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Design Public Hearing  
**Route 620 (Harrison Road) Intersection Improvements at  
Route 639 (Salem Church Road)**  
&  
**Virginia Central Railway Trail Connector  
Spotsylvania County**

Thursday, June 15, 2023, 5-7 p.m.  
Central Rappahannock Regional Library, Salem Church Branch  
2607 Salem Church Road  
Fredericksburg, VA 22407

## Public Meeting

Welcome to the Virginia Department of Transportation's (VDOT) design public hearing on a project seeking to adjust the intersection's alignment in preparation for a future widening of Harrison Road. Plans include enhanced facilities for pedestrians and bicyclists.

This meeting is being held to provide an opportunity for members of the public or organizations to learn more about the proposed project and provide VDOT comments and/or suggestions. 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 this meeting handout and your input is encouraged. All verbal and written comments received on this project will be available for review by VDOT personnel, citizens and other interested parties. Concerns raised as a result of this meeting will be evaluated by staff prior to consideration for approval of the project by the VDOT Fredericksburg District project development engineer.

## Project Overview



**Cost** – \$11.4 million (estimated total)

**Purpose** – Improve the function and efficiency of the intersection and provide bicycle and pedestrian facilities.

**Improvements** – Provide additional through and turn lanes to move traffic more efficiently. Provide additional sidewalk, shared use path and pedestrian signal.

# PROJECT DESCRIPTION

This proposed project would

- Provide two lanes for eastbound Route 620 (Harrison Road) traffic traveling through the Route 639 (Salem Church Road) intersection
- Add sidewalk east of the Salem Church Road intersection, along the south side of Harrison Road where it does not currently exist.
- Add a shared use path west of the Salem Church Road intersection, along the north side of Harrison Road where it does not currently exist.
- Replace the existing traffic signal equipment at the intersection.
- Add pedestrian crosswalks and pedestrian crossing signal equipment at each intersection approach.
- Build a 10-foot-wide shared use path along the west side of Salem Church Road, connecting the existing Virginia Central Railway Trail to the pedestrian crossing at the intersection.

This project will be constructed in accordance with VDOT's current road and bridge standards and specifications to comply with federal and state regulations pertaining to public welfare and safety. The construction will be performed in such a manner that traffic will be maintained with a minimum of inconvenience to the traveling public. After the project is complete, VDOT will maintain the road.

## Project Graphic



## Estimated Project Cost

### Intersection Improvement

Preliminary Engineering	\$1.0M (estimated)
Right of Way	\$2.4M (estimated)
Construction	\$6.9M (estimated)
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$10.3M (estimated)</b>

### Trail Connector

Preliminary Engineering	\$380K (estimated)
Right of Way	\$0
Construction	\$700K (estimated)
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$1.08M (estimated)</b>

## Civil Rights

VDOT ensures nondiscrimination and equal employment in all programs and activities in accordance with Title VI and Title VII 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 540-899-4288, TTY/TDD 711.

## Right of Way

The construction of this project will not require displacement of families, businesses or non-profit organizations.

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

## Anticipated Schedule

The following schedule has been proposed:

**Design Public Hearing – June 15, 2023**

**Comment Period – June 15 - June 26, 2023**

**Right of Way – Summer 2024**

**Advertised for Construction – Spring 2027**

**Begin Construction – Summer 2027**

## Environmental Review

VDOT's Fredericksburg 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 a Programmatic Categorical Exclusion 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. 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 also provided in the environmental documentation. Pursuant to 23 CFR 774, the Virginia Department of Transportation (VDOT) on behalf of the Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) intends to make a Section 4(f) de minimis impact finding related to the proposed right of way acquisition of approximately 0.71 acres from the Harrison Road Convenience Center Park. Information relating to this finding is available within the National Environmental Policy Act documentation.

The project will continue to be coordinated with the appropriate federal, state, and local agencies as part of the environmental review and approval processes required throughout project development and construction. 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.

## Get Involved

Thank you for taking the time to review the information presented here tonight. Your comments are important and are greatly appreciated. VDOT will carefully consider all comments received at this meeting and during the comment period.

Written comments must be postmarked or sent electronically no later than **June 26, 2023**. You may provide your comments by any of the following methods:

### At This Meeting

Please leave your written comments in the designated box.

### By Mail

You may submit your written comments to:

Ms. Ana Kapitan, VDOT Project Manager  
87 Deacon Road  
Virginia Department of Transportation  
Fredericksburg, VA 22405

### By Email

[fred.comments@vdot.virginia.gov](mailto:fred.comments@vdot.virginia.gov)

Please reference "Harrison Road at Salem Church Road and VCR Trail Connector" in the subject line.

### Project Website

Visit <https://www.virginiadot.org/projects/fredericksburg/route-620-harrison-road-intersection-improvements-at-route-639-salem-church-road-and-virginia-central-railway-trail-connector.asp>

to review meeting materials or **scan the QR Code at the bottom of this sheet.**

### Online Survey Form

Comments can be submitted using an online form:

<https://publicinput.com/harrisonroad>

## Contact Information

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