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## DESIGN PUBLIC HEARING

# Rt. 701 (Belle Meade Rd.) Bridge Rehabilitation Louisa County

Tuesday, August 1, 2023, 4:30-6:30 p.m.  
Louisa County Library  
881 Davis Highway, Mineral, VA 23117

## Public Meeting

Welcome to the Virginia Department of Transportation's design public hearing on the proposed rehabilitation of the Route 701 bridge over Little River in Louisa County.

This meeting 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.

## 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 with regard to your civil rights on this project or special assistance for persons with disabilities or limited English proficiency, contact:

**Judy Page**, Civil Rights Manager  
Culpeper District Office of Civil Rights  
1601 Orange Road Culpeper, VA 22701  
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## Project Overview

**Anticipated cost:** \$4.74 million

**Purpose:** To rehabilitate an existing substandard bridge and reopen to all legal-weight vehicles

**From:** 0.02 mile west of Little River

**To:** 0.02 mile east Little River

**Improvements:** Replace the bridge superstructure with concrete slabs and an asphalt riding surface

**Anticipated schedule:** Public comment ends August 11; construction advertisement, February 2028



## Project Description

This project will rehabilitate the substandard Route 701 (Belle Meade Road) bridge over Little River in Louisa County. VDOT will replace the existing superstructure, which is posted with a 12-ton weight limit, with concrete slabs and an asphalt riding surface.

The current structure was built in 1985 and currently carries about 700 cars a day. This improvement will not increase capacity.

During construction, Route 701 will be reduced to one lane controlled by a temporary traffic signal at each end of the bridge.

Once work is completed, the bridge will be open to all legal-weight vehicles.

This rehabilitation project will be funded through the State of Good Repair program.

The public will be notified about traffic impacts and changes through media reports, [@VaDOTCULP](#) on Twitter, the [VDOT Culpeper Facebook Group](#), and the [511 Virginia web site](#) and [mobile app](#).

More information on this project can be found at [www.virginiadot.org/projects/culpeper/rt-701-bridge-rehabilitation-louisa-co.asp](http://www.virginiadot.org/projects/culpeper/rt-701-bridge-rehabilitation-louisa-co.asp).

## Environmental Review

VDOT's Culpeper District Environmental office has initiated 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.

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.

## Right of Way

As the design is developed, VDOT will determine what right of way and easements will be needed to accommodate the construction.

The property owners will be notified of the exact location of the right of way and easements needed during the right of way acquisition process and prior to construction.

## Get Involved

Comments can be submitted at the meeting; by mail to Brian Arnold, Project Manager, 1601 Orange Road, Culpeper, VA 22701; or by email to [Brian.Arnold@VDOT.Virginia.gov](mailto:Brian.Arnold@VDOT.Virginia.gov). Comments must be postmarked, emailed or delivered to VDOT by **Friday, August 11, 2023** in order to be included in the meeting record.

## Contact Information

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