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Comments may be submitted orally or in writing at the public hearing; by mail to Howard Tomlinson, Project Manager, 1601 Orange Road, Culpeper, VA 22701; or by email to Howard.Tomlinson@VDOT.Virginia.gov.

Comments must be postmarked, emailed or delivered to VDOT by **April 27, 2019** 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 Chief 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. Public hearing participants will be notified of this decision by letter.

More information on this project can be found at virginiadot.org/projects/culpeper/240bridge.asp.

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DESIGN PUBLIC HEARING

Route 240 (Crozet Avenue) Albemarle County Rehabilitation of bridge over Lickinghole Creek

Wednesday, April 17, 2019, 5-7 p.m.
Crozet Library
2020 Library Avenue
Crozet, VA 22932

Public Meeting

Welcome to the Virginia Department of Transportation's design public hearing on the proposed rehabilitation of the Route 240 (Crozet Avenue) bridge over Lickinghole Creek in Albemarle County.

This 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.

A comment sheet is included in the handouts for this meeting, 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



Existing conditions at the bridge.

Anticipated Cost – \$2.2 million

Purpose – Rehabilitate the structurally deficient Route 240 (Crozet Avenue) bridge over Lickinghole Creek

Anticipated Schedule –

Public comment ends April 27

Advertisement, spring 2022

Construction, fall 2022

State Project – 0240-002-950, P101, R201, B654
Federal Project – STP-5104(263) UPC – 110001

PROJECT DESCRIPTION

VDOT proposes to rehabilitate the existing substandard Route 240 (Crozet Avenue) bridge over Lickinghole Creek in Albemarle County.

The existing concrete span bridge was built in 1921 and carries approximately 7,100 vehicles daily, according to 2017 data.

VDOT is presenting two construction alternatives with respective schedules and traffic impacts for public input.

The first alternative proposes to close Route 240 (Crozet Avenue) at Lickinghole Creek in both directions for six months with a detour in place. Traffic south of the bridge will use Route 250 (Rockfish Gap Turnpike) to Route 240 (Three Notched Road) to reach Crozet Avenue. Traffic north of the bridge will reverse the detour and use Three Notched Road to Rockfish Gap Turnpike.

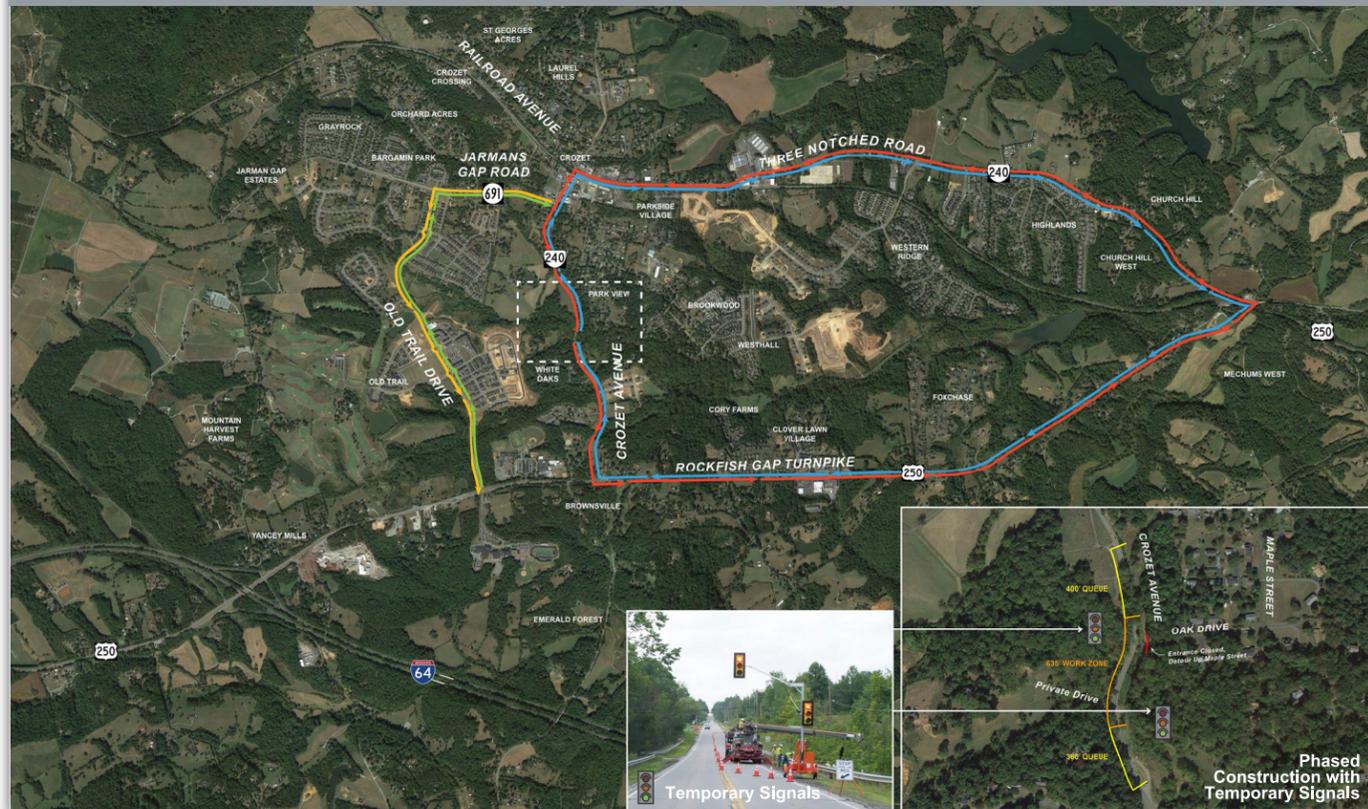
The second alternative involves a phased approach to construction. The bridge would be reduced to one lane and two-way traffic would be controlled by a temporary traffic signal for at least eight months. Drivers would experience delays near the bridge site especially during rush hour with this alternative.

Construction is scheduled to begin in fall 2022. The public will be notified about traffic impacts and changes through media reports, social media posts and 511, as well as coordination with Albemarle County and other stakeholder groups.

The design of this project is in compliance with the Stormwater Management Act, stormwater regulations and the annual stormwater management standards and specifications approved by the Virginia Department of Conservation and Recreation. The construction of this project will conform to the nationwide best management practices, VDOT specifications and special provisions, and the Virginia Department of Soil and Water conservation regulations. Also, during construction, every reasonable effort will be made to protect the environment with respect to dust and erosion control. Access to all properties will be maintained during construction.

Potential impacts to the flood plains will be evaluated and addressed on this project.

Project Graphic



Estimated Project Cost

Estimated total cost:
\$2,210,000

Engineering of roadway plans:
\$650,000

Right of way acquisition and utility relocation:
\$260,000

Construction:
\$1,300,000

Cost is subject to change as the design is developed.

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. 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.

Right of Way

The rehabilitation of the Route 240 bridge over Lickinghole Creek 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.

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.

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.