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Citizen Information Meeting

Wythe Creek Road (Route 172) Widening Project Cities of Poquoson and Hampton

Virtual Information - Online beginning on October 5, 2020.
Materials available at <https://www.virginiadot.org/wythecreek>

Optional In-Person Discussions by Request - Call 757-956-3058 or e-mail Samba.Secka@VDOT.Virginia.gov to make an appointment for a face-to-face meeting.

Public Citizen Information Meeting

Welcome to the Virginia Department of Transportation's (VDOT) virtual citizen information meeting 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 virtual citizen information meeting is being held to provide an opportunity for citizens and nearby organizations to learn about the project's updated design and changes in scope, in a safe manner during Virginia's State of Emergency for the COVID-19 pandemic.

Via the project website, the public will have the opportunity to review all project exhibits and materials virtually, and to submit questions and comments for the project team.

An online comment form as well as a printable version is included in the virtual materials for this meeting, and public input is encouraged. Questions and comments related to the project details will be accepted until December 3, 2020.

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. For those that cannot access the materials virtually, or who are in need of in-person accommodations, you may request an appointment for an in-person meeting by calling 757-956-3058 or by e-mail to Samba.Secka@VDOT.Virginia.gov.

Once scheduled, requested in-person meetings will provide an opportunity to review printed copies of materials and speak to a member of the project team in a coordinated location. Appointments scheduled in advance are required.

Project Overview



Wythe Creek Road looking northbound from Hampton at the existing bridge and causeway.

Estimated Cost – \$55.4 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 total from Hampton to Poquoson endpoints

Improvements – Three-lane widening south of Cary's Chapel Road, construction of a new bridge over the causeway and pedestrian improvements in Hampton and Poquoson.

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 15,000 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 reversible lane roadway with curb and gutter and an 8-foot sidewalk on the east side through the causeway. In Poquoson, an 8-foot Sidewalk will be constructed on the east side of the road and a 5-foot sidewalk will be constructed on the west side of the road from the Cary's Chapel intersection to the northern project limit of the project approximately, 2000 feet south of Victory Boulevard. The existing two lanes will be retained north of Cary's Chapel in Poquoson.

Traffic safety improvements at the intersection of Wythe Creek Road and Cary's Chapel Road include

widening the road south of the intersection and the construction of a new bridge over the causeway. To aid in maintenance of traffic, the new bridge will be constructed to the west of the causeway. During construction, Wythe Creek Road will remain open to traffic in both directions. Construction is expected to take approximately three 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 erosion and sediment control. Access to all properties will be maintained during construction.

Project Map



Estimated Project Cost

Total Cost: **\$55,440,421**

Preliminary Engineering of Roadway: \$6,269,585

Right of Way Acquisition: \$6,649,836

Construction: \$42,521,000

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

Environmental Review

VDOT's Hampton Roads District Environmental Office in cooperation with the Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) has performed and completed the environmental reviews and coordination to obtain information regarding potential impacts to environmental resources in the project vicinity. This coordination process provided natural and historic resource agencies an opportunity to review and comment on the project during its development which provided opportunities for avoidance, minimization and mitigation of potential environmental impacts.

A Categorical Exclusion (CE) addressing this project was prepared in accordance with the National Environmental Policy Act and FHWA's Environmental Impact and Related Procedures (23 CFR 771). The approved CE document includes information from various environmental reviews including those related to wetlands and water quality, threatened and endangered species, air quality and noise. In compliance with the National Historic Preservation Act, Section 106 and 36 Part 800, information concerning the potential effects of the proposed project on properties listed in or eligible for listing in the National Register of Historic Places is also provided in the environmental documentation. Recent design modifications have been reevaluated and currently being coordinated with state and federal resource and regulatory agencies.

The project will continue to be coordinated with appropriate federal, state, and local agencies as part of various environmental review processes. All required environmental permits have been obtained. Strict compliance with all environmental conditions and commitments resulting from regulatory approval, and implementation of VDOT's specification and standard best practices will protect the environment during construction.

Representatives from VDOT's Environmental Section are available to discuss this information and to answer questions.

Anticipated Schedule

The following schedule has been proposed:

Virtual Citizens Information Meeting and Comment

Period: November 18, 2020 to December 3, 2020

Available period for in-person information

meetings, scheduled on request: November 18 to December 3, 2020

Advertise for Construction: Fall 2021

Start Construction: Winter 2022

Civil Rights

Representatives from VDOT are available 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 assistance is needed in having materials translated in your language, this service can be provided at no cost. Please provide advance notice for required translations.

For more information or special assistance for persons with disabilities or limited English proficiency, contact VDOT's Civil Rights Division at 757-956-3000 or TTY/TDD 711.

Right of Way

No additional right-of-way acquisitions are anticipated with the planned work. As we further the design, property owners will be contacted if additional right-of-way acquisition is required.

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 the project website within the virtual meeting materials.

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

Get Involved

Via the project website, the public has the opportunity to review all project exhibits and materials related to this project update virtually, and to submit questions and comments for the project team.

All materials related to this project and the design changes are available in a virtual format on the project page located at <https://www.virginiadot.org/wythecreek>.

Questions and/or comments can also be submitted virtually via the online form linked on the project website, e-mailed to Samba.Secka@VDOT.Virginia.gov or mailed to the address provided below in the blue chart.

Information must be postmarked, e-mailed or delivered to VDOT by the end of the comment period (**December 3, 2020**) in order to be included in this citizen information meeting record.

To request an in-person meeting with members of the project team to address questions or submit comments, call 757-956-3058 or e-mail Samba Secka to schedule. Final meeting location and time will be agreeable to all parties. Persons attending any in-person meeting will be required to wear face masks and abide by all venue safety protocols. Additional safety expectations and procedures for face-to-face meetings will be shared before final scheduling.

Members of the public may also request a printed copy of meeting materials sent to them, by reaching out to the Project Manager using contact info in the blue chart below.

Please visit the VDOT website for additional project information or reach out to one of the contacts listed in the blue chart below.

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