

**Public Information Meeting** 

# Route 460 (Orange/Challenger Avenue) Operational Improvements Study

**Roanoke County/City of Roanoke** 

Thursday, November 21, 2019 4:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m.

Berglund Center 710 Williamson Road NE Roanoke, VA 24016

## **Public Information Meeting**

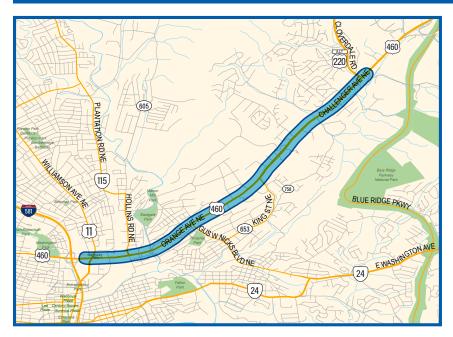
Welcome to the Virginia Department of Transportation's (VDOT) public information meeting on a study to consider potential safety and operational improvements for five miles of Route 460 between Williamson Road (Route 11) and Route 220 Alternate (Cloverdale Road). The potential improvements being studied include constructing innovative intersections, optimizing signal operations, implementing access management strategies, installing pedestrian and bicyclist safety measures, widening the roadway, and improving transit operations. This meeting is being held to provide an opportunity for citizens and organizations to give VDOT comments and/ or suggestions on the study. A second public information meeting will be held in **early 2020** to discuss alternatives developed based on public input and feedback.

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 here to discuss the potential improvements being studied and answer your questions. As a part of this study, VDOT requests public input by taking an online survey that will be open through **December 1, 2019.** The survey is available online at www.virginiadot.org/Route460OperationalStudy.

All comments received on this study will be reviewed and the recommended improvements based on public input will be made available on the VDOT study website.

# Study at a Glance



**Purpose:** Consider potential safety and operational improvements.

**Lengths and Limits:** 5 miles of Route 460 (Orange Avenue/Challenger Avenue) between Williamson Road (Route 11) and Route 220 Alternate (Cloverdale Road).

Phase: Study

Begin Date: August 2019

**Completion Date:** Spring 2020

Cost: \$325,000

## **Study Overview**

This study is assessing potential safety and operational improvements for drivers, pedestrians, and bicyclists along 5 miles of Route 460 between Williamson Road and Cloverdale Road.

Currently, this segment of Route 460 frequently has long backups and delays during weekday peak commute times, especially at traffic signals.

The potential improvements studied will be developed based on public input and may include:

- · Constructing innovative intersections
- Optimizing signal operations
- Implementing access management strategies
- Installing pedestrian and bicyclist safety measures
- Widening the roadway
- Improving transit operations

# **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 Civil Rights at 703-259-1775.

#### **Environmental Review**

Potential environmental impacts will not be included as part of this study. When the potential improvements are finalized and carried forward into a future project design development, VDOT will coordinate with the appropriate federal, state and local agencies as part of the environmental review and approval process.

## **Right of Way**

Potential improvements presented on the displays are conceptual and may change as they are refined. Property owners will be informed of the exact location of any easements during the right of way acquisition process and prior to construction if projects should be developed as a result of this study.

Information about right of way purchase is discussed in VDOT's brochure, "Right of Way and Utilities: Guide for Property Owners and Tenants." Copies of this brochure are also available online at:

www.virginiadot.org/business/row-default.asp.

#### **Get Involved**

VDOT will review and evaluate any information received as a result of the public information meeting. The comment sheet and brochure is provided to assist in making your comments. You may leave the sheet or any other written comments in the comment box, or mail/email your comments.

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Comments must be postmarked or delivered to VDOT by **December 1, 2019**. All comments received on this study will be reviewed and the recommended improvements based on public input will be made available on the VDOT study website.

Study information shared here, including a summary of comments received during the comment period will be available on the study website mentioned above. A second public information meeting will be held in **early 2020** to discuss alternatives developed based on public input and feedback. Look for details on the study website.

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