

Get Involved

The public comment period will close 10 days after this public hearing on March 22, 2013. VDOT representatives will review and evaluate any information received as a result of the citizen information meeting.

Subject to the availability of funding and acquisition of right of way, construction on the project could begin in 2015.

During construction, traffic will be maintained at all times throughout the project limits. Motorists should expect minor delays.

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

Comments can also be submitted in writing to saleminfo@vdot.virginia.gov. Information must be postmarked, e-mailed or delivered to VDOT within 10 calendar days of today's meeting in order to be included in the citizen information meeting record.

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Design Public Hearing

Route 221(Forest Road) Intersection Improvements Bedford County

Tuesday, March 12, 2013, 4:30 p.m. – 6:30 p.m.
Snow date: Thursday, March 14, 2013, 4:30 p.m. – 6:30 p.m.
Goode Volunteer Rescue Squad
9261 Forest Road
Goode, VA 24556

Public Hearing

Welcome to the Virginia Department of Transportation's (VDOT) public hearing on proposed improvements to the Route 221 (Forest Road) intersection in Bedford County.

This public hearing is being held to provide an opportunity for citizens or 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 reviewed by VDOT personnel and will be available for review by citizens and other interested parties.

VDOT staff will evaluate questions and concerns raised as a result of this meeting before advancing the project to advertisement.

Project Overview



Route 221 and Route 668 intersection

State Project – 0021-009-S37, P101, R201, M501; Federal Project – HSIP-221-2(004); UPC 97043

Cost – \$2,189,054

Purpose – Improve the safety and efficiency of the intersection of Route 221 (Forest Road) and (Route 668 (Goode Station Road)

From – 0.210 mile west of Route 668 intersection

To – 0.211 mile east of Route 668 intersection

Total length – 0.421 mile

Improvements – Add turn lanes and consolidate access points

PROJECT DESCRIPTION

The primary purpose of this project is to enhance safety in the vicinity of the intersection of Route 221 (Forest Road) and Route 668 (Goode Station Road) by providing turn lanes and modifying commercial property access using Virginia's Access Management Regulations and Standards. These improvements are intended to reduce the severity and number of accidents in this section of Route 221.

Within this section of Route 221, the crash history reveals a number of accidents occurring near commercial entrances, in which one of the crashes resulted in a fatality.

VDOT has incorporated, where possible, comments from the citizens to reduce impacts to existing property while improving this section of Route 221's

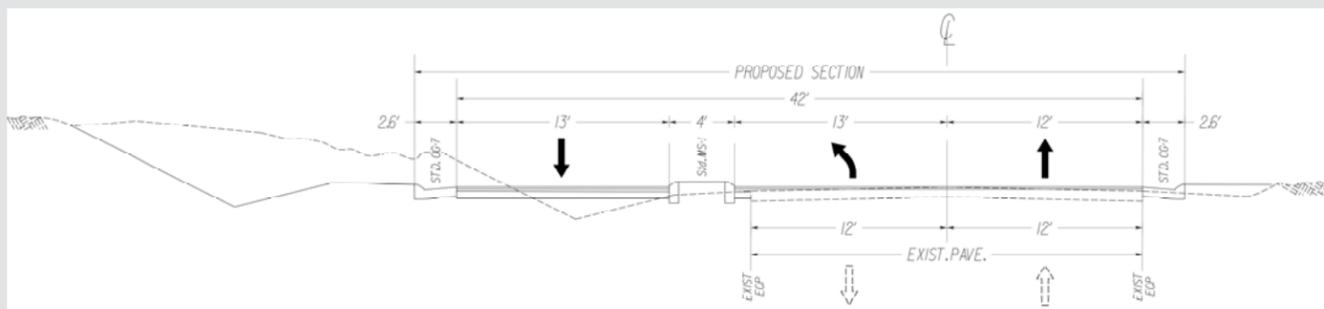
compliance with Virginia's Access Management Regulations and Standards and VDOT Roadway and Traffic Design Standards.

The improvements will include installing curbs and gutters, adding two left turn lanes on Route 221, modifying the right turn lane on Route 221 south, consolidating access points along Route 221 and constructing a raised median.

During construction, traffic will be maintained at all times throughout the project limits. Motorists should expect minor delays.

The traffic count for this segment of roadway is approximately 7,000 vehicles per day.

Project Graphic



Typical Section

Estimated Project Cost

Total Cost:
\$2,189,054

Engineering of Roadway Plans:
\$289,421

Construction:
\$1,446,961

Right of Way:
\$452,672

This cost is subject to change because development of the project is in early design stages. The project will be financed using federal funds.

Civil Rights

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

Displays at this meeting show the extent of right of way that may be needed as the project is currently proposed. As the design is 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 following schedule has been proposed:

Public Hearing and Comment period – March 2013

Authorize Right of Way Funds – November 2013

Advertisement – November 2015

Environmental Review

VDOT's Salem 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 document in the form of a 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.