

PROJECT DESCRIPTION

The project involves the reconstruction of Route 131, Old Courthouse Road in the Town of Appomattox. The project begins at US 460 Business and ends 0.08 miles north of Route 1014, a project length of 0.45 miles.

The purpose of the project is to improve safety and drainage on this roadway. The project consists of reconstructing the roadway per the illustrations shown below, addressing drainage issues, constructing a shared use path for pedestrian/bicyclist travel and adding lighting and landscaping.

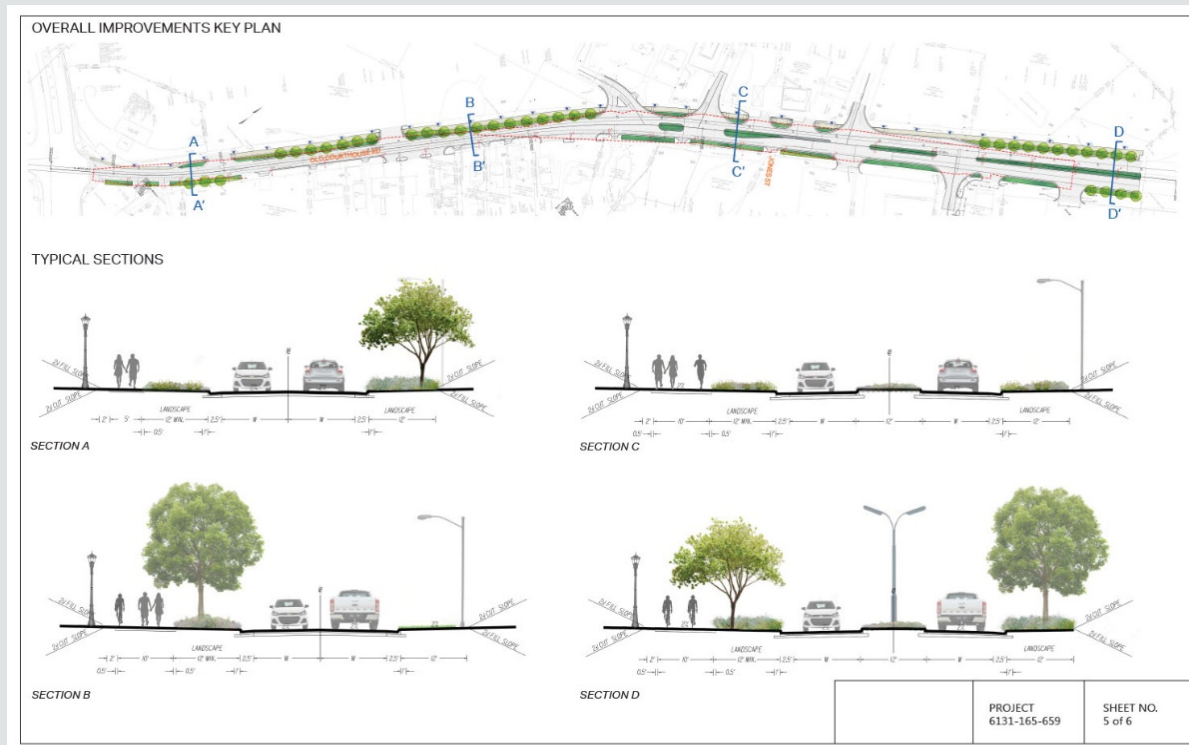
During construction, flaggers will assist motorists.

Route 131 has an Average Daily Traffic (ADT) volume of 3,910 vehicles per day (vpd) based upon 2017 statistics. In the project Design Year (2044), the road will have an estimated ADT of 4,885 vpd.

The design of this project is in compliance with the Stormwater Management Act, 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, special provisions, and Virginia Department of Environmental Quality Regulations. Also, during construction every reasonable effort will be made to protect the environment with respect to dust and erosion.

Appomattox County submitted a SMART SCALE application for this project and it was selected in the Fiscal Year 2018 SMART SCALE program.

Project Graphic



Estimated Project Cost

Total Cost (approximate):

\$11.5 million

Preliminary Engineering:

\$832,816

Right of Way:

\$2.9 million

Construction:

\$7.8 million

The project will be financed using state and federal funds. This cost is subject to change.

Environmental Review

VDOT's Lynchburg District Environmental Office has performed 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.

The National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) is applicable to this project and a NEPA document in the form of a Programmatic Categorical Exclusion (PCE) has been developed in cooperation with the Federal Highway Administration and in accordance with federal guidelines. The NEPA document includes information from various technical reviews including those related to natural resources, water quality, threatened and endangered species, air quality, noise, etc.

Also, in compliance with the National Historic Preservation Act, Section 106 and 36 CFR 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 provided in the project's environmental documentation.

The project will continue to be coordinated with appropriate federal, state, and local agencies as part of various environmental review processes; and 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.

The NEPA document and the results of other environmental studies are available at today's meeting. Representatives from VDOT's Environmental Section are available to discuss this information and to answer questions.

Anticipated Schedule

The following schedule has been proposed:

Hearing comment period – ends October 18, 2019

Adopt location and design – March 2020

Authorize Right of Way – March 2021

Advertise for Construction –October 2022

Complete construction –December 2023

Civil Rights

VDOT ensures nondiscrimination and equal employment in all programs and activities in accordance with Title VI and 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 project manager listed in this brochure.

Right of Way

The reconstruction of Route 131 will require the displacement of no businesses, no families, and no non-profit organizations.

As we further develop the design of this project, additional easements for utility relocation may be required beyond the proposed right of way shown on the public hearing 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 here from a VDOT right of way agent.

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

Get Involved

Ten days after this public hearing on October 18 (*November 1 – inclement weather*) the public comment period will close. VDOT will review and evaluate any information received as a result of this location and design hearing. This information, including the hearing summary, will be available for review at the VDOT office address listed below.

After all comments have been addressed, the information received as a result of the hearing will be presented to the Commonwealth Transportation Board (CTB) to consider the proposed location for the project. If a location is approved by

the CTB, the major design features will then be presented to VDOT's Chief Engineer or designee for approval.

Comments can also be submitted in writing to anthony.revelle@vdot.virginia.gov. Please include "Route 131 Public Hearing Comments" in the subject line.

Information must be postmarked, emailed or delivered to VDOT within 10 calendar days of today's meeting on October 18, 2019 (*November 1- inclement weather*) in order to be included in the location public hearing record.

Contact Information

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| Primary Contact: Anthony Revelle | Project Manager | 4219 Campbell Avenue Lynchburg, VA 24501 | 434-856-8258 1-800-367-7623 |
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Location and Design Public Hearing

Route 131, Old Courthouse Road Town of Appomattox

Tuesday, October 8, 2019 4-6 pm
(*Inclement weather date: October 22*)
VDOT Appomattox Residency Office
331 Ferguson Street
Appomattox, VA 24522

Public Meeting

The Virginia Department of Transportation (VDOT) welcomes you to the Location and Design Public Hearing for the Route 131 Reconstruction project. The project limits are from US 460 Business to 0.08 miles north of Route 1014, an approximate length of 0.45 miles.

This location public hearing is being held to provide an opportunity for any person, acting on his/her own behalf or representing a group or governing agency, to give the department 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.

VDOT representatives are present to discuss the project and answer your questions.

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.

Project Overview



Anticipated Cost – Approximately \$11.5 million

Purpose – to improve safety and drainage by reconstructing Route 131, Old Courthouse to include a shared used path

From – US 460 Business

To – 0.08 miles north of Route 1014

Total length – 0.45 miles

State Project Number: 6131-165-659, P101; UPC 111306
Federal Project Number: STP-5165(002)