

PROJECT DESCRIPTION

The primary purpose of these projects is to improve safety by adding turn lanes on Route 151/6 (Rockfish Valley Highway) at the intersections at Route 151 and Route 635 and Route 151/6 and Route 638 in Nelson County

Route 151 has one lane of traffic in each direction, with a posted speed limit of 45 mph at Route 635. The speed limit at Route 151 and Route 638/6 is 55 mph with a 45 mph advisory speed.

The design of these projects 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 the projects will conform to the nationwide best management practices, VDOT specifications and special provisions, and Virginia Department of Soil

and Water Conservation regulations. Also, during construction every reasonable effort will be made to protect the environment with respect to dust and erosion control.

Regarding the Route 151 at Route 635 project, the existing average daily traffic (ADT) volume of Route 151 is 7,153 vehicles per day (vpd) with a design ADT of 9,456 vpd. In regard to the Route 151 at Route 638 project, the existing ADT volume of Route 151 is 8,098 vehicles per day with a design ADT of 11,728 vpd and the existing ADT of Route 638 is 739 and a design ADT of 931 vpd. All counts are based upon 2012 traffic counts and Design Year 2038.

During construction, the existing roadways will remain open to traffic.

Project Graphic



Route 638 (UPC 104677)



Route 635 (UPC 104676)

Estimated Project Cost

UPC 104676	UPC 104677
Total Cost (approximate): \$1.5 million	\$1.5 million
Preliminary Engineering: \$300,000	\$200,000
Right of Way: \$300,000	\$300,000
Construction: \$900,000	\$1,000,000

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 Lynchburg District Environmental Office 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 and a NEPA Programmatic Categorical Exclusion 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 environmental documentation.

The project will continue to be coordinated with the appropriate federal, state, and local agencies as part of 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.

The NEPA document and the results of other environmental studies 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:
Design hearing comment period – ends October 26, 2014 (Oct. 31, case of inclement weather)
Approval of location and design – February 26, 2015
Authorize Right of Way – July 10, 2015
Advertise for construction – November 8, 2015
Construction complete – October 2, 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 these improvement projects will require the displacement of no families, businesses or non-profit organizations.

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 the date of this public hearing, the public comment period will close. VDOT will review and evaluate any information received as a result of this 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 VDOT's Chief Engineer or designee for consideration. If approval of the major design features is received for this project, it will move forward to the final design phase. Public hearing participants will be notified of this decision by letter.

Project information shared here is available for review after the 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 "Route 151 Public Hearings Comments" in the subject line. Information must be postmarked, emailed or delivered to VDOT within 10 calendar days of today's meeting in order to be included in the design public hearing record.

Contact Information

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Design Public Hearing

Route 151/6 - Turn Lanes at Routes 635 & 638 Nelson County

Thursday, October 16, 2014, 4-6 p.m.

Incident weather date: Tuesday, October 21

Rockfish Valley Fire Department
11100 Rockfish Valley Highway
Afton, VA 22920

Public Meeting

Welcome to the Virginia Department of Transportation's (VDOT) design public hearings on proposed turn lane improvements on Route 151/6 at Routes 635 and 638 in Nelson County.

These design public hearings are 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.

Comment sheets are 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

Route 151/6 at Route 635 (UPC 104676)

Anticipated Cost – Approximately \$1.5 million

Purpose – To improve safety by constructing a left turn lane at Route 635

From – 0.156 mile south of Route 635

To – 0.071 mile north of Route 635

Total length – 0.2700 mile

State Project –HSIP-062-501, P101, R201, M501; UPC-104676
Federal Project – HSIP-062-3(127), HSIP-062-3(130), HSIP-062-3(131)

Route 151/6 at Route 638 (UPC 104677)

Anticipated Cost – Approximately \$1.5 million

Purpose – To improve safety by constructing a left turn lane at Route 638

From – 0.140 mile south of Route 638

To – 0.130 mile north of Route 638

Total length – 0.2270 mile

State Project –HSIP-062-502, P101, R201, M501; UPC-104677
Federal Project – HSIP-062-3(128), HSIP-062-3(132), HSIP-062-3(133)