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VDOT representatives will review and evaluate any information received as a result of the public hearing. The comment sheet in this brochure is provided to assist in making your comments. You may leave the sheet or any other written comments in the comment box at the meeting, provide oral comments to the court reporter tonight, or mail/email your comments.

Comments must be postmarked, emailed or delivered to VDOT by **September 28, 2012** to be included in the public hearing record.

Comments may be mailed to Mr. James C. Zeller, P.E. at the address below or emailed to meeting_comments@vdot.virginia.gov. Please include "Route 9 Hillsboro Traffic Calming" in the email subject line.

Project information shared here, including a summary of comments received during the comment period, will be available at www.virginiadot.org/projects and at VDOT's Northern Virginia District Office.

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Design Public Hearing

Charles Town Pike (Route 9) Traffic Calming Town of Hillsboro

Tuesday, September 18, 2012, 7-9 p.m.
Hillsboro Old Stone School
37098 Charles Town Pike
Hillsboro, VA 20132

Public Meeting

The Virginia Department of Transportation welcomes you to the public hearing for proposed improvements to Charles Town Pike (Route 9) through the Town of Hillsboro. We look forward to your active participation.

This public hearing is being held to provide an opportunity for citizens and 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.

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.

VDOT staff will address questions and concerns raised as a result of this meeting before the project is presented to VDOT's Chief Engineer for consideration.

Project Overview



Purpose – Traffic calming, pedestrian and parking improvements.

From – 0.07 miles west of Stony Point Road (Route 719)

To – 0.157 miles east of Hillsboro Road (Route 690)

Total length – 0.67 mile

Improvements – Construct roundabouts where Charles Town Pike intersects with Hillsboro Road and Stony Point Road; add sidewalks, raised crosswalks, and other traffic-calming elements; provide on-street parking.

PROJECT DESCRIPTION

This project is based on the Town of Hillsboro’s master plan, which envisions an inviting, pedestrian-friendly environment through the historic center of town. It includes pedestrian improvements and gateway roundabouts to calm traffic on Charles Town Pike between Hillsboro Road and Stony Point Road.

This section of Charles Town Pike has one lane in each direction with intermittent shoulders, curbs and narrow sidewalks. Vehicles must parallel park on shoulders or partially park on sidewalks. For some properties, the only place to park is along the road.

Much of Hillsboro is recognized as a historic district listed on the National Register of Historic Places, and many buildings are only a few feet from the pavement. Most of the right of way through town is narrow, and stone retaining walls, door steps and porches are located within the right of way in some locations.

The proposed roadway is designed to avoid or limit impacts to these types of physical and right of way constraints. Curb and sidewalks have been incorporated,

with crosswalks and traffic-calming measures placed at specific locations. On-street parking is proposed at the western and eastern ends of town with parallel parking at select locations. Single-lane roundabouts at Hillsboro Road and Stony Point Road will serve as gateway treatments, signaling to motorists that they are entering historic Hillsboro. The eastern roundabout, at Hillsboro Road, serves as the new entrance to the Hillsboro Elementary School.

The design of this project is in compliance with the Stormwater Management Act, stormwater regulations and the annual stormwater management standards and specifications approved by the Virginia Department of Conservation and Recreation. Construction of this project will conform to nationwide best management practices, VDOT specifications and special provisions, and the 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. Access to all properties will be maintained during construction.

Project Graphic



Project Corridor



Roundabout at Hillsboro Road (Route 690)



Raised Crosswalk on Charlestown Pike (Route 9)

Estimated Project Cost

Total Estimated Cost:

\$20.8 million

Engineering of Roadway Plans:

\$1.8 million

Right of Way Acquisition and Utility Relocation:

\$3.5 million

Construction:

\$15.5 million

Cost is subject to change as project development of the project is in early design stage. At this time, funding is available only for engineering.

Civil Rights

VDOT ensures nondiscrimination 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

Construction will not require the displacement of any families, businesses or non-profit organizations.

Displays at this meeting show the extent of right of way that may be needed as the project is currently proposed. As the design in further developed, additional easements and right of way may be required beyond what is shown in the preliminary plans. 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.

Anticipated Schedule

The public comment period ends on September 28, 2012. Following endorsement by the Hillsboro Town Council and the Loudoun County Board of Supervisors, the major design elements of the project will be approved by VDOT’s Chief Engineer. Schedules for right of way acquisition, utility relocation and construction will be established once funding for these activities has been secured. Phasing of the project given limited funding can be considered.

Environmental Review

A Categorical Exclusion (CE) was prepared to comply with the requirements of the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA). The CE is available for review at this public hearing. The CE documents that there are no significant impacts to the environment through field reviews and coordination with Federal, state, and local agencies. 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 Section 106 of the National Historic Preservation Act, VDOT, the State Historic Preservation Officer, the Federal Highway Administration, and the Town of Hillsboro have concluded an agreement that ensures the proposed highway improvements will be compatible with the characteristics of the Hillsboro Historic District. A Net Benefit Programmatic Section 4(f) Evaluation was prepared to show that the project improvements will provide a net benefit to the Hillsboro Historic District. This document is also available for review at tonight’s public hearing.

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 available.

All required environmental clearances and permits will be obtained prior to 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.



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COMMENT SHEET

State Project: 0009-053-111,P101 Federal Project: STP-5401(608) UPC: 70587

All comments are subject to public disclosure.

Name (optional):

Address (optional):

1. In your opinion, will this project help pedestrian mobility and lower vehicle speeds for this segment of Route 9 and the intersecting roads? Yes _____ No _____

Comments:

2. Are there any concerns that you feel have not been addressed? Yes _____ No _____

Comments:

3. Please provide us with any ideas or suggestions which you feel would improve this project.

4. Do you support this project? Yes _____ No _____

Comments:

Please leave this comment sheet at the designated location or mail your comments (postmarked by September 28, 2012) to the addressee on the reverse side.

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