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CITIZEN INFORMATION MEETING

Route 208 at Route 522 Louisa County Construction of Roundabout

Monday, June 10, 2019, 4:30-6:30 p.m.
Louisa County Library
881 Davis Highway
Mineral, VA 23117

Public Meeting

Welcome to the Virginia Department of Transportation's citizen information meeting on the proposed construction of a roundabout at the intersection of Route 208 (New Bridge Road) and Route 522 (Zachary Taylor Highway) in Louisa County.

This citizen information meeting is 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.

Civil Rights

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Project Overview

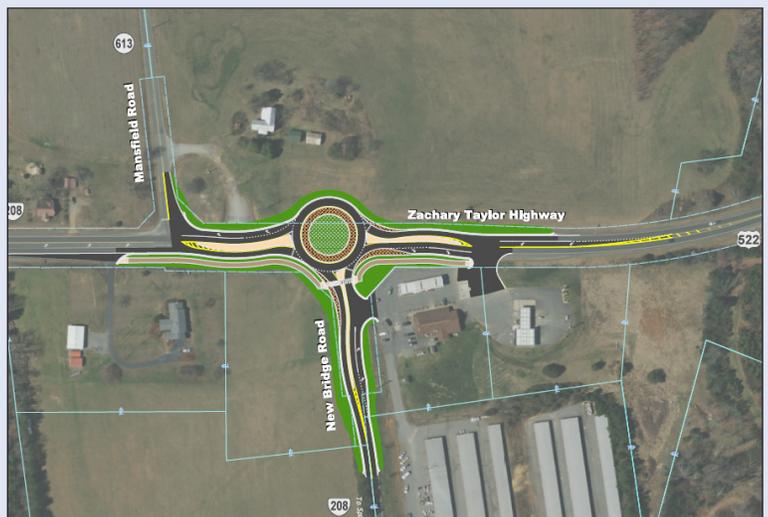
Anticipated Cost – \$5.4 million

Purpose – Improve safety and efficiency of travel through the intersection.

Location – Intersection of Route 208 and Route 522.

Total Length – 0.33 mile

Anticipated Schedule – Public comment ends June 20; public hearing, mid-2020; right of way acquisition, late 2021; advertisement, 2022; construction, 2023



PROJECT DESCRIPTION

VDOT proposes to replace the existing intersection of Route 208 (New Bridge Road) and Route 522 (Zachary Taylor Highway) with a single-lane roundabout.

Roundabouts are safer than traffic signals and conventional stop-controlled intersections because traffic can continually and efficiently flow through the intersection and vehicle operating speeds are lower. Additionally, roundabouts help reduce air pollution and fuel use compared to a signalized intersection due to reduced idling and less acceleration and deceleration.

A traffic signal is not warranted at the intersection. The Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) Manual on

Uniform Traffic Control Devices (MUTCD) has nine warrants that state transportation agencies use when considering the most appropriate solution for a dangerous intersection and before installing a new signal.

The intersection has been studied multiple times over the last several years and results have shown that the intersection does not meet the specified warrants and that a roundabout would be a safer alternative.

Construction is anticipated to take about one year and will require periodic lane closures. More information about the project can be found at www.virginiadot.org/projects/culpeper/522_208roundabout.asp.

Environmental Review

VDOT's Culpeper District Environmental office has initiated 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.

Environmental documents will be available once the project is presented to the public at a design public hearing in mid-2020.

Right of Way

As the design is developed, VDOT will determine what right of way and easements will be needed to accommodate the construction. The property owners will be notified of the exact location of the right of way and easements needed during the right of way acquisition process and prior to construction.

Get Involved

Comments can also be submitted in writing to Justin Warfield, Project Manager, 1601 Orange Road, Culpeper, VA 22701; or by email to Justin.Warfield@VDOT.Virginia.gov. Information must be postmarked, emailed or delivered to VDOT within 10 days of today's meeting (by June 20, 2019) to be included in the meeting record.

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