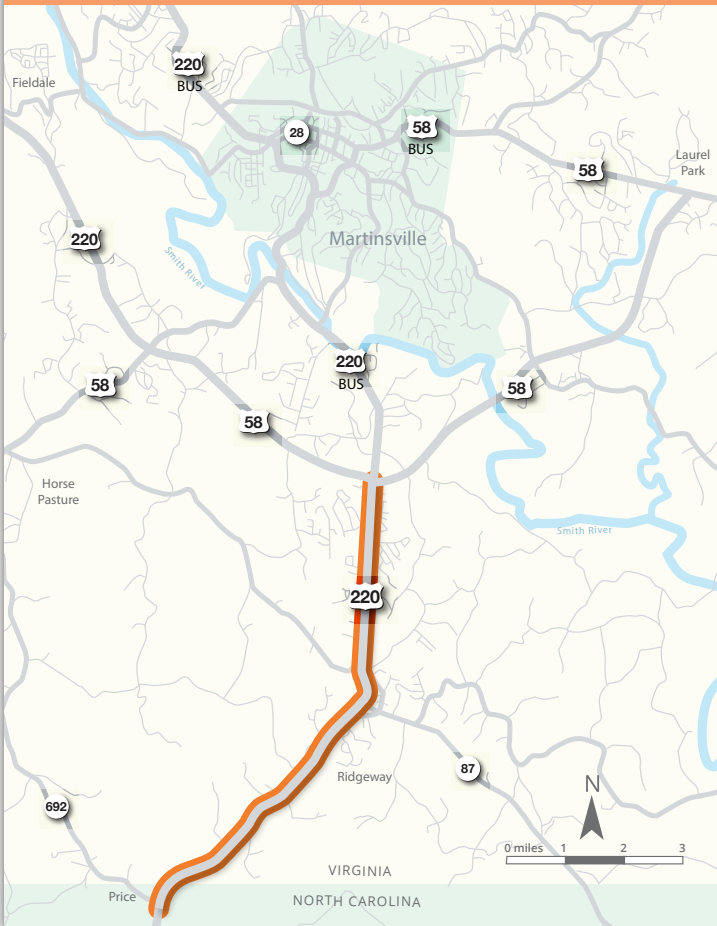


What is the Martinsville Southern Connector Study?

- A study to evaluate potential alternatives for improving the U.S. Route 220 corridor from the North Carolina state line to the U.S. Route 58 / U.S. Route 220 Bypass
- An evaluation of potentially limiting access along existing U.S. Route 220 or building a new roadway along different alignments
- An environmental review process including the preparation of an Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) that documents possible impacts to social, economic and natural environmental resources

Study Area Map



Study Elements

Scoping and Study Initiation

Scoping is an early and open process during which public input is solicited.

The public, interest groups and stakeholders, and government agencies are encouraged to participate.

The input received along with existing data are used to determine the scope of issues to be considered.

What data will be collected?

- Existing traffic and crash data
- Projected traffic volumes
- Future growth projections
- Future land use plans
- Input from general public, interest groups, stakeholders, and government agencies.

What are the preliminary needs to be addressed by the study?

Potential alternatives for improving the U.S. Route 220 corridor are anticipated to address:

- Safety
- Mobility
- Access

What are your suggestions for U.S. Route 220?

We encourage you to provide input and information on transportation issues, resources, and needs that may help define the scope of the Martinsville Southern Connector Study.

Environmental Resources

The study will identify and collect information on the following social, economic, and natural environmental resources to be considered:

- Community Facilities
- Low-Income/Minority Populations
- Wetlands and Streams
- Wildlife and Habitat
- Parks, Recreation and Open Space
- Farmland
- Energy
- Noise
- Air Quality
- Visual
- Topography, Soils, and Geology
- Historic and Cultural Resources
- Hazardous Materials

Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) Study Process

The Environmental Impact Statement will analyze the possible social, economic, and natural environmental impacts that could result from the potential alternatives, based on the following process.



◆ Agency Concurrence Point, required by statewide National Environmental Policy Act and Clean Water Act (Section 404) merged process for highway projects in Virginia.

★ Opportunity for Public and Agency Involvement

▲ Funding for a subsequent phase of the project (e.g., detailed design, final design and right of way, or construction) must be shown in the Statewide Transportation Improvement Program before the Federal Highway Administration can sign a Record of Decision.

Schedule

- **Study Initiation★**—February 2018
 - Notice of Intent to prepare an Environmental Impact Statement (EIS)
- **Public EIS Scoping Meeting★**—May 2018
 - Introduce the Martinsville Southern Connector Study
- **Purpose and Need**—Late 2018
 - Project website launch
 - On-line public survey★
- **Range of Alternatives**—Early 2019
 - Community Information Meeting★
 - Present alternatives under consideration to the public
- **Draft EIS**—Late 2019
 - Evaluates possible social, economic, and environmental effects for the range of alternatives considered
- **Draft EIS Public Hearing★**—Early 2020
 - Present Draft EIS information to the public and request comments
- **Identify Selected Alternative**—Early–Mid 2020
- **Final EIS★**—Early 2021
- **Federal Highway Administration Record of Decision**—TBD

★ Opportunity for Public and Agency Involvement

Thank You. Your Feedback Is Important!

To assist us as we begin this important study, please provide us with your thoughts and comments in one of the following ways:

Complete and submit your comment forms to us today.

Mail your comment form to VDOT at the following address before May 18, 2018:

Caleb Parks, Project Manager
Environmental Division VDOT
1401 East Broad Street
Richmond, Virginia 23219

Email your comments or information to:

caleb.parks@VDOT.virginia.gov

Please reference
"Martinsville Southern
Connector Study CIM Comments"
in the subject line.



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www.virginiadot.org/projects/salem/martinsville_southern_connector_study.asp