

PROJECT DESCRIPTION

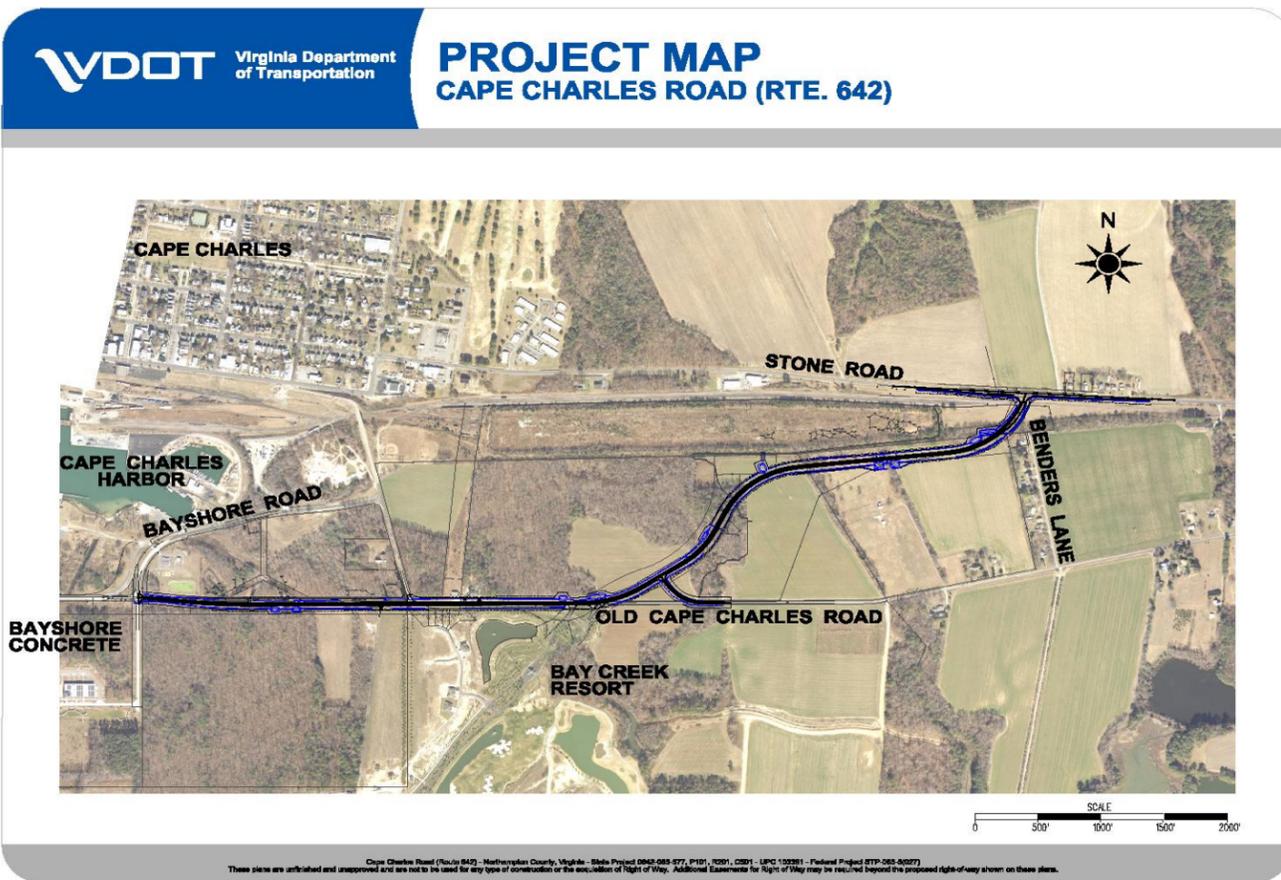
The project is located in Northampton County and in the town of Cape Charles. The county has a population of 12,226. Old Cape Charles Road (Route 642) is a rural major collector roadway with a current average daily traffic (ADT) of 1,150 vehicles, 4 percent of which are trucks. The ADT is projected to be 3,100 vehicles per day in design year 2039. The existing right of way is thirty feet prescriptive and the posted speed limit is 35 MPH.

The purpose of the project is to provide safety improvements and enhance access to the Cape Charles Harbor. The roadway will consist of two 12' lanes and 8' width shoulders with 4' being paved, which will accommodate bicycles and pedestrians.

Residents will be notified in advance of construction.



Project Graphic



Estimated Project Cost

Total Cost:
\$ 10,474,107

Engineering of Roadway Plans:
\$ 1,027,078

Right of Way Acquisition, Relocation Assistance and Utility Relocation:
\$ 2,334,885

Construction:
\$ 7,112,144

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

Environmental Review

In compliance with the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA), a draft Categorical Exclusion (CE) document has been prepared and is available for public review. The project will continue to be coordinated with appropriate federal, state and local agencies as part of various environmental review and approval processes.

All applicable permits required for impacts to existing wetlands will be acquired prior to project construction. Compensatory mitigation required for wetlands impacts will be addressed during the permitting phase of the project.

During construction, all reasonable efforts will be made to protect the environment with respect to dust, silt and erosion. Construction of this project will conform to nationwide best management practices, VDOT's Road and Bridge Specification and the guidelines of the American Association of State Highway and Transportation Officials (AASHTO), as well as regulations set forth by the Virginia Department of Conservation and Recreation regarding erosion and sedimentation and storm water management.

In compliance with the National Historic Preservation Act, Section 106 and 36 CFR 800, information concerning the potential effects of the proposed improvements on properties listed in or eligible for listing in the National Register of Historic Places are identified in the draft CE.

Anticipated Schedule

The following schedule has been proposed:
Public Hearing – December 11, 2014
Begin Right-of-Way Activities – May 31, 2016
Advertise Project – October 9, 2018

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. If you need more information or special assistance for persons with disabilities or limited English proficiency, contact VDOT's Civil Rights Division at 757-925-2519, TTY/TDD 711.

Right of Way

The construction of this project will not require the displacement of any families, businesses or nonprofit 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 acquisition process and public hearing plans. The 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 acquisition is discussed in VDOT's brochure entitled "Right of Way and Utilities: A Guide for Property Owners and Tenants." Copies of this booklet are available from a VDOT right-of-way agent. After this meeting, information regarding right-of-way may be obtained from the contact listed on this brochure.

Get Involved

Ten days after this public hearing, on December 21, 2014, 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. After all comments have been addressed, and after receiving endorsement from the Northampton County Board of Supervisors, the information received as a result of the hearing will be presented to VDOT's Chief Engineer or designee for consideration. If approval of the major design features is received for this project, it will move forward to the final design phase. Public hearing participants will be notified of this decision by letter. Questions concerning the right-of-way relocation or acquisition process should be directed to:

Mr. Randy Friedland
Regional Right-of-Way Manager
1700 North Main Street
Suffolk, VA, 23434

Such information must be submitted (postmarked or delivered) to VDOT within 10 calendar days of today's meeting (December 11, 2014), in order to be included in the transcript prepared for this meeting, please utilize the form included for your comments.

Questions or comments should be sent to:

VDOT – Hampton Roads District
Mr. Wali Zaman, P.E.
1700 North Main Street
Suffolk, VA 23434-4322

Please call prior to visiting to assure the availability of staff to assist you. You may telephone the right-of-way office directly at (757) 925-2527 or TDD 711. Written comments and other exhibits relative to the proposed project may be presented in place of, or in addition to, statements made at the public hearing.

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Location and Design Public Hearing Route 642 Reconstruction Old Cape Charles Road Northampton County

Thursday, December 11, 2014, 4 – 7 p.m.
Board Room, County Administration Building
16505 Courthouse Road, Eastville, Virginia, 23347

Public Meeting

Welcome to the Virginia Department of Transportation's (VDOT) location and design public hearing for reconstruction of Route 642 Old Cape Charles Road in Northampton County. This project will run from 0.03 miles West of Route 1117 (Bayshore Road) to 0.61 miles West of Route 641 on Route 184 (Stone Road) for a length of approximately 1.487 miles.

This public hearing is 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.

Project Overview



Anticipated Cost – \$ 10,474,107

Purpose – To provide safety improvements by realigning and reconstructing Old Cape Charles Road (Route 642) and enhance access to the Cape Charles Harbor.

Size of Project – 1.487 mile stretch of roadway

Improvements – Correct geometric deficiencies; provide safe access to Cape Charles Harbor and residential communities along Old Cape Charles