

# Legislative Update



## Staunton District

### Warren County

Fall 2020

#### Route 55 (John Marshall Highway) Safety Improvements



UPC 115128

**SMART SCALE Applicant:**

Warren County

This project provides several safety improvements along a three-mile segment of Route 55 (John Marshall Highway) from the Front Royal Corporate Limits to Route 79 (McIntosh Drive).

**SMART SCALE Funding:**

\$1,633,637

The project improvements are a result of the Strategically Targeted Affordable Roadway Solutions (STARS) grant to study a portion of Route 55 in Warren County. The study area focused on Route 55 from the Front Royal Corporate Limits to 1.82 miles east of this location.

**Estimated Cost:**

\$1,633,637

Project improvements include edge of pavement rumble strips, raised pavement markers, guardrail improvements, signage upgrades, electronic speed feedback signage, intersection street lighting, and fixed object hazard removal.

**Estimated Ad Date:**

Summer 2025

**VDOT Contact:**

Keith Rider, P.E., 540-332-9220

#### Route 55 (Strasburg Road) Trench Widening

UPC 109068

**Estimated Cost:**

\$2,275,000

This project is funded using the Highway Safety Improvement Program (HSIP).

**Estimated Ad Date:**

Spring 2022

The safety of the traveling public will be improved by widening the shoulder and installing rumble strips on Route 55 (Strasburg Road) near the Town of Front Royal

**Project Manager:**

Kunal Kothawade, 540-332-9259

This project is 7.22 miles long on Route 55 from the Shenandoah County line to the Front Royal Town limits.

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#### Route 340/522 (Winchester Road) Roadway Lighting



UPC 115130

**SMART SCALE Applicant:**

Warren County

This project installs roadside street lighting along a 1.6-mile segment of Route 340/522 (Winchester Road) in Warren County. The work is from the Front Royal Corporate Limits to Diamond Ridge Drive.

**SMART SCALE Funding:**

\$3,149,948

The project also includes lighting installation for the Interstate 66 Exit 6 interchange.

**Estimated Cost:**

\$3,149,948

**Estimated Ad Date:**

Fall 2027

**VDOT Contact:**

Keith Rider, P.E., 540-332-9220

#### Route 340/522 (Winchester Road) Turn Lane Extension At Interstate 66 Westbound Acceleration Ramp



UPC 115127

**SMART SCALE Applicant:**

Warren County

This project extends the Route 340/522 (Winchester Road) southbound right-turn lane onto Interstate 66 westbound acceleration ramp.

**SMART SCALE Funding:**

\$518,664

The turn lane will be extended approximately 900 feet from the ramp to the area of the Route 655/ Crooked Run intersection.

**Estimated Cost:**

\$518,664

**Estimated Ad Date:**

Summer 2025

**VDOT Contact:**

Ronald Tabor, P.E, 540-332-7887

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#### Route 624 (Happy Creek Road)



UPC 17714

**SMART SCALE Applicant:**

Warren County

The Route 624 (Happy Creek Road) project provides safety improvements from the Town of Front Royal Eastern Corporate limits to Route 645 (Manassas Run Road). Route 624 is a two-lane road with 10-foot wide travel lanes. Work includes widening the lanes to 11 feet, reducing fixed object hazards, increasing intersection capacity and improving drainage.

**SMART SCALE Funding:**

\$9,959,052

On a portion of Route 624 is a wooded area with a curve, which currently limits drivers' sight views. This area will be cleared and the curve reduced to improve visibility.

**Estimated Cost:**

\$10,487,052

In the middle of the project, near the Town limits is an at-grade crossing for the Norfolk Southern Railroad. Trains at this crossing serve the Virginia Inland port which is located north of Front Royal. Route 624 has a curve at the crossing, which will be reduced with a slight roadway realignment. Reflective signs and chevrons will be posted to help drivers see the road particularly during night and low light conditions.

**Estimated Ad Date:**

Late 2020

**Project Manager:**

Charles Gardner, 540-332-7893

Turn lanes will be constructed on Route 624 at Route 647 (Dismal Hollow Road).

#### Route 658 (Rockland Road) Bridge overpass over Norfolk & Southern Railway

UPC 112945

**Estimated Cost:**

\$21,773,353

The Route 658 (Rockland Road) constructs a separated bridge overpass over Norfolk & Southern Railway.

**Estimated Ad Date:**

Spring 2024

In December 2018 the Port of Virginia was awarded a \$15,500,197 federal grant through the Better Utilizing Investments to Leverage Development (BUILD) transportation discretionary grants process. The U.S. Department of Transportation is investing in surface transportation infrastructure through the BUILD program. The \$15.5 million in BUILD grant funds will be used to build a highway bridge grade separation at the at-grade crossing on Route 658. The project involves constructing a new bridge on Route 658 that will run above the existing railroad tracks.

**Project Manager:**

Charles Gardner, 540-332-7893

Virginia Inland Port is located in Front Royal, which is 220 miles northwest of the Norfolk Harbor. The terminal is situated at the intersection of interstates 81 and 66 and is connected by daily train service to the Port's deep-water terminals in the harbor. The terminal is an important inland destination for container cargo that also helps to drive significant economic investment and job creation in the surrounding community.

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## **Rural Rustic Roads and Rural Addition Roads**

The Rural Rustic Road program provides paving to qualifying secondary roads. All work to be completed within the existing right of way. The road surface is generally widened to 16 to 18 feet, drainage is improved and the road receives a surface treatment pavement.

The Rural Addition Road program reconstructs non-state maintained roads to meet state standards.

Road Name: Farm View Road UPC: 108676

Revenue Sharing Project - Reconstruction of Farm View Road to meet state standards.

This 0.31-mile long project reconstructs Farm View Road from Route 638 (Howellsville Road) to 0.31-mile west of Route 638.

Cost: \$286,000

Construction Status: Construction Complete

Project Manager: Kimberly Cameron, P.E., 540-332-7886