

PROJECT DESCRIPTION

The primary purpose of this project is to provide safety improvements on Route 460/29 (Richmond Highway) from Route 501 (Campbell Avenue) to Route 29 (Monacan Parkway) through the implementation of access management. A review of traffic data shows a significant increase in vehicular accidents after the opening of the Madison Heights Bypass. To address the increase of traffic accidents, the four crossovers and the Tyreeanna Road Intersection would be closed and accommodations for westbound U-turns from the eastbound lane at the intersection with Concord Turnpike provided by means of a "jughandle". The jughandle provides for U-turns and left turns at Concord Turnpike.

The center median crossovers at Truck Body Corp./Falwell Airport, the trailer park entrance west of the railroad bridge, the Tyreeanna/Holcomb Path Road intersection and the median crossover at Templeton's Market would be closed. The median crossover at the Concord Turnpike traffic signal would remain open. The Tyreeanna Road access to Route 460/29 would close and all traffic to and from Tyreeanna Road would access Route 460/29 via Concord Turnpike.

The existing traffic signal at Concord Turnpike and Route 460 would remain in operation and a new jughandle approach to the signal would be constructed to allow eastbound traffic to turn onto Concord Turnpike and also to U-turn westbound on Route 460.

This section of Route 460/29 carries approximately 35,000 vehicles per day (2007 count).

This project would be the first phase of improvements to significantly improve safety on this corridor and was presented as Option 2B at the citizen information meeting held on December 11, 2008.

Future phases of improvements to this corridor will require all access onto and off of Route 460/29 to use auxiliary lanes for acceleration and deceleration resulting in vehicles in all travel lanes operating at highway speed; thereby improving roadway safety.

Project Graphic



Estimated Project Cost

Total Cost:
\$1,666,000
Engineering of Roadway Plans:
\$250,000
Construction:
\$1,408,000

*This cost is subject to change as the design is finalized.
The project will be financed using federal funds.*

Environmental Review

VDOT 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 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.

Anticipated Schedule

The following schedule has been proposed:
Citizen information meeting and comment period – held July 2008
Public Hearing – December 10, 2009
Final Design – Spring 2010
Construction – December 2010

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 in all programs and activities in accordance with Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964.

Right of Way

This phase of improvements will not require acquisition of any new right of way. All work involved with this project will occur within VDOT right of way.

Future projects to improve the corridor may require the acquisition of additional right of way.

Get Involved

The public comment period will close 10 days after this Design Public Hearing (December 20, 2009). VDOT representatives will review and evaluate the information received as a result of the citizen information meeting.

Project information shared at the public hearing is also available for review at VDOT's Lynchburg District Office located at 4219 Campbell Avenue, Lynchburg, VA 24501, at VDOT's Appomattox Residency Office located at 331 Ferguson Street, Appomattox, VA 24522 or on VDOT's website at www.virginiadot.org/projects.

All comments should be submitted to:
Robert H. Cary, PE, LS
Lynchburg District Administrator
P. O. Box 11649
Lynchburg, VA 24502

Comments can also be submitted by e-mail to lynchburginfo@vdot.virginia.gov. Information must be postmarked, e-mailed or delivered to VDOT within 10 calendar days of today's meeting (December 20, 2009) in order to be included in the hearing record.

Additional project information can be obtained from:

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Design Public Hearing

Route 460/29 (Richmond Highway) City of Lynchburg

Thursday, December 10, 2009, 5-7 p.m.
(Snow date: Tuesday, December 15, 2009)
VDOT Lynchburg District
Ramey Memorial Auditorium, 4303 Campbell Avenue
Lynchburg, VA 24501

Public Meeting

The Virginia Department of Transportation (VDOT) welcomes you to the design public hearing for the proposed safety improvements for Route 460/29 (Richmond Highway) in the City of Lynchburg. These improvements will begin at Route 501 (Campbell Avenue) and end at the intersection with Route 29 (Monacan Parkway).

This public hearing is 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 his or her comments and/or suggestions concerning the proposed project after reviewing the project information. 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 consider questions and concerns raised as a result of this meeting before the project is presented to VDOT's chief engineer for consideration.

Project Overview



Anticipated Cost – \$1,666,000

Purpose – Improve safety through the use of access management

From – Route 501 (Campbell Avenue)

To – Route 29 (Monacan Parkway)

Total length – 1.688 mi

Improvements – Remove median crossovers, close the Tyreanna Road intersection with Route 460/29 and modify the Concord Turnpike intersection to allow for easier left and U-turns by vehicles traveling east on Route 460/29.

Anticipated Schedule –

Advertise - September 2010

Construction begin - December 2010

Construction complete - 2011