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previous public meetings have been held — one in July 2004 to receive guidance from citizens on issues and alternatives that should be studied, and another in March 2005 to review conceptual alternatives and preliminary study findings. A Draft Environmental Impact Statement has been published and made available for public review and comment.

NEXT STEPS

The study team will review and evaluate the comments you provide to us. The comments, along with other information developed during the study, will then be forwarded to the Commonwealth Transportation Board for consideration in reaching a decision on the alternatives. Once that decision is made, a Final Environmental Impact statement will be prepared, which will include a summary of the public hearing, discussion of substantive comments on the Draft Environmental Impact Statement, any changes or corrections, and the basis for the Commonwealth Transportation Board's decision. The Federal Highway Administration will evaluate the Final Environmental Impact Statement and approve the document as appropriate. After approval by the Federal Highway Administration for publication, the Final Environmental Impact Statement will be made available for public review via a notice in the *Federal Register* and will be accessible at www.VirginiaDOT.org/project/SEConnector.asp. After the required review period, the

Federal Highway Administration will issue a Record of Decision. Any further project development efforts, such as design, right of way acquisition, and construction, will depend on availability of funding and are not scheduled at this time.

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Information about right of way purchase is provided in VDOT's brochure entitled "Right of Way and Utilities: a Guide for Property Owners and Tenants." Copies of that brochure are available here from VDOT's right of way representatives. After this meeting, information and questions regarding right of way should be directed to:

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HARRISONBURG SOUTHEAST CONNECTOR LOCATION STUDY

Location Public Hearing

May 11, 2006, 4:00 PM – 7:00 PM, Spotswood High School

The Virginia Department of Transportation (VDOT) has been studying alternatives to serve identified travel mobility and capacity needs between U.S. Route 11 and U.S. Route 33 in the area southeast of the City of Harrisonburg. The alternatives are illustrated inside this brochure.

PURPOSE OF THIS HEARING

The purpose of this hearing is to share with you the findings of the study, to receive your comments on and answer questions about those findings, and to receive your recommendations for a decision. The displays placed around the room provide information on transportation problems in the study area, the alternatives being considered, and the impacts of those alternatives. Representatives of VDOT and its consultants are available to answer your questions and listen to your thoughts and concerns.

BACKGROUND

This study began based on earlier planning efforts and on requests from local officials and legislators for a connector road across the study area between I-81 and U.S. Route 33. Funding for a location study was included in the Virginia Transportation Act of 2000 by the Virginia General Assembly and in the Six-year Improvement Program by the Commonwealth Transportation Board. The study was initiated in the Spring of 2004. Two

Please review the maps and displays and share your thoughts by using the comment sheet provided with this brochure. You can leave your comments in the box provided on one of the tables. You may also record your comments orally at the designated recording station. If you are not ready to provide your comments tonight, you can submit them by May 26, 2006 to the following address, which also is preprinted on the back of the comment sheet:

Christopher Collins
Environmental Division
Virginia Department of Transportation
1401 East Broad Street
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You also can submit comments by e-mail to Christopher Collins at:

cg.collins@vdot.virginia.gov

If you need additional information after tonight's meeting, please call Mr. Collins at 804-225-4249; or refer to the study web site at:

<http://www.virginiadot.org/projects/SEConnector.asp>

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