

Get Involved

Thank you for taking the time to review the information presented here tonight. Your comments are important and are greatly appreciated. VDOT will carefully consider all comments received at this meeting and during the comment period.

Written comments must be postmarked or sent electronically no later than **September 3, 2019**. You may provide your comments by any of the following methods:

At This Meeting

Please leave your written comments in the designated box.

By Email

Fred.Comments@VDOT.Virginia.gov

Please reference "I-95 Rappahannock River Crossing Northbound" in the subject line.

By Mail

You may submit your written comments to:

Mr. Bill Arel, P.E.

Virginia Department of Transportation

87 Deacon Road

Fredericksburg, VA 22405

Additional information can also be found on VDOT's website at

<http://www.virginiadot.org/projects/fredericksburg/>

or

<http://www.improve95.org>

The information received as a result of this meeting will be presented to VDOT's Deputy Chief Engineer for consideration.

Contact Information

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Design Public Hearing

Interstate 95 Northbound Collector – Distributor (CD) Lanes Rappahannock River Crossing City of Fredericksburg, Stafford County, Spotsylvania County

Thursday, August 22, 2019, 5-7 p.m.
James Monroe High School
2300 Washington Avenue
Fredericksburg, VA 22401



Public Meeting

Welcome to the Virginia Department of Transportation's (VDOT) Design Public Hearing on the Interstate 95 Northbound Collector-Distributor lanes in Stafford County, City of Fredericksburg, and Spotsylvania County.

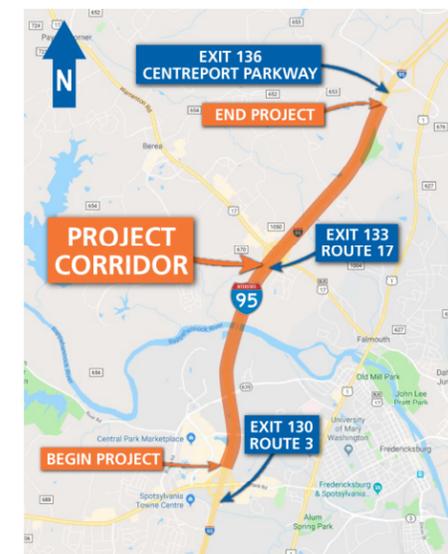
This design public hearing is being held to provide an opportunity for citizens or organizations to provide VDOT comments and/or suggestions on the proposed project. VDOT strives to ensure that all members of the community have the opportunity to participate in public decisions on transportation projects and programs affecting them.

VDOT representatives are present to discuss the project and answer your questions.

A comment sheet is included in this meeting handout and your input is encouraged. All verbal and written comments received on this project will be included in a transcript for review by VDOT personnel, citizens and other interested parties.

VDOT staff will address questions and concerns raised as a result of this meeting before the projects are presented to VDOT's Deputy Chief Engineer for approval.

Project Overview



Cost - \$132 million

Purpose – Provide additional capacity; reduce congestion, improve accessibility and mobility on Interstate 95.

Improvements – Add three I-95 northbound collector-distributor lanes, construct a new bridge over the Rappahannock River and modify the interchange at Route 17. This project will interface with the Fredericksburg extension of the Express Lanes.

State Project – 0095-111-270, P101, UPC 105510
Federal Project: NHPP-095-2(531)

PROJECT DESCRIPTION

This project will provide four miles of additional lanes parallel to I-95 northbound from Exit 130 (Route 3) in the City of Fredericksburg County to Exit 133 (Route 17) in Stafford County. The project includes a new bridge across the Rappahannock River and improvements to the Route 17 interchange at Exit 133. The project will also include two bid options: an option to construct a northbound auxiliary lane extending to Exit 136 (Centreport Parkway) and a bid option to replace the existing Collector-Distributor lane bridge over Route 17.

The proposed improvements would:

- Reduce congestion through this section of the I-95 corridor
- Improve accessibility and mobility to and within the surrounding activity and employment centers

- Improve safety on this section of I-95, which experiences high traffic volumes, heavy weaving and merging volumes
- Accommodate current and planned growth that will increase traffic volumes in the corridor, which are projected to increase 50% by 2042.

This project will be constructed in accordance with VDOT's current road and bridge standards and specifications to comply with federal and state regulations pertaining to public welfare and safety.

The construction will be performed in such a manner that traffic will be maintained with a minimum of inconvenience to the traveling public.

After the project is complete, VDOT will maintain the roads and bridges.

Project Graphic



Estimated Project Cost

Total Project Cost: **\$132,000,000**

Preliminary Engineering: \$5,000,000

Right of Way: \$4,000,000

Construction: \$123,000,000

Civil Rights

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Right of Way

As we further develop and finalize the design of this project, additional easements for utility relocation may be required beyond the proposed right of way shown on the plans. The property owners will be informed of the exact location of the easements during the right of way acquisition process and prior to construction.

Information about right of way acquisition is discussed in VDOT's brochure entitled "Right of Way and Utilities: A Guide for Property Owners and Tenants." Copies of this booklet are available from a VDOT right of way agent. After this meeting, information regarding right of way may be obtained from the right of way contact listed on the back of this brochure.

Anticipated Schedule

The following schedule is proposed:

Design Public Hearing – August 22, 2019

Comment Period – August 22, 2019 – Sept. 3, 2019

Right of Way – Late 2020/Early 2021

Construction Start – Late 2020

End Construction – Summer 2024

Environmental Review

VDOT has performed environmental reviews and coordination to obtain information about environmental resources in the project vicinity; to provide natural and historic resource agencies an opportunity to review and comment on the project during its development; and to identify opportunities for avoidance, minimization and mitigation of potential environmental impacts.

The National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) is applicable to this project. In accordance with these requirements a Final Environmental Assessment (EA) has been prepared, with a Finding of No Significant Impact (FONSI) issued by the Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) on November 17, 2015, and a Re-evaluation of the EA approved by the FHWA on December 4, 2018. The NEPA document includes 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 is provided in the environmental documentation.

The project will continue to be coordinated with the appropriate federal, state, and local agencies as part of the environmental review and approval processes required throughout project development and construction. All required environmental clearances and permits will be obtained prior to commencement of construction. Strict compliance with all environmental conditions and commitments resulting from regulatory approvals, and implementation of VDOT's specifications and standard best management practices will protect the environment during construction.

Representatives from VDOT's Environmental section are available to answer questions.