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The public comment period will close on October 5, 2019, ten (10) days after this public hearing. VDOT will review and evaluate any information received as a result of this hearing. Comments can also be submitted in writing to Wali.Zaman@VDOT.Virginia.gov or mailed to the address provided on the comment form. Information must be postmarked, emailed or delivered to VDOT within 10 calendar days of today's hearing (September 25, 2019) in order to be included in the public hearing meeting record.

This information, including the hearing summary, will be available for review at the VDOT Hampton Roads District Office located at 7511 Burbage Drive, Suffolk, VA 23435, 757-956-3000, TTY/TDD 711. Please call ahead to ensure the availability of appropriate personnel to answer your questions.

After all comments have been addressed, the information received as a result of the hearing will be presented to VDOT's Chief Engineer or designee for consideration. If approval of the major design features is received for this project, it will move forward to the final design phase.

Questions concerning the right-of-way relocation or acquisition process should be directed to Mr. Michael Robinson, Regional Acquisitions Manager, at the contact information given in the table below.

All other questions or comments should be directed to Wali Zaman, at the contact information given below.

Please visit the VDOT website for additional project information:
http://www.virginiadot.org/projects/hamptonroads/croaker_road.asp

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Design Public Hearing

Croaker Road Widening James City County

Wednesday, September 25, 2019, 5 p.m. to 7 p.m.
Freedom Park Interpretive Center
5537 Centerville Road
Williamsburg, VA 23188

Public Meeting

Welcome to the Virginia Department of Transportation's (VDOT) design public hearing on the proposed improvements to Route 607 (Croaker Road) in James City County. The proposed improvements begin at Route 60 (Richmond Road) and end at Point O' Woods Road.

This design public hearing is being held to provide an opportunity for citizens or organizations to give VDOT 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.

At this public hearing you will have the opportunity to review the project exhibits on display and to ask questions of the project team. VDOT representatives are present to discuss the project and answer your questions. A court reporter is available to record your verbal comments.

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.

Written questions or comments should be placed in the comment box or mailed to the address provided on the comment form.

Project Overview



Estimated Cost – \$18.6 million

Purpose – To widen the roadway from two lanes to four lanes with median and shared use path to add capacity to accommodate anticipated growth.

From – Route 60 (Richmond Road)

To – Point O' Woods Road

Total length – 0.73 miles

Improvements – Widen Route 607 (Croaker Road) from two lanes to four lanes with median, provide a shared use path from Route 60 (Richmond Road) to the James City County Library, construct a new bridge over CSX Railroad, and improve the intersection at Route 607 (Croaker Road) and Route 60 (Richmond Road).

PROJECT DESCRIPTION

The project includes construction of two additional lanes in the southbound direction with a 12-foot-wide inside through lane and a 14-foot-wide outside through lane to also accommodate bicycles. The existing two lanes will be converted to two northbound lanes and will be slightly widened to the east with a 12-foot-wide inside through lane and a 14-foot-wide outside through lane to also accommodate bicycles.

The project also includes construction of a shared use path from Route 60 (Richmond Road) to the James City County Library.

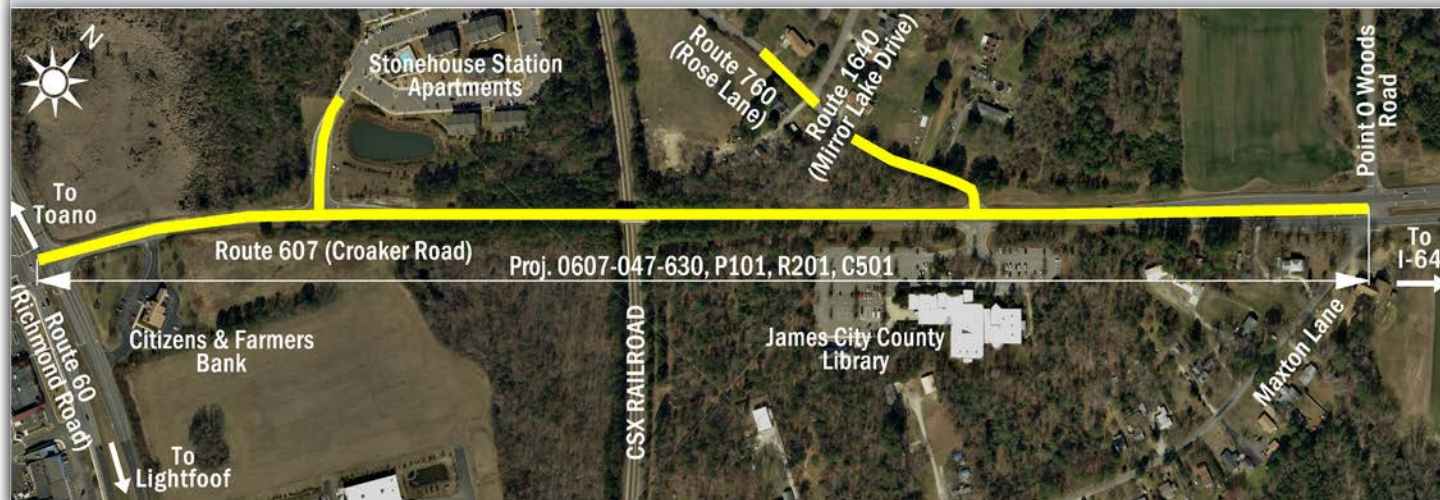
In addition, the project will improve the intersection at Route 607 (Croaker Road) and Route 60 (Richmond Road) by providing a left turn lane, a shared left turn through lane, and a right turn lane in the southbound direction. Pedestrian accommodations at this intersection will also be coordinated with adjacent construction projects.

The proposed southbound bridge over CSX Railroad, which will be built to accommodate two lanes and a shared use path, is separated from the traffic lanes by a concrete parapet and steel railing.

Access to all properties and traffic in both directions will be maintained during construction.

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 Environmental Quality.

Project Map



Estimated Project Cost

Total Cost: **\$18.6 million**

Preliminary Engineering - \$1,452,000
Right of Way - \$2,509,000
Construction - \$14,650,000

The project is in the early design stages and cost is subject to change. The project will be financed using state and federal funds.

Environmental Review

A Categorical Exclusion (CE) has been prepared and approved for this project. The document is available for public review here tonight. Through on-site inspections, and coordination with federal, state, and local agencies, the Virginia Department of Transportation (VDOT) (with concurrence from the Federal Highway Administration) has determined that the proposed work will not have any significant environmental impacts.

All applicable permits required for impacts to existing wetlands will be acquired prior to project construction. All impacts will be mitigated as required by the permitting.

During construction, all reasonable efforts will be made to protect the environment with respect to dust, silt and erosion. Construction of this project will conform to nationwide best management practices, VDOT's Road and Bridge Specification and the guidelines of the American Association of State Highway and Transportation Officials (AASHTO), as well as regulations set forth by the Virginia Department of Conservation and Recreation regarding erosion and sedimentation and storm water management.

On behalf of the Federal Highway Administration and in accordance with Section 106 of the National Historic Preservation Act, VDOT has taken into account the effects of this undertaking on historic properties and has consulted with the Virginia State Historic Preservation Officer (VA SHPO), the director of the Virginia Department of Historic Resources. In order to identify historic properties that are within the project's area of potential effect, VDOT conducted architectural and archaeological surveys of the project area. The Virginia Department of Historic Resources concurs with VDOT that the project as proposed will have no adverse effect on historic properties.

Anticipated Schedule

The following schedule has been proposed:

Design Public Hearing – September 25, 2019
Approval of Design – Spring 2020
Advertise for Construction – Winter 2023
Award Contract – Spring 2024

The project is in the early design stages and schedule is subject to change.

Civil Rights

Representatives from VDOT are present 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 of the Civil Rights Act of 1964.

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

Right of Way

The construction of this project will not require the displacement of any families, businesses or nonprofit organizations.

As we further develop and finalize the development 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 acquisition is discussed in VDOT's brochure entitled "Right of Way and Utilities: A Guide for Property Owners and Tenants." Copies of this booklet are available from a VDOT right-of-way agent at the Design Public Hearing and will be provided to all affected landowners. After this meeting, information regarding right-of-way may be obtained from the contact listed on this brochure.