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Give your comments through the chat feature during the hearing, via the online comment sheet on the project webpage, in writing by mail to Justin Warfield, Project Manager, 1601 Orange Road, Culpeper, VA 22701 or by email to Justin.Warfield@VDOT.Virginia.gov.

Comments must be postmarked, emailed or delivered to VDOT by **March 4, 2022** in order to be included in the public hearing record. After the public comment period closes, VDOT will review and evaluate any information received as a result of this hearing. This information, including the hearing summary, will be available for review at the VDOT Culpeper District office. After all comments have been addressed, the information received as a result of the hearing will be presented to VDOT's District 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.

Visit the project webpage for more information: www.virginiadot.org/projects/culpeper/barboursville-roundabout.asp.

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DESIGN PUBLIC HEARING

U.S. 33 at Route 20 East Orange County Construction of Roundabout

Tuesday, February 22, 2022, 5-7 p.m.
Inclement weather date: Tuesday, March 1, 2022

Virtual Public Hearing
To attend the hearing, visit www.virginiadot.org/projects/culpeper/barboursville-roundabout.asp



Public Meeting

Welcome to the Virginia Department of Transportation's virtual design public hearing on the proposed project to reconstruct the existing "T" intersection of U.S. 33 (Spotswood Trail) and Route 20 East (Constitution Highway) as a roundabout in Orange County.

This virtual public hearing is being held to provide an opportunity for any person, acting on his/her own behalf or representing a group or governing agency, 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.

VDOT representatives are present to discuss the project and answer your questions.

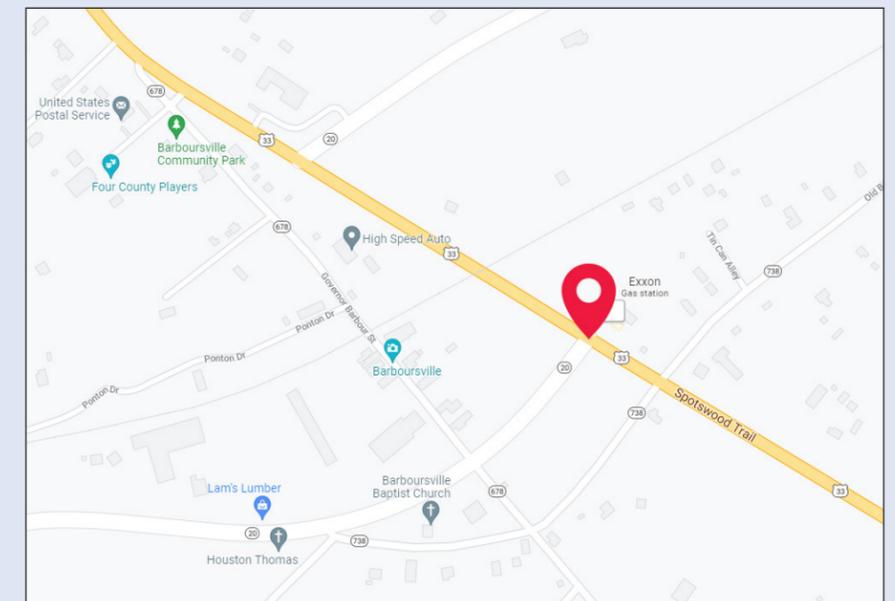
A comment sheet is included in the meeting materials and your input is encouraged. All oral and written comments received on this project will be included in a transcript for review by VDOT personnel, citizens and other interested parties.

Project Overview

Anticipated Cost – \$5.5 million

Purpose – Reconstruct the intersection of U.S. 33 and Route 20 East as a roundabout to improve safety and traffic flow.

Anticipated Schedule – Public comment ends March 4, 2022; advertisement summer 2024; construction complete winter 2025-2026



State Project – 0033-068-626, P101, R201, C501
Federal Project – STP-0687(049) UPC – 115475

PROJECT DESCRIPTION

VDOT proposes to reconstruct the eastern intersection of U.S. 33 (Spotswood Trail) and Route 20 East (Constitution Highway) as a roundabout. The current "T" intersection is controlled by a stop sign for traffic turning from Route 20 onto U.S. 33.

According to the most recent complete crash data at the time of funding (2012 to 2016), there were 12 crashes within this intersection area. Six of these crashes resulted in injury to nine individuals; one crash resulted in a fatality. The prevailing collision types at this intersection are angle crashes (58%) and rear end crashes (42%). Some of these crashes, including the fatality, were associated with the intersection with Route 738 (Old Barboursville Road) immediately east of the primary intersection.

The project will reconstruct the eastern intersection of U.S. 33 and Route 20 as a single-lane roundabout and will connect the gas station

entrance directly to the intersection. Sidewalk is proposed along the west side of Route 20 and along the north side of U.S. 33, with a crosswalk on the western leg of the roundabout, crossing U.S. 33.

A directional median crossover is also proposed at the intersection of U.S. 33 and Route 738 and will provide a left turn lane from eastbound U.S. 33 onto Route 738. The directional median crossover will prohibit left turns from Route 738 (both legs) onto U.S. 33 and will prohibit left turns from westbound U.S. 33 onto Route 738.

Roundabout design is recommended for this intersection because roundabouts are demonstrated to be safer than other forms of at-grade intersections, especially for targeting fatal and injury crashes, as well as angle crashes. An overall reduction in crashes of 80 percent can be expected.

Project Graphic



Estimated Project Cost

Total cost:
\$5,500,000

Engineering of roadway plans:
\$1,050,000

Right of way acquisition and utility relocation:
\$1,000,000

Construction:
\$3,450,000

Cost is subject to change as the design is developed.

Anticipated Schedule

The following schedule has been proposed:

Public hearing: **February 22, 2022**

Public comment period ends: **March 4, 2022**

Right of way acquisition and utility relocation: **Spring 2023**

Project advertised for construction bids: **Summer 2024**

Construction completion: **Winter 2025-2026**

Project schedule is subject to change.

Environmental Review

VDOT's Culpeper 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 and required documentation has been developed in cooperation with the Federal Highway Administration and in accordance with federal guidelines.

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.

Additionally, in compliance with the National Historic Preservation Act, Section 106 and 36 CFR Part 800, information concerning the potential effects of the proposed improvements on properties listed in or eligible for listing in the National Register of Historic Places are available for review.

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 with regard to your civil rights on this project or special assistance for persons with disabilities or limited English proficiency, contact the project manager listed on the back of this brochure.

Right of Way

The reconstruction of the existing intersection will not require the displacement of any families, businesses or non-profit organizations.

As the project is further developed, additional right of way for utility relocation or construction may be required beyond the proposed limits shown on the public hearing plans.

Information about right of way purchase is discussed in VDOT's Right of Way and Utilities brochure, "A Guide for Property Owners and Tenants." Copies of this brochure are available on the [VDOT website](#) and from any VDOT Right of Way agent.

After the public hearing, information regarding right of way may be obtained from the Right of Way contact listed on the back of this brochure.