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The Martinsville Southern Connector Study is a first step toward identifying future improvements to the U.S. Route 220 corridor. This is a separate study from the Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) that was prepared for the overall Interstate 73 (I-73) corridor that included portions of Henry County. The Martinsville Southern Connector Study will focus specifically on identifying and addressing transportation needs within the U.S. Route 220 study area.

Should any future transportation improvements from the Martinsville Southern Connector Study be implemented along the U.S. Route 220 corridor, they could be considered for incorporation into the overall I-73 corridor. However, this would require a separate evaluation and analysis of I-73.



As we transition into fall, the study will begin to focus on developing a Purpose and Need Statement. The Purpose and Need documents existing transportation conditions and identifies the needs the Martinsville Southern Connector Study aims to address. The Purpose and Need serves as the primary criteria in the development of alternatives for the EIS.

A public survey will be launched in late August, which will provide the public

with the opportunity to be involved in the study and provide valuable feedback. The survey will ask for the public to answer questions and provide feedback on various topics related to the study. An announcement will be made once the survey is made available to the public. Phone surveys will be conducted to residents within the study area. Surveys will also be available online or can be completed in person at VDOT's Martinsville Residency Office, 309 Weeping Willow Lane, Bassett, VA.

Stay Involved

VDOT will continue to solicit public and agency comments throughout the study process through informational meetings and other outreach. Stay updated on the project by visiting the study website at <http://www.virginia-dot.org/martinsvilleconnector>.

You can elect to receive monthly updates by email through the study website. Please email martinsville220@gmail.com or contact your local VDOT office to submit comments regarding the Martinsville Southern Connector Study or to request updates through email or regular mail.