

Get Involved

The public comment period will close ten (10) days after this public hearing, on **August 13, 2015**. VDOT will review and evaluate any information received as a result of the public hearing.

Comments can also be submitted in writing to Mark.Velasquez@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 (**August 23, 2015**) in order to be included in the public hearing meeting information meeting record.

Project information, including the meeting summary, will be available for review after the public hearing at the VDOT Williamsburg Residency Office located at 4451 Ironbound Road, Williamsburg, VA 23188.

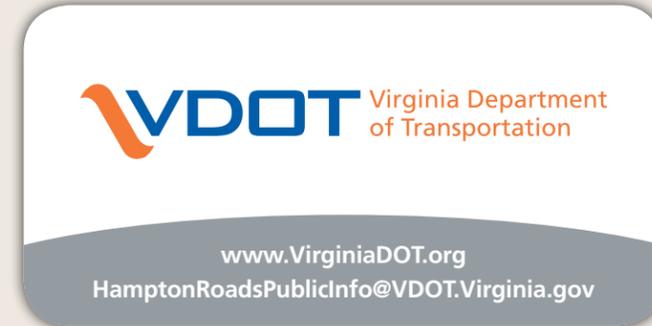
Please visit the VDOT website for additional project information:
http://www.virginiadot.org/projects/hamptonroads/route_172_wythe_creek_road.asp

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Design Public Hearing

Wythe Creek Road Widening Project Cities of Poquoson and Hampton

Thursday, August 13, 2015, 4 p.m. to 7 p.m.
 Poquoson High School
 51 Odd Road
 Poquoson, Virginia 23362

Public Meeting

Welcome to the Virginia Department of Transportation's (VDOT) design public hearing on the proposed improvements to Wythe Creek Road in the cities of Hampton and Poquoson. The improvements will begin in Hampton at Langley Boulevard and continue along Wythe Creek Road to Huntlandia Way in Poquoson for a project length of 1.68 miles.

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.

At this public hearing you will have the opportunity to review the project exhibits on display and to 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



Wythe Creek Road northbound at the intersection of Langley Boulevard in Hampton.

Estimated Cost – \$51.1 million

Purpose – To raise the causeway elevation and provide capacity for future traffic volumes by widening the roadway.

From – Langley Boulevard in Hampton

To – Approximately 700 feet north of Huntlandia Way in Poquoson

Total length – 1.68 miles

Improvements – Widening the highway to three lanes, with curb, gutter and sidewalks. Other improvements include widening of the causeway and the bridge, a multi-use path, and traffic safety improvements at the intersections.

PROJECT DESCRIPTION

The primary purpose of this project is to raise the existing causeway elevation for emergency egress and to widen the roadway to accommodate future traffic volumes. The average daily traffic (ADT) along Wythe Creek Road is approximately 16,000 vehicles per day.

The project will begin in Hampton and continue through the causeway and into Poquoson. In Hampton, the typical section will consist of a three-lane undivided highway with curb and gutter and a 10-foot sidewalk on the east side. Through the City of Poquoson, the typical section will be a three-lane undivided highway with an 8-foot sidewalk on the west side and a 5-foot sidewalk on the east side.

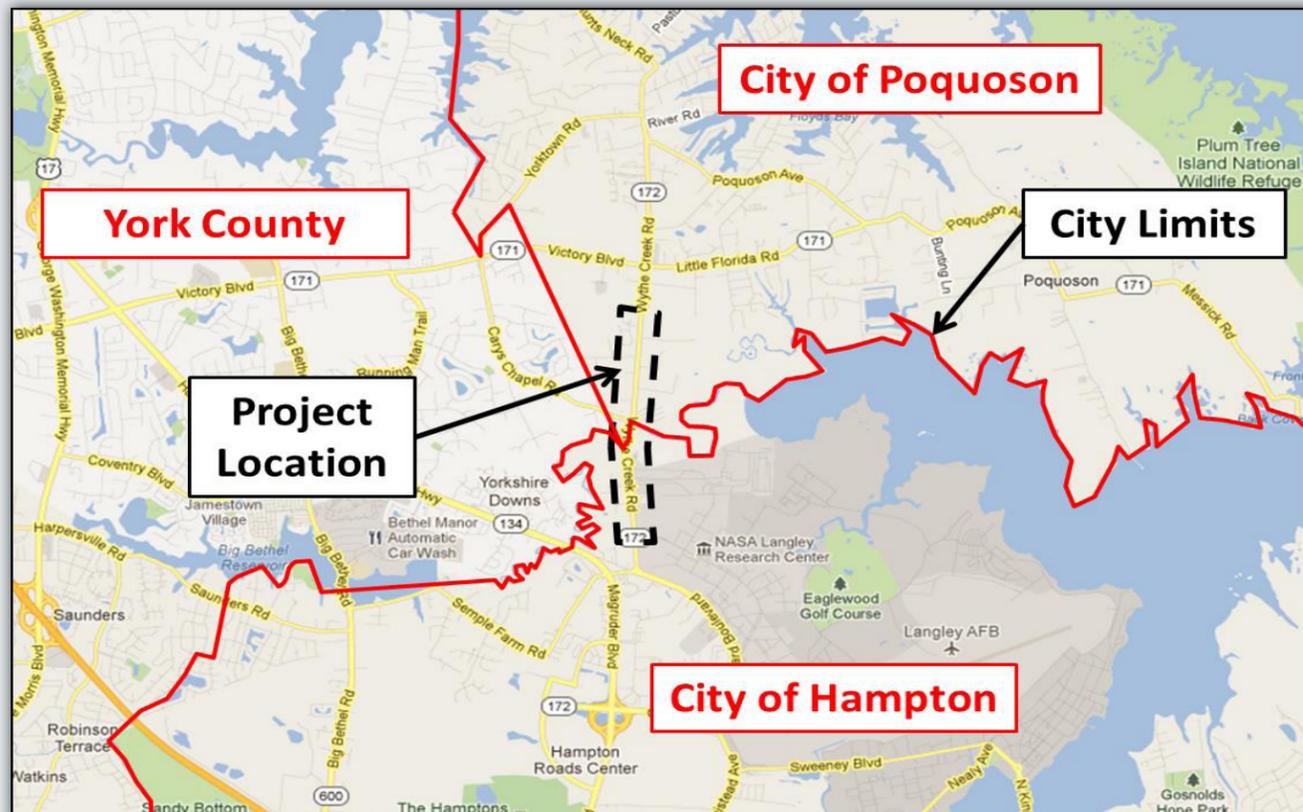
Traffic safety improvements at the intersection of the Wythe Creek Road and Cary's Chapel Road include widening the road on either side, except in the causeway and bridge location of the project. To aid in maintenance of traffic, the bridge and causeway will be widened to one side.

During construction, Wythe Creek Road will remain open to traffic in both directions. Construction is expected to take approximately three and a half years.

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. Also, during construction, every reasonable effort will be made to protect the environment with respect to dust and erosion control. Access to all properties will be maintained during construction.

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

Project Map



Estimated Project Cost

Total Cost:

\$51.1 million (approximate)

Preliminary Engineering of Roadway:

\$4.6 million

Right of Way Acquisition:

\$9.1 million

Construction:

\$37.4 million

This project is in the early design stages and cost is subject to change. The project will be financed using Regional Surface Transportation Program (RTSP) funds.

Environmental Review

A Categorical Exclusion (CE) NEPA document has been prepared and approved for this project. The NEPA document includes information from various technical reviews including those related to natural resources, water quality, threatened and endangered species, air quality, noise, and environmental justice, etc. This document is 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 significant environmental impacts.

This 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.

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 or listed on the National Register of Historic Places. This information will be available as part of the NEPA document.

Anticipated Schedule

The following schedule has been proposed:

Advertise for Construction – Fall 2018

Start Construction – Winter 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 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 District Civil Rights Office listed on the back of the brochure.

Right of Way

The construction of the Wythe Creek Road Widening project will require the displacement of several homes and businesses.

As we further develop and finalize this project, additional easements for utility relocation may be required beyond the proposed right of way shown on the public hearing meeting 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 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 at tonight's hearing.

After this meeting, information regarding right of way may be obtained from the Right of Way contact listed on the back of this brochure.