

Get Involved

The public comment period will close on **Friday, August 3, 2018**, ten (10) days after this public hearing. VDOT will review and evaluate any information received as a result of this hearing. Comments can also be submitted in writing to JohnG.Harman@VDOT.Virginia.gov or mailed to the address provided on the comment form. Information must be postmarked, emailed or delivered to VDOT within 10 calendar days of today's hearing (**July 24, 2018**) in order to be included in the public hearing meeting record.

This information, including the hearing summary, will be available for review at the VDOT Hampton Roads District Office located at 1700 North Main Street, Suffolk, VA 23434, 757-925-2500, 1-800-367-7623, TTY/TDD 711. It will also be available at VDOT's Accomac Residency located at 23096 Courthouse Avenue, Accomac, Virginia 23301, 757-787-5856, TTY/TDD 711. Please call ahead to ensure the availability of appropriate personnel to answer your questions.

Please visit the VDOT website for additional project information:

http://www.vdot.virginia.gov/projects/hamptonroads/route_13_lankford_highway_improvements_at_stone_road.asp

After all comments have been addressed, 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.

Questions concerning the right-of-way relocation or acquisition process should be directed to Mr. Craig Southall, Right-of-Way Manager, at the contact information given in the table below.

All other questions or comments should be directed to Mr. John Harman at the contact information given below.

Contact Information

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Design Public Hearing

Route 13 (Lankford Highway) Improvements at Stone Road Northampton County

Tuesday, July 24, 2018, 4 p.m. to 6 p.m.
Cape Charles Civic Center
500 Tazewell Avenue
Cape Charles, VA 23310

Public Meeting

Welcome to the Virginia Department of Transportation's (VDOT) design public hearing on the proposed safety and operational improvements at the intersection of Route 13 (Lankford Highway) and Stone Road (Route 184) in Northampton County.

This design 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.

At this public hearing you will have the opportunity to

review the project exhibits on display and ask questions of the project team. VDOT representatives are present to discuss the project and answer your questions. A court reporter is available to record your verbal comments.

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.

Written questions or comments should be placed in the comment box or mailed to the address provided on the comment form.

Project Overview



Lankford Highway north (background, left) at the intersection with Stone Road and South Bayside Road (foreground)

Estimated Total Cost – \$1.7 million

Purpose – The purpose of the project is to improve safety and operations at the Country Plaza, Food Lion and Stone Road intersections by installing signs, installing lighting and paving safety edges. It will also widen the paved shoulder and lengthen the turn lanes.

Size of project – 0.44 miles

Improvements – Installing signs, installing lighting, widening paved shoulders and lengthening turn lanes in order to meet current standards.

PROJECT DESCRIPTION

Lankford Highway at Stone Road:

This project is located in Northampton County at the intersection of Lankford Highway and Stone Road. Lankford Highway is a rural principal arterial roadway with a current average daily traffic (ADT) of 22,270 vehicles, and ADT is projected to be the same in design year 2042. Stone Road is classified as a collector road leading to Cape Charles.

The purpose of the project is to improve safety and operations at the Country Plaza, Food Lion and Stone Road intersections by installing signs, installing lighting and paving safety edges. It will also widen the paved shoulder and lengthen the turn lanes.

This will enhance safety in the corridor and create an efficient system to support a robust economy for the residents of Northampton County.



(Above) Southern limits of the project on Lankford Highway before Country Plaza

Project Map



Above: Aerial photograph of the intersection of Lankford Highway and Stone Road, showing the project's lengths and limits.

Estimated Project Cost

Project Cost:
\$1.7 million

0013-065-591 – Lankford Highway and Stone Road Intersection Improvements:

Preliminary Engineering \$231,000

Right-of-Way Acquisition & Utility Relocation \$88,000

Construction \$1.42 million

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

A Programmatic Categorical Exclusion (PCE) document has been prepared and approved for these projects. These documents are available for public review here tonight. Through on-site inspections, and coordination with federal, state and local agencies, VDOT (with concurrence from the Federal Highway Administration) has determined that the proposed work will not have any significant environmental impacts.

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.

On behalf of the Federal Highway Administration and in accordance with Section 106 of the National Historic Preservation Act, the Virginia Department of Transportation (VDOT) has taken into account the effects of this undertaking on historic properties and has consulted with the Virginia State Historic Preservation Officer (VA SHPO), the director of the Virginia Department of Historic Resources. In order to identify historic properties that are within the project's area of potential effect, VDOT conducted architectural and archaeological surveys of the project area. For a resource to be considered a historic property, it must be eligible for the National Register. Therefore, since no historic properties are located within the project's area of potential effect, the project will not have an effect on historic properties.

Anticipated Schedule

The following schedule has been proposed for both projects:

Public Hearing – July 24, 2018

Begin Right-of-Way Activities – February 2019

Advertise – May 2020

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 757-925-2500, 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.