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**LOCATION & DESIGN PUBLIC HEARING:
COALFIELDS EXPRESSWAY – HAWK’S NEST SECTION IN
BUCHANAN COUNTY**

Tuesday, May 13 between 4-7 p.m. at Russell Prater Elementary School

BUCHANAN COUNTY, Va. - The Virginia Department of Transportation (VDOT) will hold a location and design public hearing in May regarding the proposed Hawk’s Nest section of the Route 121 – Coalfields Expressway in Buchanan County. The public hearing will be held Tuesday, May 13 between 4 p.m. and 7 p.m. at Russell Prater Elementary School, located at 8433 Lover’s Gap Road in Vansant.

The purpose of this hearing is to give citizens an opportunity to review and discuss preliminary plans for the proposed Hawk’s Nest section of Route 121, located between the proposed Virginia Route 460 Connector and Route 614.

VDOT encourages all interested citizens to attend the public hearing. To give citizens more flexibility in their participation in the hearing, there will be no formal presentation. Instead, citizens will be able to review maps, drawings and other materials explaining the proposed project and discuss the plans, tentative construction schedules, property impacts and relocation assistance with VDOT representatives at their convenience anytime between 4 p.m. and 7 p.m.

Also, citizens will have an opportunity to record verbal comments for the official record anytime during the hearing. Written comments will be accepted during the hearing or may be submitted to VDOT by May 23, 2008.

Maps and other materials pertaining to the project are available for review at the VDOT Lebanon Residency Office, located on Route 71 in Lebanon. The materials are also available at the VDOT Bristol District Office, 870 Bonham Road, Bristol, Virginia.

For additional information, or if you require special assistance to participate in the meeting, please call the VDOT Lebanon Residency Office at (276) 889-7600 or device for hearing impaired (TTY) at 711. (END)