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Ten days after this public hearing, on June 16, 2012, the public comment period will close. This information, including the hearing summary, will be available for review at the VDOT office address 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.

Comments can also be submitted in writing to Richmondinfo@vdot.virginia.gov. Please reference "Virginia Capital Trail" in the subject line. Information must be postmarked, emailed or delivered to VDOT within 10 calendar days of today's meeting in order to be included in the public hearing record.

Project information shared here is available for review after the design public hearing at:

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Location and Design Public Hearing Virginia Capital Trail Varina Phase Henrico County

Wednesday, June 6, 2012, 5 - 7 p.m.
John Rolfe Middle School Cafeteria
6901 Messer Road, Henrico, VA 23231

Public Meeting

Welcome to the Virginia Department of Transportation's (VDOT) location and design public hearing on the proposal to construct a shared use path along Route 5 between Rocketts Landing and Longbridge Road in Henrico County.

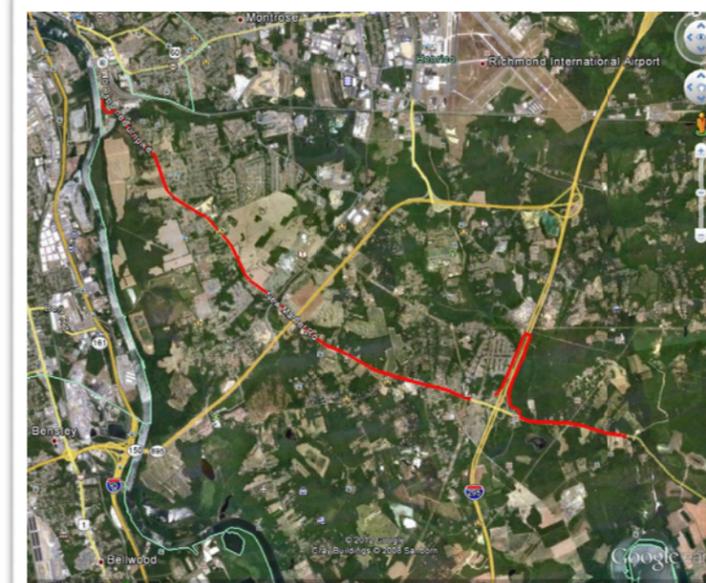
This design public hearing is being held to provide an opportunity for any person, acting on his/her own behalf or representing a group or governing agency, to give the department comments and/or suggestions on the proposed project.

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 handout 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 – Approximately \$14.7 million

Purpose – The primary purpose of this project is to construct a shared-use path as part of the Virginia Capital Trail system.

Location – Route 5 between Rocketts Landing and Longbridge Road in Henrico County.

Project Length – 10.3 miles

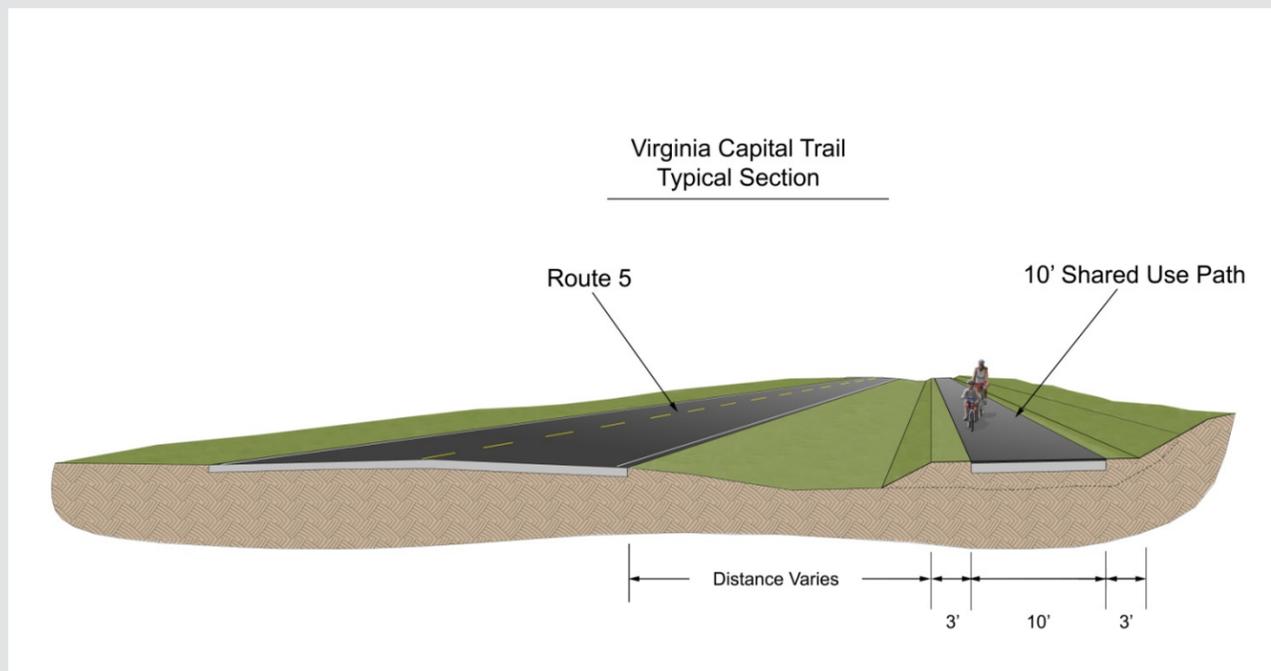
PROJECT DESCRIPTION

The Varina phase of the Virginia Capital Trail consists of a 10 foot wide asphalt shared-use path with three foot graded shoulders along Route 5. The project begins at the southern end of Rocketts Landing and ends at Longbridge Road in Henrico County. This phase of the trail is about 10.3 miles long. The alignment for the Varina phase parallels Route 5 on the south side from Rocketts Landing to the intersection of Route 5 and Midview Road. At Midview Road, the trail crosses Route 5 with an at-grade crossing. The alignment continues on the north side of Route 5 from Midview Road to I-295. On the west side of I-295, the alignment parallels I-295 southbound through the Four Mile Creek subdivision. The alignment crosses under I-295 at Four Mill Creek. On the east side of I-295, the alignment parallels northbound I-295 through Four Mile Creek Park back to the north side of Route 5. The alignment continues on the north side of Route 5 from Four Mile Creek Park to Longbridge Road. At Longbridge Road, the trail

crosses Route 5 with an at-grade crossing to connect to the New Market Heights phase of the trail. Once complete, the Varina Phase will give the Virginia Capital Trail 50.3 continuous miles. The trail will be constructed with special attention to the tree canopy along Route 5 and access to all properties will be maintained during construction.

The design of this project is in compliance with the Stormwater Management Act, stormwater regulations and the annual stormwater management standards and specifications approved by the Virginia Department of Conservation and Recreation. The construction of this project will conform to the nationwide best management practices, VDOT specifications and special provisions, and the Virginia Department of Soil and Water Conservation regulations. Also, during construction, every reasonable effort will be made to protect the environment with respect to dust and erosion control.

Project Graphic



Estimated Project Cost

Total cost: **\$14.7 million**
 Engineering of roadway plans: **\$1.7 million**
 Right of way acquisition and utility relocation: **\$3 million**
 Construction: **\$10 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 this project will not require the displacement of any families, businesses or non-profit organizations.

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.

Anticipated Schedule

The following schedule has been proposed:

Design approval – July 2012
 Begin right of way acquisition Spring 2013
 Begin construction – Summer 2013
 Completion – Summer 2014

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 Draft Categorical Exclusion has been developed in cooperation with the Federal Highway Administration and in accordance with federal guidelines. The Draft 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 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.

The Draft 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.