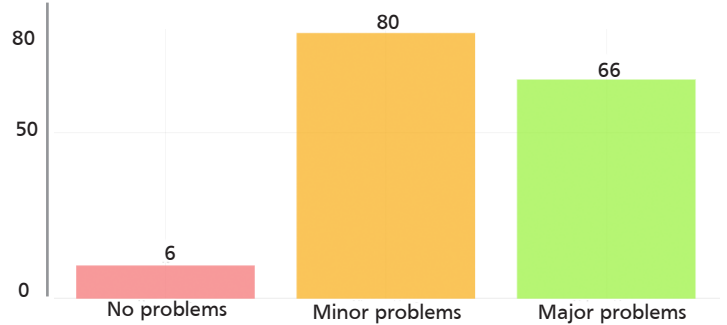


WHAT'S NEW

Speedway Impacts on Route 220

VDOT administered an electronic survey from March 1 to 31 to collect data on the impacts of events at Martinsville Speedway. We received nearly 200 responses. Participants provided input on traffic impacts and identified key problem areas resulting from events at the Martinsville Speedway, including nearby exits, Ridgeway interchanges and from the Speedway to the state line. These survey responses will help shape the traffic analyses for the study.

How do events at the Speedway impact traffic on U.S. Route 220 south of Martinsville?



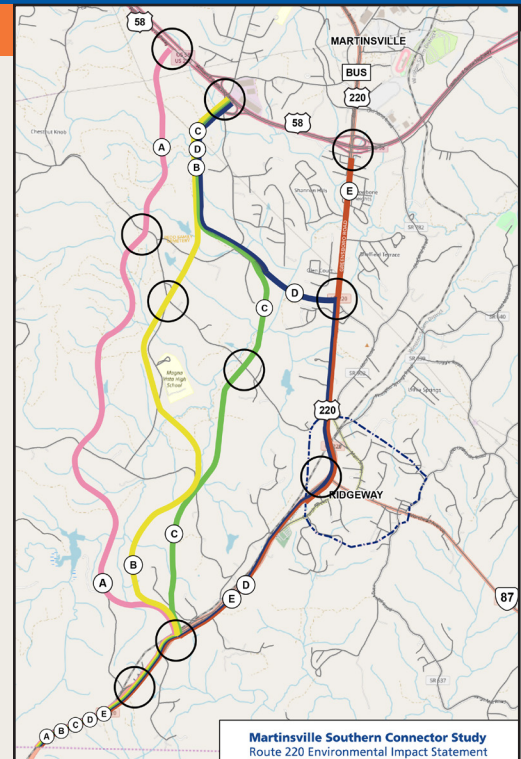
WHAT'S NEXT

Determining a Recommended Preferred Alternative

The Martinsville Southern Connector study was designated under the One Federal Decision Policy (OFD) in August 2018, which sets timelines and requirements to obtain a NEPA decision and related federal permits. Information supporting a permit application must be included in the Environmental Impact Statement (EIS), so that permits can be issued at the end of the study.

This summer, VDOT will present its recommendation for a preferred alternative for public input. Based on engineering, cost, traffic and impact data being developed for the EIS, VDOT's recommendation will consider how each alternative meets the Purpose and Need for the study, while balancing cost and impacts. VDOT's goal, and the goal of the OFD Policy, is to obtain a permit from the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers (USACE) at the end of the study. Therefore, VDOT's recommendation will be the alternative that it believes is permissible.

USACE can only authorize the Least Environmentally Damaging Practicable Alternative through its permit process, meaning the alternative must result in the least impact to aquatic resources while being feasible. VDOT is working closely with USACE and other agencies to ensure all the necessary data is included in the study to support a permit at the end of the NEPA process.



View a detailed map of the alternatives retained for detailed study on the website.

SAVE THE DATE - AUG. 15, 2019

VDOT will present a recommended preferred alternative at the Location Public Hearing.

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