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Citizen Information Meeting

U.S. 29 (Emmet Street) / U.S. 250 Bypass Interchange

Wednesday, June 20, 2012, 4 - 6 p.m.
Holiday Inn
1901 Emmet Street
Charlottesville, VA 22901

Public Meeting

Welcome to the Virginia Department of Transportation's (VDOT) citizen information meeting on the proposed improvements to the U.S. 29 (Emmet Street) / U.S. 250 Bypass Interchange.

This citizen information meeting is being held to provide an opportunity for citizens or organizations to give VDOT 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.

Civil Rights

Representatives from VDOT 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. VDOT ensures nondiscrimination in all programs and activities in accordance with Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964.

Project Overview



Anticipated Cost – \$7.5 million

Purpose – Improve traffic operations along U.S. 29 southbound onto the U.S. 250 Bypass westbound.

From – Barracks Road Interchange (U.S. 250 Bypass)

To – South of Hydraulic Road

Total length – 0.80 mile

Improvements – Add one additional lane on U.S. 29 (southbound), add one additional lane along the westbound entrance ramp onto U.S. 250 Bypass, and extend the auxiliary lane along U.S. 250 to Barracks Road exit ramp.

Anticipated Schedule – Public Hearing - fall 2012

Begin Right-of-Way Acquisition - summer 2013

Begin Construction - spring 2015

PROJECT DESCRIPTION

Purpose – The primary purpose of this project is to improve traffic operations and reduce delays along southbound U.S. 29 (Emmet Street) and westbound U.S. 250 Bypass. The proposed improvements will include the addition of one southbound lane along U.S. 29 by widening in the median and an additional lane along the westbound entrance ramp onto the U.S. 250 Bypass by widening to the outside of the existing ramp. The traffic signal at Angus Road will be upgraded to accommodate the proposed improvements.

The completed project will provide four lanes beginning north of the Angus Road intersection to the entrance ramp onto westbound U.S. 250 Bypass. This will provide two southbound through lanes on U.S. 29, a combination through/right turn lane at the ramp, and a right turn lane onto the ramp.

It is anticipated that the proposed improvements will improve safety and reduce travel times through the project limits.

Environmental Review

The National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) is applicable to this project and a Categorical Exclusion (CE) is being developed in cooperation with the Federal Highway Administration and in accordance with federal guidelines. The NEPA document will include 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 will also be provided in the environmental documentation.

Right of Way

As the design is developed, VDOT will determine what right of way and easements will be needed to accommodate the construction. The right of way and easement information will be available at the public hearing planned for fall 2012. Affected property owners will be notified of the exact location of the right of way and easements needed during the right of way acquisition process and prior to construction.

Get Involved

Comments can also be submitted in writing to culpeperinfo@vdot.virginia.gov. Information must be postmarked, e-mailed or delivered to VDOT within 16 calendar days of today's meeting

(July 6, 2012) in order to be included in the citizen information meeting record.

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