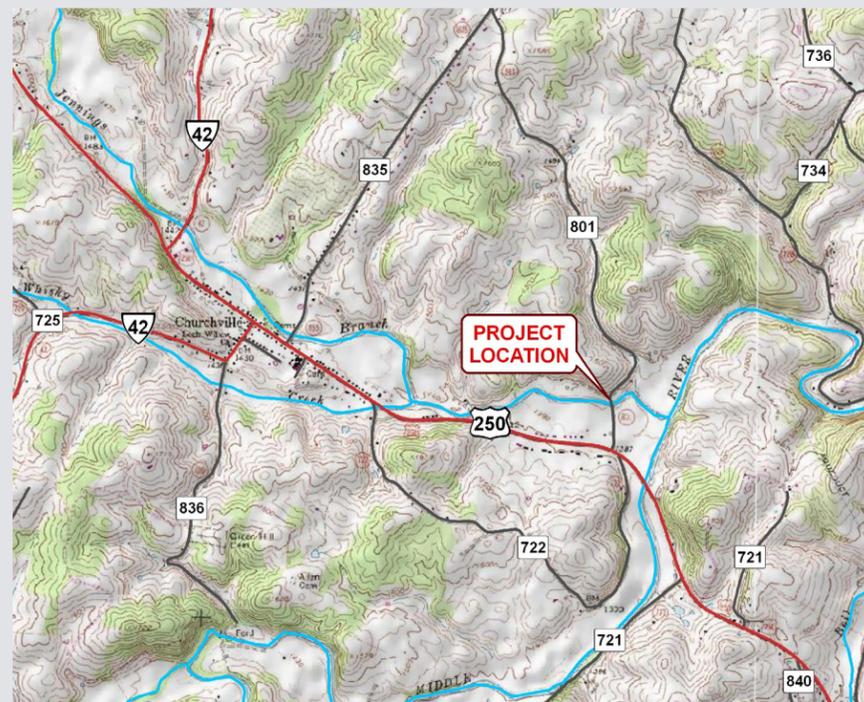
Dollar figures for this project are presented as funding and estimated costs. Funding is the amount of money allocated to the project. Estimated costs are price approximations for each phase of the project.

Funding for this bridge include: \$278,180 state match funds for Revenue Sharing; \$1,105,195 in Federal Bridge Funds (Bridge Replacement "Off System" Program - BROS), and \$7,520 in Federal Surface Transportation Plan funds. The total funding for the project is \$1,390,895.

The total estimated cost for this project is \$1,430,383, which includes \$184,289 for preliminary engineering, \$104,744 for right of way activities, and \$1,141,350 million for construction.

This project's design complies with Virginia's Stormwater Management Act, erosion and sediment control regulations and VDOT's approved stormwater management program. During construction, every reasonable effort will be made to protect the environment with respect to dust and erosion control, and access to all properties will be maintained. Potential impacts to the flood plain will be evaluated and

Location Map



Estimated Project Cost

Total Cost:
\$1,430,383

Engineering of the Roadway Plans:
\$184,289

Right of Way Acquisition, Relocation Assistance and Utility Relocation:
\$104,744

Construction:
\$1,141,350

These amounts may change because development of the project is in early design stages. The project will be financed using state and federal funds.

Environmental Review

VDOT's Staunton 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 Programmatic Categorical Exclusion (PCE) has been developed in cooperation with the Federal Highway Administration and in accordance with federal guidelines.

The NEPA document is based on 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 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 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 management practices will protect the environment during construction.

Anticipated Schedule

The following schedule has been proposed:

Consideration for Design Approval – Summer 2011

Begin Acquisition of Right of Way – Fall 2011

Construction – Spring 2013

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 or special assistance for persons with disabilities or limited English proficiency, contact VDOT's Civil Rights Division at 800-367-7623, TDD/TTY 711.

Right of Way

The construction on Route 801 will not require the displacement of any families, businesses or non-profit organizations.

As we further develop and finalize 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 booklet 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.