

## PROJECT DESCRIPTION

The primary purpose of this project is to replace the northbound and southbound bridges and approaches on Interstate 81 at the New River; reconstruct the Route 232 overpass to accommodate widening of the interstate; improve southbound acceleration and northbound deceleration lane lengths to provide an additional factor of safety for traffic entering or exiting from Interstate 81.

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. The construction of

this project will conform to the nationwide best management practices, VDOT specifications and special provisions, and the Virginia Department of Soil and Water conservation regulations. Access to all properties will be maintained during construction.

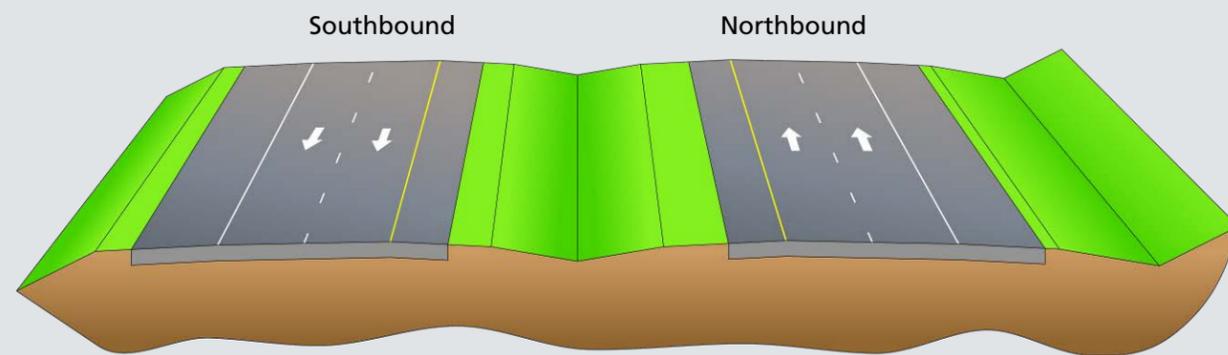
Potential impacts to the flood plains will be evaluated and addressed on this project.

### Traffic Volumes

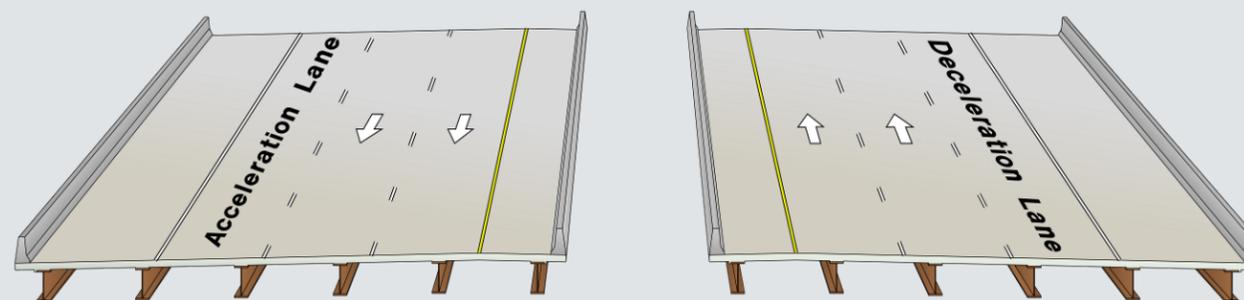
In 2011, the average volume of traffic for I-81 at Exit 105 was 42,270 vehicles per day. This volume is expected to increase to 76,500 vehicles per day by the design year 2038.

## Project Graphic

### Interstate 81



Roadway Typical Section



Bridge Typical Section

## Estimated Project Cost

Total Cost:

**\$113M (approximately)**

Engineering Plan Development:

**\$9.5M**

Right of Way Acquisition, Relocation Assistance and Utility Relocation:

**\$0.5M**

Construction:

**\$103M**

*These costs are subject to change as project design is finalized. These costs include the construction of the I-81 Southbound Bridge over the New River which is not currently funded.*

## Environmental Review

VDOT's Salem District Environmental Office has initiated 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.

A NEPA document has been prepared for this project 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. Also, 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 provided in the project's environmental documentation.

The project will continue to be coordinated with appropriate federal, state, and local agencies as part of various environmental review processes; and 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.

## Anticipated Schedule

**The following schedule has been proposed:**

**Citizen Information Meeting and**

**comment period** – Mid 2013

**Right of Way Approval** – Mid 2014

**Advertisement for Construction** – Mid 2016\*

*\*Applies to I-81 Northbound Bridge and Route 232 Bridge only. If additional funding is identified prior to Advertisement, the I-81 Southbound Bridge may also be included with this construction contract.*

## Civil Rights

Representatives from VDOT are present to discuss the project and answer your questions. It is the responsibility of VDOT to ensure that all members of the community are afforded the opportunity to participate in public decisions on transportation systems and projects affecting them.

VDOT ensures nondiscrimination and equal employment in all programs and activities in accordance with Title VI and Title 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 on the back of this brochure.

## Right of Way

The construction of the I-81 Bridge Replacements over the New River and replacement of Route 232 bridge over I-81 will not require the displacement of any families, businesses or non-profit organizations.

As we further develop and finalize the development of this project, additional easements for utility relocation may be required beyond the proposed right of way shown on the plans. The property owners will be informed of the exact location of the easements and right of way limits during the right of way acquisition process and prior to construction.

Information about right of way purchase is discussed in VDOT's brochure entitled, "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, on July 5, 2013, the public comment period will close. VDOT will review and evaluate any information received as a result of this hearing. This information, including the hearing summary, will be available for review at the VDOT office address listed below.

Project information shared here is available for review after the design meeting at VDOT's Salem District Office located at 731 Harrison Avenue, Salem, VA 24153.

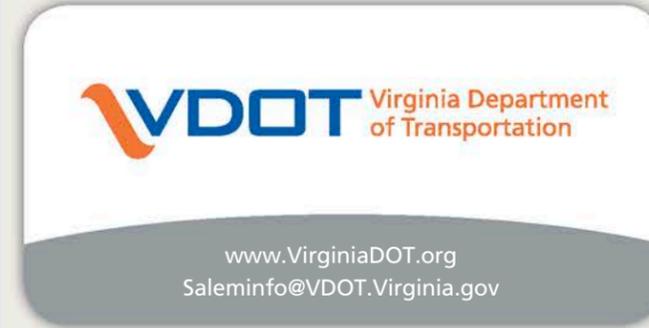
Comments can also be submitted in writing to saleminfo@vdot.virginia.gov. Please reference "I-81 Bridges Over the New River, Exit 105 Comments" in the subject heading. Information must be postmarked, emailed or delivered to VDOT within 10 calendar days of today's meeting in order to be included in the design public hearing record.

## Contact Information

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Citizen Information Meeting

## I-81 Bridge Replacements over the New River and Replacement of Route 232 Bridge over I-81 Montgomery and Pulaski Counties

Tuesday, June 25, 2013, 5-7 p.m.  
City of Radford Municipal Building (Council Chambers)  
10 Robertson Street  
Radford, VA 24141

## Public Meeting

**Welcome to the Virginia Department of Transportation's (VDOT) Citizen Information Meeting on the proposed replacement of I-81 bridges over the New River and replacement of Route 232 bridge over I-81.**

This Citizen Information Meeting 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



I-81 Bridges over the New River and Exit 105

**Cost** – \$113 MIL

**Purpose** – Construct new bridges for I-81 over the New River and replace Route 232 Bridge over I-81.

**Total length** – Approximately 1.1 miles

**Improvements** –

- Replacement of the I-81 bridges, Northbound (NB) and Southbound (SB), over the New River
- Replacement of the Route 232 bridge over I-81
- Modifications to associated approach roadways