

What's Next?

Ten days after this meeting, the public comment period will close. Staff will review and evaluate any information received as a result of the meeting, adjusting the project features as needed.

Once your concerns have been addressed, the project location will be presented to the Commonwealth Transportation Board for their consideration. If approval of the new alignment portion of the project is given, the project will then proceed to the Chief Engineer who will consider approval of the major design features of the project. Upon approval of the location and major design features of the project the project will proceed to the final phase.

In an effort to encourage innovation and expedite the design and construction schedule, VDOT has chosen to use the Public-Private Partnership process to complete the project.

Project Cost

The estimated cost for this project is \$11,750,000 for preliminary engineering, and construction.

Project History

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an Assignment and Assumption Agreement with VDOT to assume KBR's obligations to further develop the CFX. Alpha and Pioneer committed to work with VDOT to develop the "coal-synergy" concept, which mirrored a similar project development concept used in West Virginia on the King Coal Highway.

In January 2007, the three parties entered into a First Amendment to the Assignment and Assumption Agreement for development of a Limited Feasibility Study (LFS) to define if using revenue from marketable coal reserves along an alignment developed by Alpha and Pioneer could offset the total cost of the CFX. The LFS was completed in mid 2007 and VDOT is currently evaluating and analyzing the information.

Notes:

Additional Information

Project information shared here is available for review after the meeting at the following offices:

VDOT Bristol District Office
870 Bonham Road
Bristol, VA
(276) 669-6151 or TTY/TDD: 711

VDOT Lebanon Residency
1067 Fincastle Road
Lebanon, VA
(276) 889-7600 or TTY/TDD: 711

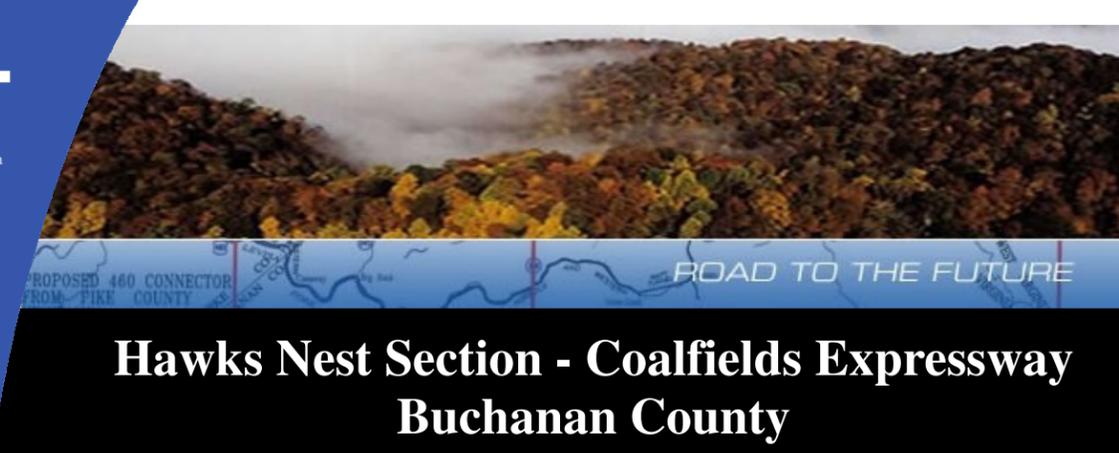
Written comments and other exhibits related to the proposed project may be submitted in place of or in addition to statements made at the meeting. Such information must be postmarked or delivered to VDOT within 10 calendar days of today's meeting (on or before May 23, 2008) in order to be included in the official record (transcript). Please send written comments to:

Virginia Department of Transportation
Bristol District Administrator - Mr. James S. Givens
870 Bonham Road
Bristol, VA 24201

Please call prior to visiting to assure the availability of staff to assist you.



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Hawks Nest Section - Coalfields Expressway Buchanan County

Welcome to the Virginia Department of Transportation's Public Hearing for consideration of the location and major design features for the proposed Hawks Nest Section of the Coalfields Expressway (CFX).

The purpose of this Public Hearing is to provide a public opportunity for any person, acting on his/her own behalf or representing a group or governing body, to offer comments or submit written material concerning the proposed project. All comments received, written or verbal, will be included in a transcript for review. This document will be made available for public review at the Bristol District Office in the City of Bristol at the address noted under Additional Information on page 4 of this booklet. Questions and concerns will be resolved prior to a final decision by the Commonwealth Transportation Board (CTB) and Chief Engineer. We welcome your written or verbal comments and suggestions. Comment sheets are available in the project presentation area for your use.

The CFX, Hawks Nest Section project will enable VDOT to better meet obligations to move forward with the Appalachian Development Highway System Corridor Q as well as the CFX. It will provide improved mobility and access not only to local counties but throughout the area.

Project History

The original procurement of the CFX was initiated under the Public Private Transportation Act (PPTA) (§56.556-574), as amended. VDOT received an unsolicited proposal from Kellogg Brown & Root Services (KBR) in late 1999, which defined their services for designing, constructing, and financing of the CFX. The alignment in the unsolicited proposal was consistent with the preferred alignment as approved by the CTB and consistent with the environmental document approved by the FHWA.

In September of 2001, and in accordance with the PPTA, VDOT's Commonwealth Transportation Commissioner directed VDOT to initiate negotiations with KBR. In

January 2002, VDOT and KBR executed a comprehensive agreement to develop the preliminary design and engineering for Section A of the CFX. Design of Section A was completed in June 2005 but no funding had been identified for the construction of Section A.

During that same June 2005 period, and as noted below, VDOT's SEP-14 Work Plan, which was granted to advance the project under the PPTA, was rescinded by FHWA due to VDOT not meeting the goals established in the Work Plan.

In an effort to re-initiate activity on the project, Pioneer Group, Inc. (Pioneer) and Alpha Natural Resources, LLC (Alpha) entered into

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PROJECT INFORMATION

From: Proposed Route 460 Connector

To: State Route 614 to the east

Project Numbers: State: 0121-013-787

UPC: 90076

Representatives from the Virginia Department of Transportation are present to discuss the project and answer your questions. It is the responsibility of VDOT to ensure that all members of the community are afforded the opportunity to participate in public decisions on transportation systems and projects affecting them.

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