The Virginia Department of Transportation (VDOT) welcomes you to the design public hearing for the proposed superstructure replacement of the bridge over the Buckingham Branch Railroad on Route 250 (Richmond Road) in Albemarle County. The bridge is located 0.1 mile east of the intersection of Route 22 (Louisa Road) and Route 250 at Shadwell.

This public hearing is 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 his or her comments and/or suggestions concerning the proposed project after reviewing the project information.

**Project Overview**

**Estimated Cost** – $1,775,000

**Purpose** – Rehabilitate the structurally deficient and functionally obsolete Route 250 bridge over the Buckingham Branch Railroad

**From** – 0.08 mile east of Route 22 (Louisa Road)

**To** – 0.05 mile west of Route 729 (N. Milton Road)

**Total length** – 0.07 mile

**Improvements** – Replace the superstructure of the existing bridge and rehabilitate the substructure.

**Anticipated Schedule** – Repairs to the bridge abutments and piers will be done while traffic is using the bridge. When the deck is replaced Route 250 will be closed to traffic. That phase is expected to take 10-12 weeks with traffic detoured using Interstate 64.
The Route 250 bridge at Shadwell was built in 1939 and is in overall poor condition. Its posted weight limit was recently reduced to 15 tons and the center lane is closed to prevent travel on that section of the structure. This project proposes to rehabilitate the bridge by replacing the deck and making major repairs to the abutments and supporting piers. Several design options were considered including the use of a temporary structure. With the exception of replacing the superstructure on the existing location, all other options required additional right of way, delayed the project for several years and increased the cost. Due to the bridge's condition VDOT determined that the project should be accelerated to construction as quickly as possible. Repairs and modifications to the bridge's substructure will be accomplished while the bridge is open to traffic. Replacement of the bridge deck will necessitate closure of the bridge to traffic. During that 10-12 week phase traffic will be detoured using Interstate 64. Access will be maintained to all private and commercial entrances along Route 250. When the project is finished the bridge will carry legal loads.

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<td>Because federal funds are being used for this project it is subject to the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA). The project was determined to be covered by a programmatic categorical exclusion (PCE). The PCE document and all other environmental and planning documents will be available for review at the public hearing and at other times at VDOT's Culpeper District office.</td>
<td>As the project is proposed no additional right of way will be required. As the design is developed, VDOT will determine what temporary construction easements will be needed to accommodate the construction. The right of way and easement information will be available at the public hearing. Affected property owners will be notified of the exact location of the easements needed during the right of way acquisition process and prior to construction.</td>
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**Get Involved**

Comments can also be submitted in writing to James.Utterback@vdot.virginia.gov. Information must be postmarked, emailed or delivered to VDOT within 10 days of today’s meeting (April 15, 2011) to be included in the public hearing record.

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