



# NEWS JANUARY 2020

## WHAT'S NEW

### CTB Endorses Preferred Alternative

The Commonwealth Transportation Board (CTB) was briefed on December 10, 2019 on the recommended preferred alternative and public involvement efforts. On January 15, 2020, CTB approved Alternative C as the preferred alternative. Visit [www.ctb.virginia.gov](http://www.ctb.virginia.gov) to view the presentation materials from the December meeting, along with the CTB resolution.

On September 4, 2019, the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers and the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, informed by comments from the public and other federal, state and local agencies, concurred with VDOT's recommendation of Alternative C as the preferred alternative.

### Hundreds Attended the Public Hearing



A public hearing to present VDOT's recommended preferred alternative was held at Drewry Mason Elementary School on August 15, 2019. The comment period closed on August 25. Thank you to everyone who attended the public hearing and provided input on VDOT's recommended preferred alternative.

## WHAT'S NEXT

### Publication of the Draft Environmental Impact Statement

Working with other federal, state and local agencies, the Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) and VDOT will issue and publish the Draft Environmental Impact Statement (DEIS) in March 2020. The DEIS documents the purpose and need, range of alternatives and an analysis of the impacts of each alternative on a host of resources, as well as the identification of the preferred alternative. When FHWA issues the DEIS, there will be a 45-day public comment period, which will be announced through the Federal Register, the VDOT study website, the email list for this newsletter and other outlets.

VDOT tentatively plans to hold a public hearing in March 2020 to present the DEIS and technical supporting documentation. Comments on the DEIS will be accepted through an online survey, mail, email and in person at the public hearing. Hard copies of the DEIS will be made available at select locations for the public to review. These locations, information on the issuance of the DEIS and details of the public hearing will be included in the February newsletter.

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