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

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Edinburg, VA 22824-0278

Comments can be submitted in writing to:

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Comments may also be sent to:
stauntoninfo@VDOT.Virginia.gov

Please include "Route 340 Gooney Creek Bridge PH Comment" in the subject line.

Ten days after this public hearing, on May 27, 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.

Contact Information

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Design Public Hearing

Route 340 (Stonewall Jackson Highway) Replace Bridge over Gooney Creek Warren County



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Tuesday, May 17, 2011, 4 - 7 p.m.
Skyline High School
151 Skyline Vista Drive
Front Royal, Virginia 22630

Public Meeting

Welcome to the Virginia Department of Transportation's (VDOT) design public hearing for replacing the Gooney Creek Bridge on Route 340 (Stonewall Jackson Highway) in Warren 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



Bridge over Gooney Creek

Cost - \$13,304,925

Purpose - This project replaces an existing substandard bridge over the Gooney Creek on Route 340.

From - 0.655 Miles South of Route 605 Poor House Road Int.

To - 0.330 Miles North of Route 605 Poor House Road Int.

Total length - 0.985-mile long

Improvements - Provide a structure that can support modern weight vehicles traveling over Gooney Creek on Route 340.

State Project - 0340-093-126, P101, R201, C501, B608 Federal Project - BR-093-8(017) (for P101)

PROJECT DESCRIPTION

The proposed project is located on Route 340 from 0.655 mile south of Route 605 (Poor House Road) to 0.330 mile north of Route 605 (Poor House Road). Route 340 through this area consists of two 12-foot lanes with narrow shoulders and narrow ditches. The 24-foot wide bridge that crosses Gooney Creek sets at the bottom of steep grades to both the north and south. The bridge is a deteriorated, functionally obsolete structure. Functionally obsolete means a structure is designed with older design features that may not meet current geometrics, or traffic needs. This designation has no connection to condition rating, but is based on functionality. The bridge has reached the end of its lifespan and needs to be replaced.

The project includes replacing the current bridge and approaches at Gooney Creek with a new two-lane structure and approaches.

While the overall purpose of the project is to replace the bridge, the approaches to the bridge will be improved to meet a 60 mile-per-hour design speed. The existing roadway in this section only meets a 30 mile-per-hour design speed based on current standards.

The width of the roadway will also be improved to meet current standards. The proposed road will have 12-foot lanes with 10-foot shoulders, eight feet of which will be paved. Also, rumble strips will be installed along the edge of the travel lanes to provide a separation between vehicular traffic and bicycles. The wider, paved shoulders provide for correction space for errant vehicles and a safe space for disabled vehicles to pull off. The posted speed limit is 55 miles per hour.

Two lanes of traffic will be maintained throughout the duration of the project with the possible exception of occasional flagging operations. Access to all private residences and businesses will be maintained throughout the duration of the project.

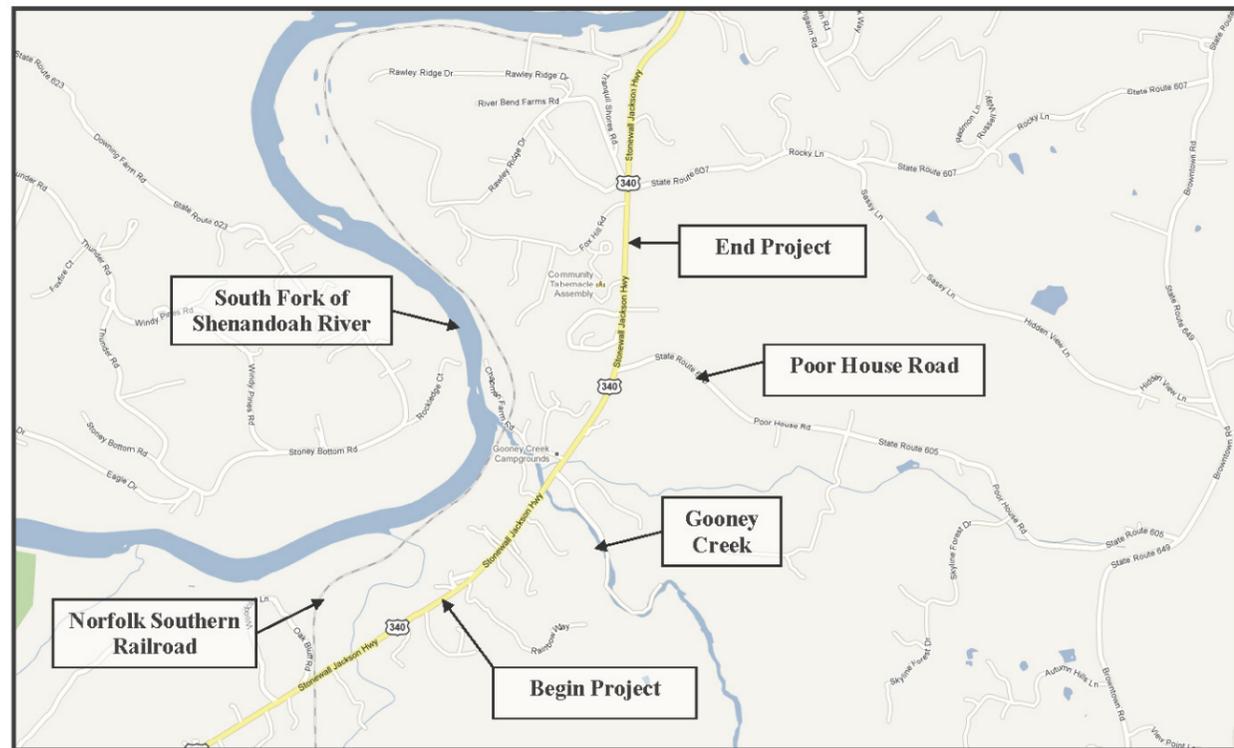
A portion of the project lies within the Flint Run Archeological District. Impacts to the archeological district, or other cultural resources, are addressed in the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) document.

In 2008 the traffic counts at this location were 6,513 vehicles per day. This figure is expected to increase to 9,700 vehicles per day in the year 2036.

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 addressed on this project.

Location Map



Estimated Project Cost

Total Cost:
\$13,304,925

Engineering of the Roadway Plans:
\$1,204,023

Right of Way Acquisition, Relocation Assistance and Utility Relocation:
\$1,194,000

Construction:
\$10,906,902

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 categorical exclusion (CE) 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 – Late winter 2012

Begin Acquisition of Right of Way – Spring 2012

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 340 will require one residential relocation.

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 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.