



## Martinsville Southern Connector Study Route 220 Environmental Impact Statement

CITIZEN INFORMATION MEETING

Wednesday, January 23, 2019, 6:00 p.m. – 8:00 p.m.

Drewry Mason Elementary School, 45 Drewry Mason School Rd, Ridgeway, VA 24148

### Welcome

Welcome to the Virginia Department of Transportation (VDOT) Citizen Information Meeting (CIM) for the Martinsville Southern Connector Study—U.S. Route 220 Environmental Impact Statement (EIS). The study is being conducted to comply with the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA). As part of the NEPA process, an EIS will be prepared and made available for public review.

This CIM is being held to present the study Purpose and Need Statement and Alignment Options under Consideration for the EIS and gather input from citizens and organizations. VDOT representatives are on hand to discuss the study and answer questions. Comment sheets are available at this meeting and your input is encouraged. To view the meeting materials, comment online, or to sign up for future updates, please visit the study website at: [virginiadot.org/martinsvilleconnector](http://virginiadot.org/martinsvilleconnector).

### Project Overview

Analysis of alignment options to improve U.S. Route 220 from the North Carolina state line to the U.S. Route 58 bypass near Martinsville. The study follows this process:

- Development of a range of alternatives to address the needs for U.S. Route 220
- Evaluation of the potential environmental impacts of each alternative
- Identification of a selected alternative
- Preparation of an Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) by FHWA and VDOT to allow the selected alternative to advance

*This is a separate study from the EIS prepared for the overall Interstate 73 corridor that included portions of Henry County.*

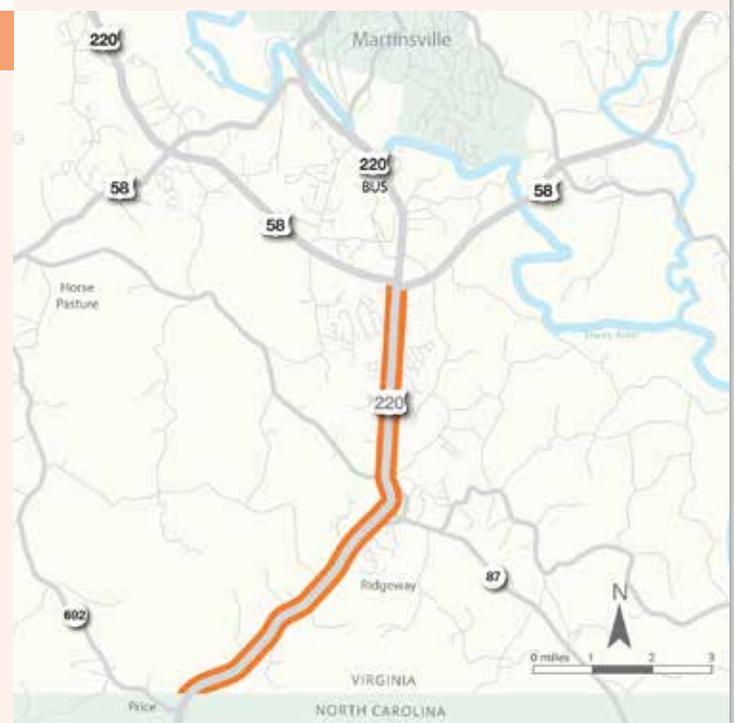
### Purpose and Need

The purpose of the Martinsville Southern Connector Study is to enhance mobility for both local and regional traffic traveling along U.S. Route 220 between the North Carolina state line to the U.S. Route 58 Bypass near Martinsville, Virginia.

The following needs have been identified for the study:

- **Accommodate Regional Traffic**
- **Accommodate Local Traffic**
- **Address Geometric Deficiencies and Inconsistencies**

VDOT, Federal Highway Administration, United States Army Corps of Engineers, and the Environmental Protection Agency agreed on this statement on November 14, 2018 following input from the public.

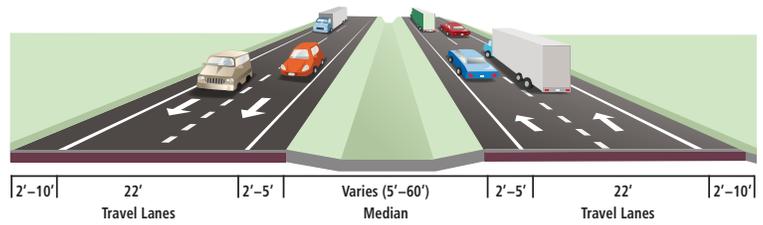


## Alignment Options Under Consideration

### Alignment Option 1

#### No-Build

- No changes to existing roadway
- Assumes projects currently funded would advance
- Required as part of EIS—baseline for evaluation



### Alignment Option 2 (not shown) Transportation System Management (TSM) and Travel Demand Management (TDM) Improvements

While these improvements would not adequately meet the Purpose and Need as standalone improvements, they could be included in any other option that advances to design

- Construct minor geometric improvements—such as additional or extended turn lanes—at existing intersections in the corridor
- Improve corridor-wide signal timing, connectivity and integration of new technology
- Enhance non-motorized transportation options
- Construct low-cost “spot” safety improvements to improve roadway curves and driver sight distance
- Consolidate driveway entrances to reduce the number of conflict points
- Construct park and ride lots within the project limits to promote carpooling

### Alignment Option 3

#### Reconstruct Existing U.S. Route 220 as an Access-Controlled Roadway

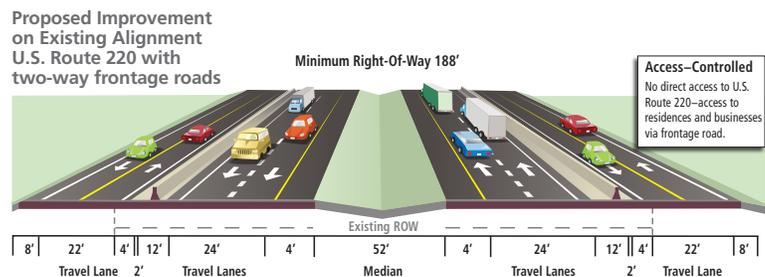
- Reconstruct the existing U.S. Route 220 roadway on its current alignment
- Replace all at-grade intersections and driveways with interchanges and frontage roads to provide access



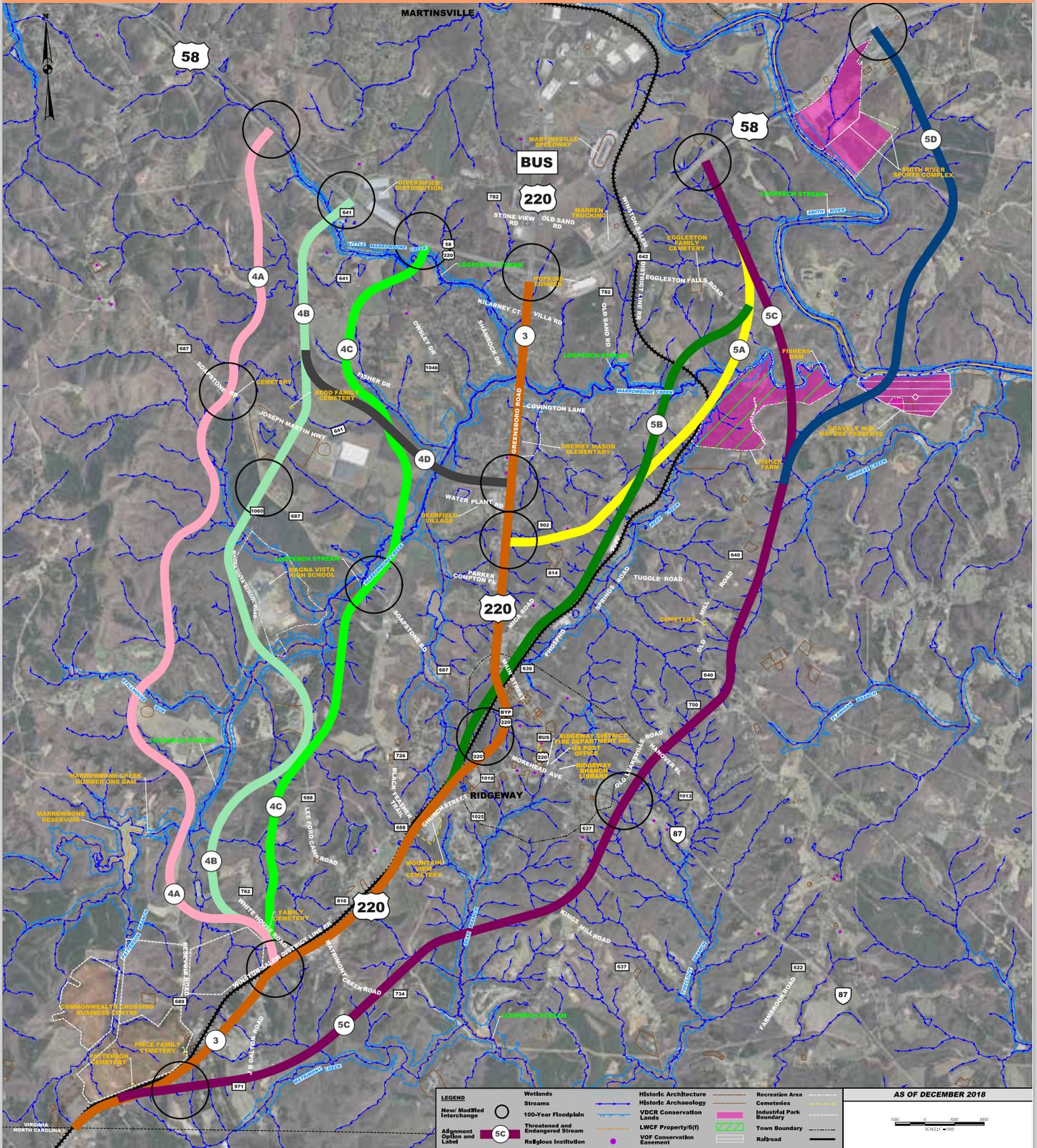
### Alignment Options 4 & 5

#### New Access-Controlled Roadway to the West or East of Existing U.S. Route 220

- New roadway to the west (Alignment Option 4) or east (Alignment Option 5) of existing U.S. Route 220
- Several “corridors” identified that use existing U.S. Route 220 and new alignments
- Interchanges at the southern limit, toward the middle of the project area, and at U.S. Route 58



# Map of Alignment Options Under Consideration



Note: Alignment Options represent a 300-foot bandwidth for new or reconstructed U.S. Route 220



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## Schedule

- **Study Initiation**—*February 2018*
  - Notice of Intent to prepare an Environmental Impact Statement (EIS)
- **Public EIS Scoping Meeting**—*May 2018*
  - Introduce the Martinsville Southern Connector Study
- **Purpose and Need**—*November 2018*
  - On-line public survey
- We are here ○ **Range of Alternatives**—*January 2019*
  - Citizen Information Meeting
  - Present alternatives under consideration to the public
- **Identify Preferred Alternative**—*Late Summer/Fall 2019*
  - Public Hearing
  - VDOT recommends preferred alternative
- **Draft EIS**—*January 2020*
  - Citizen Information Meeting
- **Final EIS**—*December 2020*
  - Public Comment Period
- **Federal Highway Administration Record of Decision**—*TBD*

*Public and Agency Involvement Throughout*

Keep up-to-date with the study's progress by visiting the project website:  
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## Thank You. Your Feedback Is Important!

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In addition, you can also complete and submit your comment forms to us today.

Comments can be submitted in writing to VDOT before February 2, 2019 via mail to:  
Scott Smizik, Project Manager  
Environmental Division VDOT  
1401 East Broad Street  
Richmond, Virginia 23219

Or email your comments or information to:  
[Martinsville220@vdot.virginia.gov](mailto:Martinsville220@vdot.virginia.gov)  
Please reference  
"Martinsville Southern Connector Study CIM Comments" in the subject line.



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