

## PROJECT DESCRIPTION

The primary purpose of this project is to improve safety and meet current design standards by replacing the bridge and approaches on Route 20 (South Constitution Route) over Slate River in Buckingham County.

The existing bridge is structurally deficient and has a Sufficiency Rating of 47.9 (out of 100). The current structure is 25.26-ft wide and 354-ft long and is posted as a narrow bridge. As part of the proposed project, the horizontal curve coming into the bridge will be reconstructed.

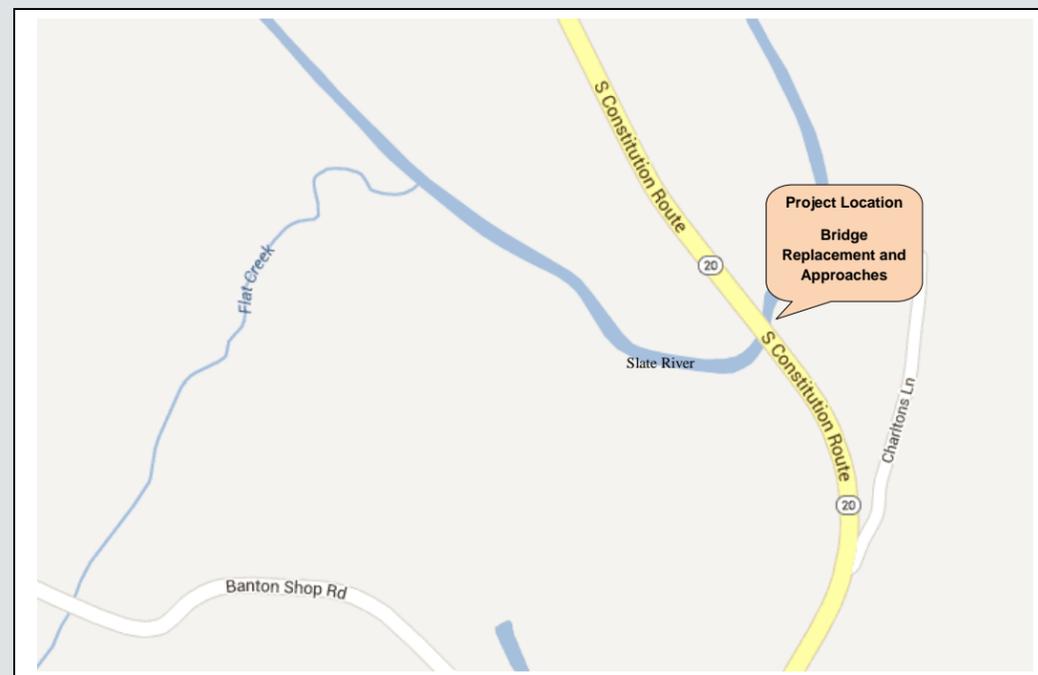
The new bridge will be constructed to the northwest of the current bridge. It will be approximately 360-ft long and 47-ft wide. The roadway typical section will consist of two 12-ft lanes, 6-ft shoulders (2-ft paved) with guardrail, where required, and appropriate drainage.

During construction the existing bridge will be in use to reduce impacts to motorists.

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 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.

The current average daily traffic (ADT) volume of Route 20 is 2649 (Design ADT 3338).

## Project Graphic



## Estimated Project Cost

Total Cost (approximate):

**\$ 10.1 million**

Engineering of Roadway Plans:

**\$1.1 million**

Right of Way:

**\$689,675**

Construction:

**\$8.4 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 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 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 September 20 (September 27 in case of inclement weather)

**Approval of location and design** – January 2014

**Authorize Right of Way** – August 2014

**Advertise for construction** – September 2015

**Construction complete** – September 2016

## 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 Route 20 over Slate River improvement project 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 this public hearing (September 20, 2013 or September 27, 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 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 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 "Route 20 over Slate River Design Public Hearing Comments" in the subject line. Information must be postmarked, emailed or delivered to VDOT within 10 calendar days of today's meeting (September 20 or September 27, in case of inclement weather) in order to be included in the design public hearing record.

## Contact Information

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Design Public Hearing

## Route 20 (South Constitution Route) over Slate River Buckingham County

Tuesday, September 10, 2013, 4-6 p.m.  
*Inclement weather date: Tuesday, September 17*  
Buckingham County Agricultural Center  
54 Administration Lane  
Buckingham, VA 23921

## Public Meeting

**Welcome to the Virginia Department of Transportation's (VDOT) design public hearing on proposed improvements to the bridge on Route 20 (South Constitution Route) over Slate River from 0.235 mile west of Slate River to 0.311 mile east of Slate River in Buckingham County.**

This 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.

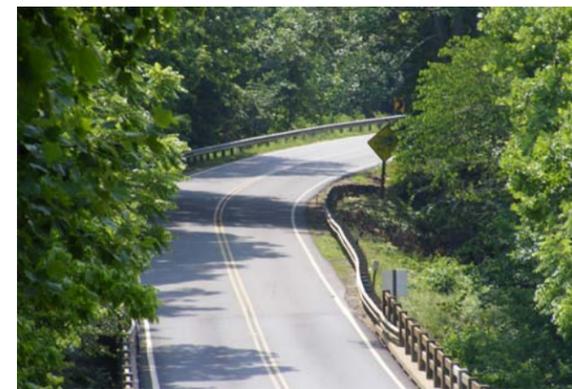
VDOT strives to ensure that all members of the

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



Route 20 (Constitution Route)

**Anticipated Cost** – Approximately \$10 million

**Purpose** – To improve safety by replacing the Route 20 Bridge over Slate River

**From** – 0.235 mile west of Slate River

**To** – 0.311 mile east of Slate River

**Total length** – 0.545 mile

State Project –0020-014-713, P101, R201, C501, B606; UPC-95931

Federal Project – BR-014-3(020), BR-014-3(021), BR-014-3(022)