



COMMONWEALTH of VIRGINIA

DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION
1401 EAST BROAD STREET
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Gregory A. Whirley
Commissioner

December 21 , 2012

MEMORANDUM

REQUEST FOR DESIGN PUBLIC HEARING APPROVAL

From: Mohammad Mirshahi, P.E.
State Location and Design Engineer

To: Malcolm T. Kerley, P.E.
Chief Engineer

Project #: 0711-072-P64, P101, R201, C501, B618
Federal Project #: RSTP-5A27(112)
UPC: 86442
County: Powhatan

In accordance with the statutes of the Commonwealth of Virginia and policies of the Commonwealth Transportation Board, a **Design Public Hearing** was held for the above mentioned project on November 14th, 2012, between 5:00 p.m. and 7:00 p.m. at Independence Golf Course, 600 Founders Bridge Blvd, Midlothian, Virginia 23113 located in Powhatan County.

The purpose of this project is to improve safety and reduce congestion by widening from 2 to 4 lanes with a raised median. Bicycle lanes and sidewalks will also be provided along the corridor.

Project History: Project is desired by the County to provide for the development of businesses in this corridor and the construction of a new high school along this roadway.

Citizens in attendance at the Public Hearing were provided the following information in the form of a project brochure and various display boards:

- The NEPA document in the form of a Programmatic Categorical Exclusion.
- The proposed typical section displayed on boards at the Public Hearing.
- The design daily traffic which is 20,870 vpd.
- No businesses or private residences will be taken.

- Project cost estimated at \$2.4 million for preliminary engineering, \$2.4 million for right-of-way and utilities and \$16.6 million for construction. The total estimated cost is \$21.4 million.
- The tentative schedule for advertising the project which is November 10th, 2015.

Thirty-nine (39) citizens attended the hearing. There were six (6) written and three (3) oral comments received for the record. Among the respondents, five (5) supported the project with proposed changes, one (1) was opposed and the remainder were neutral or offered constructive advice.

A detailed list of the comments received is included in the Public Hearing Transcript along with the District Staff's recommendation for each of the comments.

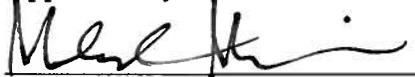
The Richmond District Preliminary Engineering Manager, Mr. Sam Hayes, P.E. by letter dated November 26, 2012, has recommended approval of the major design features as proposed and presented at the Public Hearing held November 14, 2012.

The Assistant State Location and Design Engineer, Theron Knouse, P.E. has reviewed the submitted documents and recommends approval of the major design features as proposed and presented at the Public Hearing held November 14, 2012.

I concur with staff's recommendation that the major design features for the Route 711 roadway project be approved as proposed and presented at the Public Hearing held November 14, 2012. Attached are copies of the Public Hearing Transcript for your use in consideration of this request.

Mohammad Mirshahi, P.E.
State Location and Design Engineer

Approved By:



for Malcolm T. Kerley, P.E.
Chief Engineer

Date: 12/21/12

Attachments