

PROJECT DESCRIPTION

Odd Fellows Road serves industrial traffic as an entrance to the City of Lynchburg's First Industrial Park, as well as other commercial properties in the immediate vicinity. The City of Lynchburg has voiced strong support for this project. It has been ranked by the City Council as third in their road improvement priority list. On August 18, 2011, the extension of Odd Fellows road with a new interchange at Route 460/29 was adopted to the Central Virginia Transportation Improvement Program.

The purposes of this project are to:

- reduce the increasing congestion levels and heavy truck movements on Candler's Mountain Road, including the intersection with Mayflower Drive
- reduce traffic on Mayflower Drive and
- provide industrial traffic a more direct entry to the primary east/west and north/south connectors to the Madison Heights Bypass.

The functional classification of Route 460 is Urban Principal Arterial Freeway with a minimum proposed design speed of 70 mph. Odd Fellows Road is maintained

by the City of Lynchburg and is classified as an Urban Minor Arterial and shall be designed at a minimum design speed of 40 mph. The proposed roadway for Odd Fellows Road will consist of one lane in each direction separated by a raised median, curb and gutter, a shared multi-use path and appropriate drainage. Access to all properties will be maintained during construction.

The design of this project is in compliance with the Stormwater Management Act, stormwater management standards and specifications approved by the Virginia Department of Conservation and Recreation. The construction of this project will conform to the nationwide best management practices, VDOT specifications, special provisions, and Virginia Department of Soil and Water Conservation regulations.

The project is anticipated to be delivered through the Design Bid Build procurement process.

Project Graphic



Estimated Project Cost

Total Cost:

\$31.7 million

Engineering of Roadway Plans:

\$2.2 million

Right of Way:

\$6.6 million

Construction:

\$22.8 million

This cost is subject to change because development of the project is in early design stages. The project will be financed using federal and state funds.

Environmental Review

VDOT's Environmental Office has initiated environmental reviews and coordination to obtain information about environmental resources in the project vicinity to provide environmental 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 and an Environmental Assessment (EA) has been developed in cooperation with the Federal Highway Administration and in accordance with federal guidelines. 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 also provided in the EA.

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. All required environmental clearances and permits will be obtained prior to commencement of construction. Compliance with permit conditions and commitments resulting from regulatory approvals will be adhered to as well as implementation of VDOT's specifications and standard best management practices.

The NEPA document and associated technical reports are available at today's meeting. Representatives from VDOT's Environmental Section are available to discuss this information and to answer questions.

Anticipated Schedule

The following schedule has been proposed:

Location and Design hearing comment period – ends January 18 (Jan. 20 in case of inclement weather)

Approval of Location and Design – July 2013

Authorize Right of Way – November 2013

Advertise for construction – July 2015

Construction completion – July 2017

Civil Rights

VDOT ensures nondiscrimination and equal employment in all programs and activities in accordance with Title VI and VII of the Civil Rights Act of 1964. If you need more information in regards to your civil rights on this project or special assistance for persons with disabilities or limited English proficiency, contact the project manager listed in this brochure.

Right of Way

The construction of the Odd Fellows Road improvement project will require the displacement of three families, one business and no non-profit organizations. Existing US Route 460 within the vicinity of this project is within Limited Access. The existing Limited Access shall be modified to allow for the extension of Odd Fellows Road and development of the proposed interchange.

As we further develop the design of this project, additional easements for utility relocation may be required beyond the proposed right of way shown on the public hearing 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 purchase is discussed in VDOT's brochure, "Right of Way and Utilities: a Guide for Property Owners and Tenants." Copies of this brochure are available here 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.

Get Involved

Ten days after this public hearing (January 18 or January 02, 2013 in case of inclement weather), the public comment period will close. VDOT will review and evaluate any information received as a result of this Location and Design Hearing. This information, including the hearing summary, will be available for review at the VDOT office address listed below.

After all comments have been addressed, the information received as a result of the hearing will be presented to the Commonwealth Transportation Board (CTB) to consider the proposed location for the project. If a location is approved by the CTB, the major design features will then be presented to VDOT's Chief Engineer or designee for approval.

Project information shared here is available for review after the Location and Design Public Hearing at VDOT's Lynchburg District Office located at 4219 Campbell Ave., Lynchburg, VA 24501.

Comments can also be submitted in writing to lynchburginfo@vdot.virginia.gov. Please include "Odd Fellows Road Interchange Location and Design Public Hearing" in the subject. Information must be postmarked, emailed or delivered to VDOT within 10 calendar days of today's meeting (January 18 or January 20, 2013 in case of inclement weather) in order to be included in the location and design public hearing record.

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Location and Design Public Hearing

Odd Fellows Road Interchange at Routes 460/29 City of Lynchburg

Tuesday, January 8, 2013, 4-6 p.m.
Information Technology Center, City of Lynchburg
3550 Young Place
Lynchburg, VA 24501

Public Meeting

Welcome to the Virginia Department of Transportation's (VDOT) Location and Design Public Hearing on proposed improvements to Odd Fellows Road at Routes 460/29 in the City of Lynchburg.

This location and design public hearing is being 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 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 the handouts for this meeting, and your input is encouraged. All oral and written comments received on this project will be included in a transcript for review by VDOT personnel, citizens and other interested parties.

Project Overview



Anticipated Cost – Approximately \$31.7 million
Purpose – build new interchange with US 460/29 to increase safety and reduce congestion
From – 1.6 miles west of Route 501
To – 0.6 miles west of Route 501
Total length – 1 mile

State Project –0460-118-217, P101, R201, C501, B624; UPC-100023; Federal Project – STP-5118(209)